

# Votes



New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1872.

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

*Proclamation, by His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*

“In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Administrator of the Government as aforesaid, by virtue of the Act intituled ‘*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*,’ as assented to by Her Majesty under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the reign of Her said Majesty, intituled ‘*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*’: I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of April proximo, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

(L.S.) “ALFRED STEPHEN.

*By His Excellency's Command,*

“JOHN ROBERTSON.

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a Certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, of the return of certain Gentlemen to serve as Members of the Legislative Assembly, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; also, copy of a Proclamation by His Excellency declaring valid the election of Thomas Gordon Gibbon Dangar, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir, notwithstanding delay in the return of the Writ upon which that Gentleman was returned.

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

The House went, and the President said,—

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

Whereupon

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

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“Whereas, by Proclamation, made on the twenty-eighth day of March ultimo, His Excellency Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, a Companion of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of our Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Administrator of the Government of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of April instant: And whereas for certain causes our said Administrator of the Government cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Joseph Docker, Esquire, and the Honorable George Allen, Esquire, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Joseph Docker, and George Allen, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said thirtieth day of April, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Administrator of the Government of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Joseph Docker, and George Allen, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

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

“Witness, our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, a Companion of our most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of Our Colony of New South Wales,  
(L.S.) “Administering the Government thereof, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this twenty-ninth day of April, in the thirty-fifth year of our Reign, and in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

(L.S.) “ALFRED STEPHEN.

By His Excellency's Command,  
“JOHN ROBERTSON.”

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

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

And the House being returned,—

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

“By His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir Alfred Stephen, as Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Attorney General, the Honorable John Robertson, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable George William Lord, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-ninth day of April, in the  
(L.S.) “year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.”

(L.S.) “ALFRED STEPHEN.

By His Excellency's Command,  
“JOHN ROBERTSON.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—Sir James Martin took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, The Honorable John Robertson and the Honorable George William Lord, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present (excepting Joseph James Phelps, Esquire, the Member for Balranald, who, being one of the people called Quakers, made and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance, prescribed by the Act of the Imperial Parliament 3 and 4 Wm. IV, cap 49)—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members subscribing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. :—

Names.	Returned for—
Abbott, Robert Palmer...	Tenterfield.
Allen, George Wigram...	The Glebe.
Arnold, William Munnings	The Paterson.
Bennett, Hanley	Liverpool Plains.
Booth, John	West Sydney.
Brown, Stephen Campbell	Newtown.
Brown, Thomas	Hartley.
Browne, William Charles	Patrick's Plains.
Buchanan, David	Gold Fields West.
Burns, John Fitzgerald...	The Hunter.
Campbell, James	Morpeth.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Combes, Edward...	Bathurst.
Creed, John Mildred	The Upper Hunter.
Cunneen, James Augustine	Wollombi.
De Salis, Leopold William Fane	Queanbeyan.
Driver, Richard	Windsor.
Farnell, James Squire	Parramatta.
Fitzpatrick, Michael	Yass Plains.
Forster, William	Illawarra.
Garrett, Thomas...	Camden.
Grahame, William	Monaro.
Greville, Edward	Braidwood.
Hill, Richard	Canterbury.
Hoskins, James	The Tumut.
Hurley, John	Central Cumberland.
Hurley, John	Narellan.
Innes, Joseph George Long	Mudgee.
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton	Lower Hunter.
Jennings, Patrick Alfred	The Murray.
Lackey, John	Central Cumberland.
Lee, Benjamin, junr.	West Maitland
Lloyd, George Alfred	Newcastle.
Lucas, John	Canterbury.
Macintosh, John...	East Sydney.
Macleay, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Moses, Henry	The Hawkesbury.
Neale, James Henry	East Sydney.
Nelson, Harris Levi	Orange.
Nowlan, John	The Williams.
Onslow, Arthur Alexander Walton	Camden.
Parkes, Henry	East Sydney.
Phelps, Joseph James	Balranald
Piddington, William Richman	The Hawkesbury.
Raphael, Joseph George	West Sydney.
Samuel, Saul	East Sydney.
Scholey, Stephen	East Maitland.
Single, Joseph Daniel	The Nepean.
Smith, John Samuel	Wellington.
Smith, Robert Burdett	The Hastings.
Stewart, John	Kiama.
Teece, William, junr.	Goulburn.
Terry, Samuel Henry	New England.
Tunks, William	St. Leonards.
Warden, James	Shoalhaven.
Watson, James	The Lachlan.
Wearne, Joseph...	West Sydney.
Webb, Edmund	West Macquarie.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Allen, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, and moved,—“That William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Forster. The House then calling Mr. Arnold to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Mr. Arnold to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Allen and Mr. Forster, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—  
And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Sir James Martin and Mr. Parkes respectively congratulated the Speaker.

7. **MEMBER SWORN**:—James Rodd, Esquire, having taken the Oath before one of the Commissioners, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir James Martin acquainted the House that he had previously ascertained from the Administrator of the Government that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock,—  
Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-four minutes before Two o'clock, until To-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1872.

*MEMO.*—The House meet at half-past Ten o'clock a.m., this day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

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### NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1872.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) The quantity of Gold received at the Sydney Mint for smelting during the last three years, stating the quantity each year?  
(2.) The quantity in each year after the smelting process has been gone through?  
(3.) Does any Gold remain behind after the smelting; and if so, how much for each year, and what is done with it?
2. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Was a special Train applied for from Sydney to Windsor, on Tuesday, the 20th February last?  
(2.) If so, by whom, and was the cost thereof paid to the Government?
3. **MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—  
(1.) What was the balance to the debit or credit of the Consolidated Revenue on the 27th April?  
(2.) What amount was there to the credit of the Loan Fund Account on the 27th April?  
(3.) What amount was there to the credit of the Trust Fund Account on the 27th April?  
(4.) What were the balances in the Banks in London and Sydney to the credit of the Government on the 27th April?  
(5.) What were the liabilities chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue outstanding on the 27th April, exclusive of Treasury Bills and Debentures?
4. **MR. NOWLAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Whether the Government of this Colony have received from the Governments of Victoria and Queensland replies to their invitation to co-operate with them in taking steps to provide against the introduction to these Colonies of the disease known as Epizootic Aptha, or foot and mouth disease in cattle?  
(2.) If so, their tenor?
5. **MR. WATSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Have the Government had any official report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the Court-house and Gaol at Young; and if so, will they have any objection to lay such report upon the Table of this House?
6. **MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—When will the Return be furnished, which was ordered by this House on the 18th April, 1871, to contain an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of Sydney, in connection with Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney?

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

- MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Gold Fields Act of 1866 as far as relates to Courts of Appeal.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in reference to Divorce.
  3. MR. NEALE to move, That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  4. MR. NEALE to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
    - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
    - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
  5. MR. TUNKS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.
  6. MR. R. B. SMITH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings.
  7. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
  8. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858.
  9. MR. TERRY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Commons.
  10. MR. LEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Medical Report in the case of Gunner Pidding, discharged from the Permanent Force on the ground that he was medically unfit to continue in the Force.
  11. MR. STEWART to move,—
    - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
    - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
    - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
    - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
  12. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize Matrimonial Divorce in certain cases.
  13. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the Property of Married Women.
  14. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
  15. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amending Act of 1871.
  16. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
  17. MR. STEWART to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
    - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
  18. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.
  19. MR. WATSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. H. M. Finnigan, C.C., of Young, and the Secretary to the Council of Education, from the 1st day of February last to the present date, relating to buildings required for Denominational Schools.





New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1872.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Bawden, Esquire, having taken the Oath before one of the Commissioners, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence,—the Clerk producing the Writ.

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

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

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

*“ By His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*

*“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—*

*“ Greeting :*

*“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, as Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time as occasion may require to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.*

*“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand*  
(L.S.) *“ eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.*

*“ ALFRED STEPHEN.*

*By His Excellency's Command,*

*“ JOHN ROBERTSON.”*

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message,—"That it is the pleasure of the Administrator of the Government that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber."  
The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, until Four o'clock this day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NAME ENDORSED ON WRIT AND SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:—The Speaker having reported to the House that whereas the name of the Member returned for Wollombi is endorsed on the Writ as "James Augustus Cunneen," the gentleman who had subscribed the Roll of the House, as the Member for Wollombi had signed his name "James Augustine Cunneen,"—Sir James Martin moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the return for the Electoral District of Wollombi, by substituting the name "James Augustine Cunneen" for that of "James Augustus Cunneen."  
Question put and passed;—  
And the Clerk amended the said return accordingly.
6. STANDING ORDERS:—Sir James Martin moved, without Notice, That until Standing Rules and Orders be formally adopted, this House will observe the Standing Rules and Orders in force during the last Session of the late Parliament, except in cases otherwise specially provided for by Sessional Order of the present Session.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Burns moved the Previous Question.  
Debate continued,—  
And the Speaker stating that, in his opinion, the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by the House during the late Parliament, and approved by His Excellency the Governor, were still in force,—  
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
7. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,

*Message, No. 1.*

*Administrator of the Government.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Administrator of the Government recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of February, March, April, May, and June, in the year 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1871.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 1st May, 1872.*

Ordered to be printed.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting "Arrangement, by the Bank of New South Wales, with the Civil Servants and other Employés of the Government, for the payment of salaries and wages for the months of February and March, 1872."  
Ordered to be printed.
9. ORDINANCE LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir James Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance Land Act of Council 1840.*"—read a first time, *pro forma.*
10. OPENING SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT:—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Administrator of the Government in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

On the 26th ultimo Sir James Martin, on behalf of himself and his Colleagues, placed his resignation and theirs in my hands. At my request, they have consented to remain in office for the purpose of performing the business necessary for the opening of Parliament, and for obtaining the Supplies to carry on the Government during the period required for the Ministerial Elections. Under these circumstances, with an Administration holding office only for the purpose of facilitating the passing of measures which otherwise must be injuriously delayed, I am not in a position to make the announcement of a Ministerial policy which has been usual on an occasion like the present. As my present Advisers, therefore, now hold office only for the purpose of assisting in the passing of these necessary measures, I venture to express the hope that they will occupy your early attention, in order that I may, as speedily as possible, proceed to the formation of a new Cabinet.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY;—

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the state of the Public Finances. His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, on the occasion of opening the last Session of the late Parliament, stated that the Treasury Bills, amounting to £334,600, which the Government were empowered by the Act 35 Vic. No. 4 to dispose of to meet the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account, had not been offered for sale, as the money had not been, and there was reason to believe would not be, required. It affords me much gratification to be able to confirm the accuracy of that state-

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ment; for, although these Treasury Bills have been disposed of, it has only been for the purpose of assisting in taking up Treasury Bills to the amount of £343,200, which Bills have for the last eight years been an annually renewed charge upon the Public Funds. As these Bills, with the interest on them, amounting to £8,580, will be finally paid on the 9th of this month, the selling of the Bills for £334,600 will cause a diminution of the Public Debt to the extent of £8,600 independently of the large premium, amounting to £13,505, received on their sale.

On the 23rd day of March last the sum of £229,425 was transmitted to London to pay the interest on the Public Debt due on the 1st July next, and other charges required to be met there at the end of June. After such transmission of funds, and after making due provision for the payment of salaries and the other necessary expenditure for the months of February, March, and April, there will remain in the Treasury an estimated balance of nearly £300,000.

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

The question of the Border Duties, which immediately led to the late Dissolution of Parliament, has had some light thrown upon it by the actual collection of those Duties during the last three months. In the month of February, the sum collected amounted to £3,907; in March, to £3,933; and in April, up to the 27th of that month, to £5,393. The information which this actual collection has supplied will be of considerable value to you in the determination of this question. The Revenue has increased very largely during the first four months of the present year, being £79,000 in excess of the like term last year, and there is good reason for believing that during the remainder of the year that rate of increase will not only be maintained, but will be exceeded. Returns will be, without delay, laid before Parliament, showing the state of the Public Finances, and I confidently entertain the hope that by economy in the expenditure of the public funds, you will be able, not only to avoid the imposition of new burthens upon the people, but to reduce considerably those at present existing. My predecessor, Lord Belmore, in November last, gave expression to the belief that the Colony was on the eve of a period of great prosperity, and events have since shown that that belief was well founded.

I hope that, under Divine Providence, your labours will aid in the moral and material advancement of the Colony which the Constituencies have committed to your care, and which depends so much on the wisdom of your deliberations.

Sir James Martin then moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded the motion,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lord, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.

Question put and passed,—

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address,—

And Sir James Martin having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

*"To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof."*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests."

Sir James Martin then moved, That the Address in reply to the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,— And stated that he took this occasion to inform the House of the position of the gentlemen sitting at the head of the Treasury Benches.

Mr. Lord seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words:—

"It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

"It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

"We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to."

Debate continued, and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twelve minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES

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

THURSDAY, 2 MAY, 1872.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The quantity of Gold received at the Sydney Mint for smelting during the last three years, stating the quantity each year?
  - (2.) The quantity in each year after the smelting process has been gone through?
  - (3.) Does any Gold remain behind after the smelting; and if so, how much for each year, and what is done with it?
2. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was a special Train applied for from Sydney to Windsor, on Tuesday, the 20th February last?
  - (2.) If so, by whom, and was the cost thereof paid to the Government?
3. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government of this Colony have received from the Governments of Victoria and Queensland replies to their invitation to co-operate with them in taking steps to provide against the introduction to these Colonies of the disease known as Epizootic Apatha, or foot and mouth disease in cattle?
  - (2.) If so, their tenor?
4. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government had any official report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the Court-house and Gaol at Young; and if so, will they have any objection to lay such report upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Return be furnished, which was ordered by this House on the 18th April, 1871, to contain an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of Sydney, in connection with Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney?

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Gold Fields Act of 1866 as far as relates to Courts of Appeal.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in reference to Divorce.
3. MR. NEALE to move, That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
4. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. TUNKS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.
6. MR. R. SMITH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings.
7. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.
8. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858.
9. MR. TERRY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Commons.
10. MR. LEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Medical Report in the case of Gunner Pidding, discharged from the Permanent Force on the ground that he was medically unfit to continue in the Force.
11. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

12. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize Matrimonial Divorce in certain cases.
13. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the Property of Married Women.
14. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
15. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amending Act of 1871.
16. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
17. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
18. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.
19. MR. WATSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. H. M. Finnigan, C.C., of Young, and the Secretary to the Council of Education, from the 1st day of February last to the present date, relating to buildings required for Denominational Schools.
20. MR. BURNS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments.
21. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.
22. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
23. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
24. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
25. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
  - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
  - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
  - (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
  - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
26. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
27. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
28. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
29. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
  - (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
  - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and, on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialed, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.

30. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
31. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill, shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
32. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Library Committee of the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Greville, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Forster, Mr. Samuel, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
33. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Butler, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Forster, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
34. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Phelps, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
35. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
36. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1 be referred thereto.
37. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A copy of any Correspondence between the Government and the Bank of New South Wales, or any other Bank, as to the payment of the salaries of the Civil Servants for the months of February and March.  
 (2.) A copy of any document or letter addressed to the Civil Servants on the subject of their salaries for those months.  
 (3.) A copy of any reply in which the proposal of the Government has been declined.
38. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25 intituled "An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth."
39. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government :—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House :—  
 " To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.  
 " MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—  
 " We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech.  
 " 2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests,"—  
 upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, "That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words :—  
 " It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.  
 " It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.  
 " We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to."

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 MAY, 1872.

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

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

2. PAPERS:—

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

- (1.) Return showing the quantity of land selected for the purpose of working Minerals, other than Coal or Gold, during the period from the 1st May, 1871, to the 27th April, 1872.
- (2.) Return showing the quantity of Land selected in the different Gold Fields of the Colony for the purpose of working Gold Minerals, during the period from the 1st May, 1871, to 31st March, 1872.
- (3.) Further Despatches respecting Kidnapping in the South Seas.
- (4.) Despatch and Proclamation respecting the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870.
- (5.) Despatches respecting Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Colonial) Act of 1869.
- (6.) Correspondence respecting the rescue and arrival of Survivors of the New Guinea Expedition, per Brig "Maria."
- (7.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney, for the year 1871.
- (8.) Census of 1871. Part 1.—Ages.
- (9.) List of Directors of the Destitute Children's Society, for the year 1872.
- (10.) Immigration Report for 1871.
- (11.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library, for years 1870-71.
- (12.) By-laws of the following Municipal Districts:—
 

Penrith,	Waterloo,
Musclebrook,	Gerrington,
West Botany,	North Illawarra.
Victoria,	

(13.) Return to an Address in reference to the case *Hassall v. Rodd*, adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Greville, on 23rd January, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

(14.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Roman Catholic Denominational School, Grenfell," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. R. Forster, on 19th December, 1871.

(15.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Denominational School at Petersham," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Stewart, on 31st January, 1872.

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

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, in reference to "Sewerage and Water Supply," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 18th April, 1871.
- (2.) Comparative Statement of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony of New South Wales, paid into the Treasury at Sydney during the months ended 30th April, 1871, and 30th April, 1872, respectively, showing the Increase or Decrease under each head thereof.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. **COURT OF APPEAL IN MINING DISPUTES**:—Mr. Innes presented a Petition from certain Miners of Gulgong, praying for the abolition of the present Court of Appeal in mining disputes, and the institution of a Court to be presided over by a Mining Judge assisted by a Jury of Miners.  
Petition received.
5. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—
- “ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
of New South Wales.*
- “ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint
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| “ George Wigram Allen, Esquire,     | “ John Lackey, Esquire,                |
| “ Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire,  | “ James Henry Neale, Esquire, and      |
| “ Richard Driver, Esquire,          | “ William Richman Piddington, Esquire, |
| “ Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, |  |
- “ being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.
- “ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,  
Sydney, this second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy-two.
- “ W. M. ARNOLD,  
“ Speaker.”
6. **GOLD FIELDS APPEAL BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Gold Fields Act of 1866 so far as relates to Courts of Appeal.  
Mr. S. Brown moved, That the Debate on this Question be adjourned until to-morrow.  
Motion for adjournment of the Debate by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Gold Fields Act of 1866 so far as relates to Courts of Appeal,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in reference to Divorce.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Neale withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 3 and 4.
9. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
10. **HASTINGS ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. R. Smith having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 23rd May.
11. **OFFICIAL SALARIES REDUCTION BILL**:—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce certain Official Salaries.  
Question put and passed.
12. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—  
(1.) Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. S. Brown having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 10th May.
13. **COMMONS REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Commons.  
Question put and passed.
14. **GUNNER PIDDING**:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Medical Report in the case of Gunner Pidding, discharged from the Permanent Force on the ground that he was medically unfit to continue in the Force.  
Question put and passed.
15. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Stewart withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 11.



16. **MATRIMONIAL DIVORCE BILL**;—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize Matrimonial Divorce in certain cases.  
Question put and passed.
17. **MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL**:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant Notice No. 13, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the Property of Married Women.  
Question put and passed.
18. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Stewart withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 14 to 17 inclusive.
19. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL**:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 18, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions, and to promote their efficiency.  
Question put and passed.
20. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Watson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 19, it dropped.
21. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Burns withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 20 and 21.
22. **BUSINESS DAYS**—(*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Sir James Martin, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 22, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at "Four" o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.  
Debate ensued.  
Captain Onslow moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "Four," with a view to inserting in place thereof the word "Three."  
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Creed,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Single,
Mr. W. Browne,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. T. Brown,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Scholey,	Captain Onslow.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *Affirmative*.  
Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Creed,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Burns.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. W. Browne,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. T. Brown,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Leo,
Mr. J. Smith,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Raphael,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

23. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 23, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.  
Question put and passed.
24. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 24, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.  
Question put and passed.
25. **FORMAL BUSINESS** (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 25, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—  
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.  
(2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

(3.)

(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.

(4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.

Question put and passed.

26. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 26, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

27. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 27, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.

Question put and passed.

28. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 28, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

Question put and passed.

29. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 29, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—

(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.

(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and, on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialed, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.

Question put and passed.

30. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 30, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.

Question put and passed.

31. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILL (*Sessional Order*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 31, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.

Question put and passed.

32. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:—Sir James Martin withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 32 to 35, inclusively.

33. MOTION POSTPONED:—Mr. Lord postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 36 until to-morrow.

34. MOTIONS DROPPED:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 37 and 38, they dropped.

35. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Cunneen withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 39.

36. OPENING SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House,—

"To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests."—

upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, "That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof of the following words:—

"It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

"It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

"We

" We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to",—  
resumed.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1872, A.M.

Mr. Nowlan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for "To-morrow."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Webb moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "To-morrow," with a view to inserting in place thereof the words "Tuesday next."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. W. Browne,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. T. Brown,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Jennings.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. E. Smith,
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Hurley	( <i>Central Cumberland.</i> )

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next,—put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 3 MAY.

### GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
2. MR. INNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd May, from certain miners of Gulgong, relative to the abolition of the present Court of Appeal in mining disputes, and the establishment of a Court presided over by a Mining Judge and Jury of Miners, be printed.
3. MR. INNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Correspondence which has taken place between the Minister for Works and certain individuals, relative to mining upon the Public Road between Mudgee and Wallerawang.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1 be referred thereto.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 7 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government:—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House:—

*"To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof."*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests."—

upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, "That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words:—

"It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

"It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

"We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to."

FRIDAY, 10 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—

(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.

(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.

(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.

3. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amending Act of 1871.

4. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.

5. MR. STEWART to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

6. MR. BURNS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments.

7. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.

THURSDAY, 23 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
PAPER:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table a Statement showing the Debtor or Creditor Balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Loans Account, Loan Fund, and Trust Fund, on 16th December, 1870; the distribution of such Balances; the Receipts and Expenditure from that date to 30th April, 1872; the Balances on each Fund on that date, and the distribution of the same.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. MATRIMONIAL DIVORCE BILL:—Mr. Stewart having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize Matrimonial Divorce in certain cases*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th May.
3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Stewart having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to protect the Property of Married Women*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th May.
4. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—Mr. Stewart having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions and to promote their efficiency*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th May.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Regulation respecting precedence of Volunteer Corps.
  - (2.) Fifteenth Annual Report of the Municipal Council of Sydney on Sewerage and Water Supply, being for 1871.
  - (3.) Report of the Council of Education on the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools, for 1871.
  - (4.) Report of the Council of Education on the condition of the Public Schools, for 1871.
  - (5.) Addendum to clause 126 of the Amended Gold Fields Regulations of the 21st March, 1872.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. COURT OF APPEAL IN MINING DISPUTES ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr Innes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd May, from certain miners of Gulgong, relative to the abolition of the present Court of Appeal in mining disputes, and the establishment of a Court presided over by a Mining Judge and Jury of Miners, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
7. MINING ON MUDGEES AND WALLERAWANG ROAD ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Innes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Correspondence which has taken place between the Minister for Works and certain individuals, relative to mining upon the Public Road between Mudgee and Wallerawang.  
Question put and passed.

8. ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO THE QUEEN ON THE RECOVERY OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES :—  
 Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.  
 And Sir James Martin moving, That *Mr. Lackey* do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only,—  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
*Mr. Lackey* reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Address :—  
 “ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—  
 “ We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with the renewed assurance of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty’s Throne and Person.  
 “ In common with Your Majesty’s subjects in all parts of the Empire, the people of this Colony heard, with deep concern and sympathy, of the dangerous illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and they were impressed with a profound sense of the impending affliction which it has since pleased Almighty God mercifully to avert from the Nation.  
 “ We humbly desire to offer to Your Most Gracious Majesty the most heartfelt congratulations, both from ourselves and from those we represent, on the happy recovery of His Royal Highness, and we earnestly pray that Your Majesty’s illustrious life may be prolonged for many years to reign over a prosperous and united People.”  
 On motion of Mr. Parkes that report was adopted.  
 Mr. Parkes then moved, That a Deputation, consisting of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, and Mr. Samuel, accompany the Speaker to present the Address, so agreed to by this House, to the Administrator of the Government, at such time as may be appointed by His Excellency, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty.  
 Question put and passed.
9. SUPPLY :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor’s Message No. 1 be referred thereto,—  
 And that *Mr. Lackey* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
 Debate continued.  
 Motion for adjournment of Debate by leave withdrawn.  
 Original Question then put and passed,—  
 And the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.  
*Mr. Lackey* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
 Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Lackey*, that the said Resolution be now received.  
*Mr. Lackey* then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows :—  
 (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £641,500 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of February, March, April, May, and June, 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1871, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1872.  
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time and agreed to.  
 The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Nine o’clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 7 MAY.

### GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25, intituled “An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth.”

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government:—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House:—

*“ To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

“ 2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency; we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests.”—

upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, “ That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words:—

“ It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

“ It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency’s Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

“ We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1872,” passing through all its stages in one day.
2. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that Mr. Lackey do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.

## FRIDAY, 10 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
3. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amending Act of 1871.
4. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
5. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
6. MR. BURNS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments.
7. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

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THURSDAY, 23 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 24 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Divorce Bill ; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 28 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—

(1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.

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

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FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.

(2.) That such Committee consist of :—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 MAY, 1872.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin moved, That in consequence of the intelligence received of the death of William Charles Wentworth, Esquire, and as a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of that distinguished gentleman, this House do now adjourn,—and suggested that, considering the present state of the public business, and the crisis now existing, the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Address in reply to the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, do take precedence of all other business to-morrow.

And the House concurring in the suggestion,—

Question on the motion for adjournment put and passed,—

And the House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:— \*

1. Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government:—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House:—

*To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests,"—

upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, "That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words:—

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\* NOTE.—The Speaker pointed out that undue precedence had been given by the Clerk to this Order of the Day, to meet the general concurrence of the House in the proposal made yesterday.

"It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

"It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

"We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LORD to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1872," passing through all its stages in one day.
2. MR. LORD to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that Mr. Lackey do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25, intituled "An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth."

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THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.

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FRIDAY, 10 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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3. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
6. MR. BURNS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments.
7. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 21 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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THURSDAY, 23 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 24 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 28 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

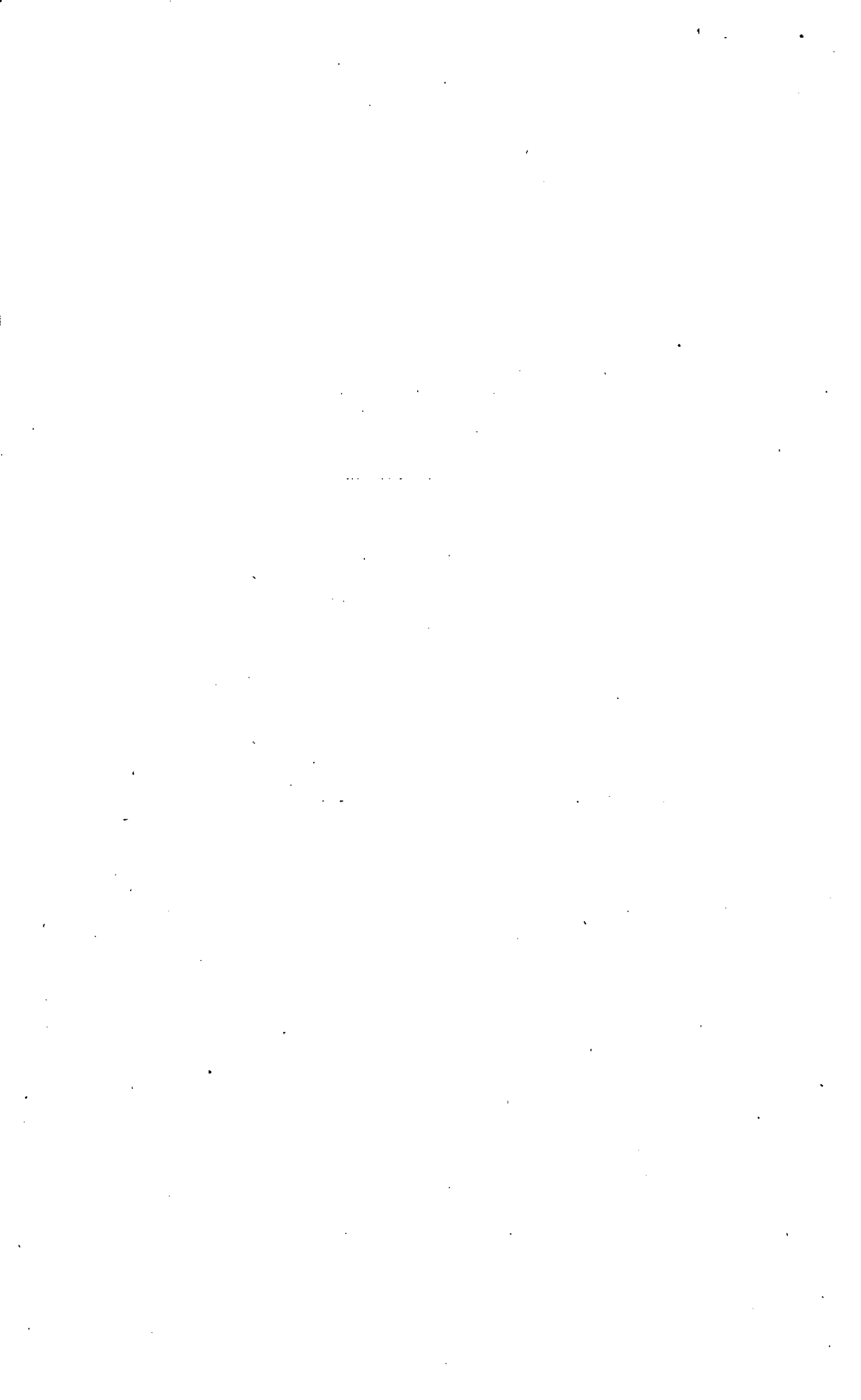
1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of :—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 1872.

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

VACANT SEAT:—The Speaker informed the House that he had this day received a letter, dated the 2nd instant, from Hugh Taylor, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta.

Whereupon Sir James Martin moved, That the Seat of Hugh Taylor, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Hugh Taylor, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO THE QUEEN:—The Speaker reported that, pursuant to the Resolution arrived at by this House on Friday last, (and recorded on its Votes and Proceedings as Entry No. 8), he had this day, accompanied by certain Members of the Deputation therein named, presented to the Administrator of the Government the Address of Congratulation to the Queen on the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which had been agreed to by the House; with a request that His Excellency would be pleased to forward the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty,—and that His Excellency had promised to forward the Address to its destination without delay.
3. ELECTION PETITION:—Mr. Robertson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government from Andrew Taylor Kerr, of Wellwood, near Orange, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, complaining of the election and return of Harris Levi Nelson as the Member for the Electoral District of Orange as being an undue election and return, on the ground that at the time of the said Harris Levi Nelson's nomination and election, and also at the time of his return, he was not a naturalized subject of Her Majesty; and alleging that he (Petitioner) was a candidate at the Election for Orange, and ought to have been returned instead of the said Harris Levi Nelson, and claiming to be declared the sitting Member for the said Electoral District; and praying that the said Petition may be dealt with as the law directs.

4. PAPERS:—

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

- (1.) Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Banks, from 1st September to 31st December, 1871.
- (2.) Amended Regulations for Gold Mining upon Crown Lands.
- (3.) Despatch containing observations in reference to the Navigation Act of 1871.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's.
- (5.) Census of 1871. Part 2.—Religion.
- (6.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Mining on Mudgee and Wallerawang Road," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Innes, on 3rd May, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1871.
- (2.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1871, to 31st March, 1872.
- (3.) Superannuation Fund—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

5. AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTORAL LAW:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., praying the House to take into consideration the desirability of amending the Electoral Act as regards the sale of Intoxicating Liquors at Elections; trial of disputed Elections; registration of Electors; and prevention of vexatious candidates at Elections. Petition received.
6. OFFICIAL SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers*,”—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th May.
7. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Tunks having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney*,”—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 31st May.
8. MEMBER SWORN.—Edward Butler, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Argyle,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
9. OPENING SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the Opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House:—
- “*To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*
- “MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
- “We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty’s Person and Government, and to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency’s Speech.
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- upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, “That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words:—
- “It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.
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- “We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to”,—
- resumed.
- Sir James Martin moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, then to take precedence.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow, at Four o’clock.

W M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.



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

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1872.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,—Is it true that the late Governor, the Earl of Belmore, suite, and party, always travelled free of charge on the public railways?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the date of the appointment of Mr. George R. Dibbs as a member of the Marine Board?
  - (2.) On what day was his appointment gazetted?
  - (3.) Did the Government, before such appointment was gazetted, receive any letter complaining of the conduct of Mr. Dibbs, with reference to taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state?
  - (4.) Have the Government any objection to lay the Papers relating to this matter upon the Table of this House?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is the Attorney General aware that the new Gold Fields Regulations impose penalties and forfeitures under certain circumstances?
  - (2.) Is the Attorney General of opinion that the framers of these Regulations have not exceeded their powers in this respect?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What have been the receipts from the Post and Telegraph Offices, Gulgong, during the past twelve months?
  - (2.) What amount has been paid into the Government Treasury, from all sources at Gulgong, during the past twelve months?
  - (3.) What has the Government expended upon Post Office and Postmasters during the time?
  - (4.) What is the salary now allowed to the Postmaster?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a Land Lottery has been instituted by certain persons at Singleton?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that the chief prize of 40 acres of land was withdrawn after all the tickets had been sold, and a prize of very inferior value substituted?
  - (3.) Is the Government aware that the winner of the chief prize, a woman, by name Caroline Hodges, has never received it, and is persistently refused the prize she has won, although she is the holder of the ticket which the managers and inaugurators of the Lottery advertised as the winning ticket?
  - (4.) Does the Government know by whom this Lottery was got up, in open violation of the law?
  - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to prosecute without delay the authors of this illegal device for raising money?
6. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Under what section of the Public Statute of New South Wales, 8 Victoria, No. 16, is the collection of wharfage rates on goods carried into or exported from New South Wales on wheeled vehicles or other land conveyances authorized?
  - (2.) Is there any public wharf at Corowa, Mulwala, Tocumwal, Moama, Swan Hill, Euston, or Wentworth?
  - (3.) What amount of money has been spent on the Murray in erecting wharfs?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of empowering the Government to purchase, at a fair valuation, the block of solid gold and the specimens of gold in quartz from Krohmann's claim, now on view at the Exhibition, in order that they may be sent to Europe and the United States as indications of the wealth of this Colony.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing a copy of the Correspondence, Indenture, or the usual Indenture of Apprenticeship, and other Papers, Minutes, or Orders in connection with the discharge of a boy named Pilbean from the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta.
3. MR. STEPHEN BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 8th May, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Electoral Act, be printed.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25, intituled "An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth."

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TUESDAY, 14 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—
  - (1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.
  - (2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motion, and for the record of Business actually dealt with or standing for disposal under the Order of the House.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 17 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
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  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NELSON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
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(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Earl of Belmore.—Railways:—Mr. Tunks asked the Minister in charge of the Public Works Department, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it true that the late Governor, the Earl of Belmore, suite, and party, always travelled free of charge on the public railways?

Sir James Martin answered,—I do not know how to answer a question of the kind proposed by the Honorable Member exactly; but I can state this, that Lord Belmore in his journeys to and from Throsby Park always travelled free. I do not know of any other occasions, excepting special occasions when he travelled along the Lines to visit particular parts of the Country.

- (2.) Mr. George R. Dibbs:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) What was the date of the appointment of Mr. George R. Dibbs as a member of the Marine Board?
  - (2.) On what day was his appointment gazetted?
  - (3.) Did the Government, before such appointment was gazetted, receive any letter complaining of the conduct of Mr. Dibbs, with reference to taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state?
  - (4.) Have the Government any objection to lay the papers relating to this matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Mr. G. R. Dibbs was appointed a Warden of the Marine Board, by Minute of the Administrator of the Government and the Executive Council, on the 18th March last.
- (2.) On the 3rd of April—at the same time with the elected Members of the Board.
- (3.) I received on the 25th March, from the Collector of Customs, a complaint against Mr. Dibbs of the kind stated, which complaint was referred to the Attorney General, who made the following Minute upon the papers in the case:—"I think that Mr. Duncan has taken a correct view of his duty in this matter. He should put Mr. Yeager in the same position in which he was before the alteration was made. I do not think, however, that, under the circumstances stated, Mr. Dibbs has been guilty of a violation of the 101st section of the Act of 1854. J.M., 30th March, 1872."
- (4.) None whatever.

- (3.) Gold Fields Regulations:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Is the Attorney General aware that the new Gold Fields Regulations impose penalties and forfeitures under certain circumstances?
  - (2.) Is the Attorney General of opinion that the framers of these Regulations have not exceeded their powers in this respect?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Gold Fields Act of 1866 fixes the penalty for any breach of the Regulations made under that Act. The 238th Regulation, which merely affirms the 13th section, is unnecessary and inoperative. There are various Regulations providing for forfeiture, but it does not appear to me that they are in excess of the powers conferred by the Act for the making of Regulations under it.

(4.)

(4.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) What have been the receipts from the Post and Telegraph Offices, Gulgong, during the past twelve months?
- (2.) What amount has been paid into the Government Treasury, from all sources at Gulgong, during the past twelve months?
- (3.) What has the Government expended upon Post Office and Postmasters during the time?
- (4.) What is the salary now allowed to the Postmaster?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Postal receipts, £290 17s. 6d. Telegraph receipts, from 19th January to 30th April, 1872, £252 14s. 3d. The Telegraph Office at Gulgong was not opened until 19th January last.
- (2.) Some time is necessary for the preparation of the information asked for; when ready it will be laid upon the Table of the House.
- (3.) £63 13s. 9d., being Postmaster's salary.
- (4.) £100 per annum.

(5.) Land Lottery at Singleton:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) Is it true that a Land Lottery has been instituted by certain persons at Singleton?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that the chief prize of 40 acres of land was withdrawn after all the tickets had been sold, and a prize of very inferior value substituted?
- (3.) Is the Government aware that the winner of the chief prize, a woman, by name Caroline Hodges, has never received it, and is persistently refused the prize she has won, although she is the holder of the ticket which the managers and inaugurators of the Lottery advertised as the winning ticket?
- (4.) Does the Government know by whom this Lottery was got up, in open violation of the law?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to prosecute without delay the authors of this illegal device for raising money?

Sir James Martin answered,—The matter to which the Honorable Member refers is now under inquiry by the Crown Solicitor.

(6.) Wharfage Rates on Goods crossing the Murray:—Mr. Jennings asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Under what section of the Public Statute of New South Wales, 8 Victoria, No. 16, is the collection of wharfage rates on goods carried into or exported from New South Wales on wheeled vehicles or other land conveyances authorized?
- (2.) Is there any public wharf at Corowa, Mulwala, Tocumwal, Moama, Swan Hill, Euston, or Wentworth?
- (3.) What amount of money has been spent on the Murray in erecting wharfs?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) Sections 1 and 4.
- (2.) Public wharfs were established at those places by proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of the 30th of last month.
- (3.) I am not able at present to supply the information asked for.

2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Post Office,—being for the year 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Cessnock, praying that the Maitland District Council may be dissolved.

Petition received.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir James Martin informed the House that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government informing him that Mr. Forster had resigned the commission with which he had been entrusted to form a new Administration, and that His Excellency had sent for Mr. Parkes, who had accepted the task surrendered by Mr. Forster, asking until Tuesday next to submit the names of his colleagues, should he succeed in forming a Cabinet.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 2nd May, 1872, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon Stephen Campbell Brown, Richard Driver, John Lackey, James Henry Neale, and William Richman Piddington, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

(3.) *Time and Place of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 70th Section of the Electoral Act of 1858, the Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at noon, To-morrow, the 10th of May instant, in Committee Room No. 2.

7. ELECTION PETITION:—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Election Petition complaining of the election and return of Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Orange, which was laid upon the Table of this House, by *Command*, on the 8th May, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Question put and passed.

## 8. POSTPONEMENTS :—

- (1.) Sir James Martin postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 1 until To-morrow.  
 (2.) Mr. Lord postponed the Motions standing in his name Nos. 2 and 3, to follow after the Order of the Day on the Business Paper for this day.

## 9. OPENING SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT :—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin, That the following Address in reply to the opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House :—

*To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, Administering the Government thereof.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

"2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests,"—

upon which Mr. Parkes had moved, "That the Address be amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words :—

"It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

"It has been communicated to us that a monetary arrangement was entered into between your Excellency's Advisers and a private Banking Institution, during the progress of the Elections and the protracted delay in convening Parliament, which, in derogation of the Constitution, interferes with the undoubted and sole power of this House in granting Supply to Her Majesty, and seriously impairs its just control over the Public Expenditure.

"We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to,"—

resumed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Creed,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Parkes,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 11.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Jennings then moved, That the Address be further amended, by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following words :—

"We also feel bound to express our opinion that early steps should be taken to effect such arrangements with the Government of Victoria as may obviate the necessity for any further collection of Border Duties."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Creed,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Lackey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question then put,—That the following Address in reply to the opening Speech of the Administrator of the Government, be now adopted by this House :—

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“ 2. As no Ministerial Policy has been indicated by Your Excellency, we are unable to do more than to assure Your Excellency that our best efforts will be devoted to the promotion of the public interests.

“ 3. It is a matter of deep regret to us that the circumstances under which the late Assembly was dissolved, and the present Parliament assembled, are of a character to call for the expression of our disapproval.

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“ 5. We feel constrained to take the earliest opportunity to condemn a course of conduct in the administration of affairs so dangerous to the public interests, and which we are anxious may not be again resorted to.

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Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Parkes,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Scholcy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1872,” passing through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
11. WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that *Mr. Lackey* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
*Mr. Lackey* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Lackey*, that the said Resolution be now received.  
*Mr. Lackey* then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1872, the sum of £641,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of February, March, April, May, and June, 1872, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—  
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 1, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872.  
(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day.



## 13. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) The Speaker informed the House that he had this day received a letter from Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, the Honorable Member for the Murray, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—which letter be read to the House, as follows:—

“ To the Honorable the Speaker,

“ Sydney, May 9th, 1872.

“ Sir,

“ I have the honor to resign my position as a Member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

“ Your most obt. servt,

“ P. A. JENNINGS.”

(2.) The Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Richard Hill, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

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

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

“ Richard Hill, Esquire,

“ being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, resigned.

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

“ W. M. ARNOLD,  
“ Speaker.”

## 14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL,—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill, and that *Mr. Lackey* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

*Mr. Lackey* having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day.

On motion of Mr. Lord, Bill read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th May, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 10 MAY.

Question:—

## 1. MR. NOWLAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Have the Government yet received replies to their communications addressed to the Governments of Victoria and Queensland, inviting their co-operation in guarding against the introduction of the Foot and Mouth Disease; if not, will they again communicate with those Governments, requesting an immediate answer?

(2.) Do the Government intend to extend the period of quarantine for all animals susceptible of the Foot and Mouth Disease, from a fortnight to one month, as they have the power to do under the Imported Stock Act of 1871?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
3. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
4. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Correspondence between the Government, the Council of Education, and the Rev. Mr. Palmer, relating to application for certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham.
5. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
6. MR. BURNS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments.
7. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from Tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.
8. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th May, from certain inhabitants of Cessnock, relative to the Maitland District Council, be printed.
9. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of empowering the Government to purchase, at a fair valuation, the block of solid gold and the specimens of gold in quartz from Krohmann's claim, now on view at the Exhibition, in order that they may be sent to Europe and the United States as indications of the wealth of this Colony.
10. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return containing a copy of the Correspondence, Indenture, or the usual Indenture of Apprenticeship, and other Papers, Minutes, or Orders in connection with the discharge of a boy named Pilbean from the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta.
11. MR. STEPHEN BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 8th May, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Electoral Act, be printed.
12. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25, intituled "An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth."

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.

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TUESDAY, 14 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—
  - (1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.
  - (2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motion, and for the record of Business actually dealt with or standing for disposal under the Order of the House.
2. MR. R. B. SMITH to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence.

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WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 17 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.  
 (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.  
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

THURSDAY, 23 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 24 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 28 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—  
 (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.
2. MR. NELSON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

## 1. MR. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*on the first day of the meeting of the House after adjournment for the re-election of the new Ministry*),—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.

(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

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(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 MAY, 1872.

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

QUESTION:—

(1.) Disease in Cattle:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government yet received replies to their communications addressed to the Governments of Victoria and Queensland, inviting their co-operation in guarding against the introduction of the Foot and Mouth Disease; if not, will they again communicate with those Governments, requesting an immediate answer?

(2.) Do the Government intend to extend the period of quarantine for all animals susceptible of the Foot and Mouth Disease, from a fortnight to one month, as they have the power to do under the Imported Stock Act of 1871?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A communication has been received from the Government of Queensland, a copy of which has been presented to the gentlemen of the deputation who originated the correspondence. No reply having been received from the Chief Secretary of Victoria, a further letter has been forwarded to him.

(2.) I think I shall be in a better position to answer this question on Tuesday next than I am to-day.

2. MOTION POSTPONED:—Sir James Martin postponed the Motion standing in his name until Tuesday next.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—George Wigram Allen, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Court House, West Maitland," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lee, on 16th May, 1871.
5. DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS SHORTENING BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, for leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of future Parliaments. Question put and passed.
6. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th May, from certain inhabitants of Cessnock, relative to the Maitland District Council, be printed. Question put and passed.
7. AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTORAL LAW ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by Mr. Brown on 8th May, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Electoral Act, be printed. Question put and passed.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Gunner Pidding," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lee, on 2nd May, 1872. Ordered to be printed.

9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
10. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Stewart withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive.
11. **GREAT NORTHERN ROAD**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount derived from Tolls, and the amount expended on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Muswellbrook, during the years 1869, 1870, and 1871, respectively.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
12. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—  
(1.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 9 and 12.  
(2.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Tunks, No. 10.
13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th May, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

TUESDAY, 14 MAY.

*Question*:—

1. MR. WATSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government had any official report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the Court House and Gaol at Young; and if so, what is the nature of such report, and is it their intention to take any and what steps in the matter?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—  
(1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.  
(2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motions, and for the record of Business actually dealt with or standing for disposal under the Order of the House.
2. MR. R. B. SMITH to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. H. M. Finnegan, C. C., of Young, and the Secretary to the Council of Education, from the 1st day of February to present date, relating to the class of building required for Denominational Schools.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return containing a copy of the Correspondence, Indenture, or the usual Indenture of Apprenticeship, and other Papers, Minutes, or Orders in connection with the discharge of a boy named Pilbean from the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, 17 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of empowering the Government to purchase, at a fair valuation, the block of solid gold and the specimens of gold in quartz from Krohmann's claim, now on view at the Exhibition, in order that they may be sent to Europe and the United States as indications of the wealth of this Colony.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to repeal the Act 19 Vict. No. 25, intituled "An Act to provide Funds by means of a Tonnage Duty for making Improvements to the Navigation of the River Hunter and to the Ports of Newcastle and Morpeth."

## TUESDAY, 21 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

## THURSDAY, 23 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 24 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
2. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
3. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 28 MAY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.
2. MR. NELSON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 31 MAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*on the first day of the meeting of the House after adjournment for the re-election of the new Ministry*),—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.

(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

2. MR. BUCHANAN to move (*on the first day of the meeting of the House after adjournment for the re-election of the new Ministry*),—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—

(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.

(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.

(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS--NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.

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FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, embodying the foregoing Resolution.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 MAY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Mr. Watson withdrew the Question standing in his name.*
2. PAPER:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Despatch notifying the probable date of the departure of the new Governor from England.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:—
  - (1.) Sir James Martin withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
  - (2.) Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
4. COMMONS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Terry having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Commons*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 11th June.
5. NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Stephen Brown, at the request of Mr. Parkes, informed the House that a new Administration had been formed, consisting of:—

Mr. Parkes as Colonial Secretary;	Mr. Sutherland as Secretary for Public Works;
Mr. Samuel as Vice-President of the Executive Council, without office;	Mr. G. A. Lloyd as Postmaster General;
Mr. Piddington as Colonial Treasurer;	Mr. Butler as Attorney General; and
Mr. Farnell as Secretary for Lands;	Mr. Innes as Solicitor General.
6. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved,—
  - (1.) That the Seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) That the Seat of William Richman Piddington, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the Hawkesbury.  
Question put and passed.
  - (3.) That the Seat of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta.  
Question put and passed.
  - (4.) That the Seat of Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Solicitor General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.  
Question put and passed.
  - (5.) That the Seat of George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Postmaster General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.  
Question put and passed.

(7.)

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, received and read by the Speaker:—

*Message No. 2.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Administrator of the Government for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 14th May, 1872.*

ALFRED STEPHEN,  
*Administrator of the Government.*

8. VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Edward Butler, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Argyle.

Whereupon Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That the Seat of Edward Butler, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Argyle, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Edward Butler, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Sutherland, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.

Whereupon Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That the Seat of John Sutherland, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Paddington, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Sutherland, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 11th day of June next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes after Five o'clock, until *Four o'clock on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June next.*

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE.

*Question:—*

1. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—Have the Government had any official report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the Court House and Gaol at Young; and if so, what is the nature of such report, and is it their intention to take any and what steps in the matter?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE *to move,*—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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4. **MR. NELSON** to move,—  
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
5. Matrimonial Divorce Bill ; second reading.
6. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
7. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
8. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
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  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.

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FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1872.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Speaker reported;—

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

- (1.) In the room of Hugh Taylor, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta, resigned.
- (2.) In the room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.
- (3.) In the room of William Richman Piddington, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hawkesbury had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.
- (4.) In the room of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.
- (5.) In the room of Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Solicitor General.
- (6.) In the room of George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General.
- (7.) In the room of John Sutherland, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Paddington, resigned.
- (8.) In the room of Edward Butler, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Argyle, resigned:—

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

(2.) That, in accordance with the direction of the Act above mentioned, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member in the room of Saul Samuel, Esquire, one of the Members for East Sydney, who had resigned his Seat, by letter addressed to him during the late adjournment (being an adjournment for a longer period than seven days.)

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Gentlemen having each taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

Hugh Taylor, Esquire, for Parramatta.

The Honorable Henry Parkes, Esquire, for East Sydney.

The Honorable William Richman Piddington, Esquire, for The Hawkesbury.

The Honorable James Squire Farnell, Esquire, for Parramatta.

The Honorable Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, for Mudgee.

The Honorable George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, for Newcastle.

The Honorable Edward Butler, Esquire, for Argyle.

James M'Laurin, Esquire, for The Hume (returned at the General Election held in March last).

3. APPOINTMENT OF SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly, that Her Majesty, by a Commission bearing date at Westminster the twenty-third day of February last, has appointed him Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and that, in virtue of such Commission, he has assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th June, 1872.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

4. PAPERS:—

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

- (1.) Copy of Commission appointing Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copy of Instructions to Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (3.) Report on Vaccination, for 1871.
  - (4.) Further Correspondence respecting recognition of the Government of Fiji Islands.
  - (5.) Further Despatches on the same subject.
  - (6.) Further Correspondence relative to arrangement for collecting the Border Customs Duties.
  - (7.) By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.
  - (8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.
  - (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
  - (10.) Despatch notifying probable date of departure of the new Governor from England.
  - (11.) Report respecting admission and disposal of inmates of Industrial School for Girls.
- Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1872.
  - (2.) Despatch respecting Weight and Fineness of Gold Coins struck at Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
  - (3.) Return of Murray River Border Customs Duties collected during the four months ended 31st May last.
- Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table further Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Communication.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL:—Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Hinton and the surrounding districts, praying for the dissolution of the Maitland District Council.  
Petition received.

6. ELECTION PETITION:—Mr. Parkes, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency Sir Alfred Stephen, Administrator of the Government, from George Day, of Albury, alleging that, for the reasons therein stated, the Election of James M'Laurin, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hume was an undue Election; and praying that the said Petition may be dealt with according to law.  
On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Petition was referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

7. LAKE GEORGE ROAD:—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from certain Residents of Queanbeyan and the surrounding districts, relative to the condition of this road; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.  
Petition received.

8. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Baker withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6.

9. CESSNOCK ROAD:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Millfield, Ellalong, Qurrobolong, and Bishop's Bridge, praying that all moneys to be expended upon that portion of the Wollombi Road at present under the management of the Bishop's Bridge Road Trust, may continue to be vested in the Local Road Trust.  
Petition received.

10. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Subscribers for the establishment of St. Andrew's College, and other Presbyterians, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the case of St. Andrew's College, as detailed in the Petition.  
Petition received.

11. ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, ADELONG:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Adelong and Tumut, respecting the refusal, by the Council of Education, of a Certificate to this School, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.

12. GOLD FIELDS APPEAL BILL:—Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.



13. **BATHURST GAS BILL:**—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from John Newlands Wark, of Sydney, Engineer, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst,—  
And Mr. Allen having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Bathurst Times*, and the *Bathurst Free Press*, containing Notices, for four consecutive weeks in the months of February and March, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
14. **SCHOOL BUILDINGS:**—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from the Rev. James Ross, Rural Dean of Mulgoa, relative to the operation of the 23rd clause of the Public Schools Act, which provides for aid for School Buildings,—praying the House to take into consideration the effect of the working of this clause of the Act.  
Petition received.
15. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:**—Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.
16. **MOTION WITHDRAWN:**—Sir James Martin withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 9.
17. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing John Stewart, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—  
“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
“of New South Wales.  
“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of  
“New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint  
“John Stewart, Esquire,  
“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the  
“room of William Richman Piddington, Esquire, whose Seat was declared vacant on the 14th  
“May last, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.  
“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,  
“Sydney, this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
“eight hundred and seventy-two.  
“W. M. ARNOLD,  
“Speaker.”
18. **QUESTION.—Court House and Gaol at Young:**—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had any official report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the Court House and Gaol at Young; and if so, what is the nature of such report, and is it their intention to take any and what steps in the matter?  
Mr. Parkes answered,—The building was erected for the use of the Gold Commissioner, and is not suited for a Court House. Tenders for a new Court House will be invited in the Government Gazette on Friday next.
19. **MOTION WITHDRAWN:**—Mr. Cunneen withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 5.
20. **DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS (“Formal” Motion):**—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. H. M. Finnegan, C. C., of Young, and the Secretary to the Council of Education, from the 1st day of February to present date, relating to the class of building required for Denominational Schools.  
Question put and passed.
21. **EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (“Formal” Motion):**—  
(1.) Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, for leave to bring in a Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. R. B. Smith having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “A Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence,”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 21st June.
22. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. Parkes made to the House a Ministerial Statement.
23. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
24. **MEMBER SWORN:**—James Hannell, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.
25. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:**—Mr. Neale withdrew the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 1 and 3.
26. **MOTION DROPPED:**—Mr. Nelson not making the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 2 and 4, they dropped.
27. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:**—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 7. and 8.
28. **PROTESTANT ORPHAN SCHOOL, PARRAMATTA:**—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return containing a copy of the Correspondence, Indenture, or the usual Indenture of Apprenticeship, and other Papers, Minutes, or Orders in connection with the discharge of a boy named Pilbean from the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

29. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows:—

- No. 1, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.
- Nos. 2 and 3, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 21st June.
- No. 4, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Tuesday, 25th June.
- Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday next.
- No. 7, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday next.
- No. 8, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 28th June.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-six minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE.

### Questions:—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—What action does the Government intend to take, if any, in reference to the Superannuation Act?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the abolition of the Permanent Military Force, or Standing Army, including what the Colonial Secretary has described as the Forty Officers?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state how the Government intends to deal with this Force, if it has not decided to abolish it?
3. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Retrenchment Scheme of the late Government, and so restore the Salaries and Wages of the Clerks and Mechanics in the Government employment to their original figure?
  - (2.) If this is the intention of the Government, will it be done at once?
4. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the question of Immigration this Session or the next?
  - (2.) If so, does the Government intend to introduce a measure in any way countenancing the assisted system?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to consider the whole question of Gold Mining, with the view to legislation on the subject?
  - (2.) May we expect this legislation this Session?
6. **SIR JAMES MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
  - (1.) What was the amount at the credit of the Government on its general account in the Bank of New South Wales at the close of business on the 11th instant?
  - (2.) What was the amount in the same Bank, at the same time, to the credit of the Loan Act 35 Vic., No. 5?
7. **MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
  - (1.) What was the amount in the books of the Treasury of the Deficiency Debt on the 14th May last?
  - (2.) What was the amount paid off, up to that date, by the late Government during the period they held office?
8. **MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—What is the amount of Consolidated Revenue paid into the Treasury during the months ended 31st May, 1871, and 31st May, 1872, respectively, showing the increase or decrease under each head thereof?
9. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Do the Government intend to make any increase in the Salaries or Wages of the Mechanics and Labourers employed in the Government service; and if so, when?
10. **MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government have received any official information to the effect that parties, under the pretence of prospecting for Gold, are trespassing on land leased for Tin Mining on Herding Yard and other Creeks near Maryland, in the Tenterfield District, and taking away Tin Ore from such land despite the remonstrances of the agents or servants of the lessees?
  - (2.) Will the Government take steps to protect the property of the lessees of said land from being plundered by trespassers?
11. **MR. WEARNE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—When will the Municipality of the District of Liverpool be gazetted?

12. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—  
 (1.) When was the request of the Petition of the inhabitants of Womberal, presented by Mr. J. A. Cunneen on the 6th December last, praying for a Mail Line to and Post Office at Womberal, refused by the late Postmaster General?  
 (2.) Immediately following such refusal—but while the late election for the Wollombi was pending—was another application from another source made, and the very same Mail Line and Post Office granted?
13. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What course do the Government intend taking in regard to the Superannuation Question?  
 (2.) Is it their intention to introduce a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act this Session; or if not, when?  
 (3.) If they have no intention to introduce such a Bill soon, how do they propose in the meantime to deal with the case of those Civil Servants from whose salaries an annual deduction is made under the existing law, without corresponding benefit, or with the case of those who have been led to expect certain pensions or retiring allowances after retirement from the service, but for payment of which no sufficient provision appears to have been made?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Greville, Sir James Martin, Mr. Forster, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stephen Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
2. MR. PARKES *to move*, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Allen, Sir James Martin, Mr. Forster, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
3. MR. PARKES *to move*, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Robertson, Sir James Martin, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
4. MR. PARKES *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for Free Commercial Intercourse across the boundary line of the River Murray.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Appointment of Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson as Governor of the Colony; consideration of His Excellency's Message No. 1.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—  
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House the Retrenchment Scheme of the late Government, now in operation, is inequitable and unjust, and ought to be abandoned without delay.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BURNS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from the inhabitants of Qurrobolong, Ellalong, Cessnock, and Bishop's Bridge, relative to the Cessnock Road, be printed.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases."
4. MR. HOSKINS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him, from certain residents of Adelong and the Tumut Districts, relating to the Roman Catholic School at that place, be printed.
5. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from certain subscribers for the establishment of St. Andrew's College, and other Presbyterians, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the case of St. Andrew's College, be printed.
6. MR. WEARNE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Correspondence, Minutes, and Medical Certificates, connected with the case of S. Levy, sixth Landing Waiter, H.M. Customs, Sydney, who was disgraced in February, 1871, for alleged incapacity and neglect of duty, but restored to his former position on the 15th March, 1872.  
 Return to embrace the Correspondence between the Landing Surveyors, Clearing Officer, Jerkers, and the Collector of Customs, with the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, in reference to the charges which led to Mr. Levy's dismissal.  
 Correspondence and Report of the Auditor General as to the manner in which Mr. Levy kept the books of the Ships "Duke of Sutherland" and "Ellen Stuart."  
 Report of the Commissioners who investigated the charges against Mr. Levy, and the Correspondence and Evidence connected therewith.  
 Minute restoring Mr. Levy provisionally to his office.  
 Names of the officers promoted when Mr. Levy was disgraced, the nature of their promotion, the increase of salary, if any, and the time they enjoyed such increase before reverting to their former positions; also, copy of Correspondence between the officers affected by the restoring of Mr. Levy and the Collector of Customs and the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.  
 Colonial Treasurer's Minutes restoring Mr. Levy to his position as sixth Landing Waiter.  
 Dates of Mr. Levy's absenting himself from duty on the plea of ill-health, and date of his return to duty.

7. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Honorable Colonial Secretary (John Robertson, Esq.) Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Richardson, Major Shepherd, commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Major W. Wilson, Volunteer Artillery, Major Fitzsimons, Captain S. Hopkins, and any other person or persons, relative to applications made by Major Shepherd to be appointed Commandant of the Volunteer Artillery with the full powers of a Regimental Commanding Officer; for a paid Regimental Adjutant to be under his sole control, and for other details for the benefit of the Volunteer Artillery; likewise copies of all Papers, Documents, Minutes, and Memoranda whatsoever bearing upon such applications.
- (2.) Copies of the Correspondence required to complete the Return ordered by this House on the 27th January, 1871.
- Letter from Captain F. Wells to Mr. J. B. Bamford, dated 28th November, 1870.
- Letter from Mr. J. B. Bamford to F. Wells, Esq., dated 30/11/70.
- Letter from Captain F. Wells to Mr. J. B. Bamford, dated 6th December, 1870, bearing remarks by Colonel Richardson.
- Letter from Mr. J. B. Bamford to Captain F. Wells, dated 10th December, 1870.
- Memorandum by Captain F. Wells, dated 17/12/70.
- Memorandum by Colonel Richardson, dated 19/12/70, endorsed on letter of 10th December, 1870.
- Memorandum by Mr. J. B. Bamford, endorsed on letter of 10th December, 1870.
- (3.) Copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Major P. L. C. Shepherd, Commanding Volunteer Artillery, Captain J. B. Bamford, commanding No. 8 or "Prince Alfred's Own" Battery, V. A., Captain F. Wells, commanding No. 9 Battery, V. A., and Captain J. Macdonald, commanding No. 10 Battery, V. A., regarding an application of Captain J. B. Bamford that the commissions of himself and subaltern officers, and the appointments of his non-commissioned officers might be antedated in order to give them precedence of the same ranks in Batteries 9 and 10, being junior Batteries to his own; also copies of all remarks, papers, documents, minutes, and memoranda (by whomsoever written), relative to such application.
8. MR. ALLEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst.
9. MR. ALLEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to grant a Limited Copyright in Telegrams.
10. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain residents of Queanbeyan and surrounding districts, relative to the condition of the Lake George Road, be printed.
11. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 11th June, from the Rev. James Ross, relative to School Buildings at Mulgoa, be printed.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
- (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
13. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
- (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 13 JUNE.

## Question :—

1. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What are the duties of Mr. G. F. Wise under the Government, his salary derivable therefrom, and the hours he is expected to give for the performance of same?

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FRIDAY, 14 JUNE.

## Questions :—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it necessary that all the Regimental Staff Officers and Captains in the Volunteer Field Artillery should be mounted; if so, what provision has been made to supply them with trained horses capable of standing fire?
  - (2.) By whose authority or upon whose recommendation have the Volunteers been deprived of all accommodation for the purpose of drilling by night?
  - (3.) By what authority has Hyde Park Barracks been taken away from the Volunteer Artillery, after the express sanction of Mr. Cowper had been obtained for their occupation?

(4.)

(4.) Do the Government intend to provide proper or any means for instructing the Force, in the form of sheds or otherwise?

(5.) Is it imperative that the instructors in the "Volunteer Force" should be obliged to serve in the "Military Force"?

(6.) What were the previous qualifications that led to the selection of the Officers of the "Military Force"?

(7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the length of service each officer appointed to the "Military Force" had in the Imperial Army or Navy—the last rank held by each respectively—the dates of their retirement—and the reasons for the same?

(8.) Were the "Military Force" (exclusive of those on duty) inspected separately in a body on the last Queen's Birthday at the Victoria Barracks?

(9.) Is it the intention of the Government to assimilate as far as practicable the organization of the Military Forces of this Colony, whether paid or unpaid, to the altered views now held by the Government of the Mother Country?

2. MR. CUNNEEN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Have the Government received any application for the establishment of a District Court at the Wollombi Township?

(2.) If so, what determination (if any) have they arrived at on the said application?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make better Provision for the Custody of Infants."
2. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges made by Mr. Richard Jend, Mail Contractor, Wollombi, against the Telegraph Station Master at that place, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers connected with the same.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain inhabitants of Hinton, praying for dissolution of the Maitland District Council, be printed.
3. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.
4. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.)

(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.
  - (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony ; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.
  - (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.

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FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

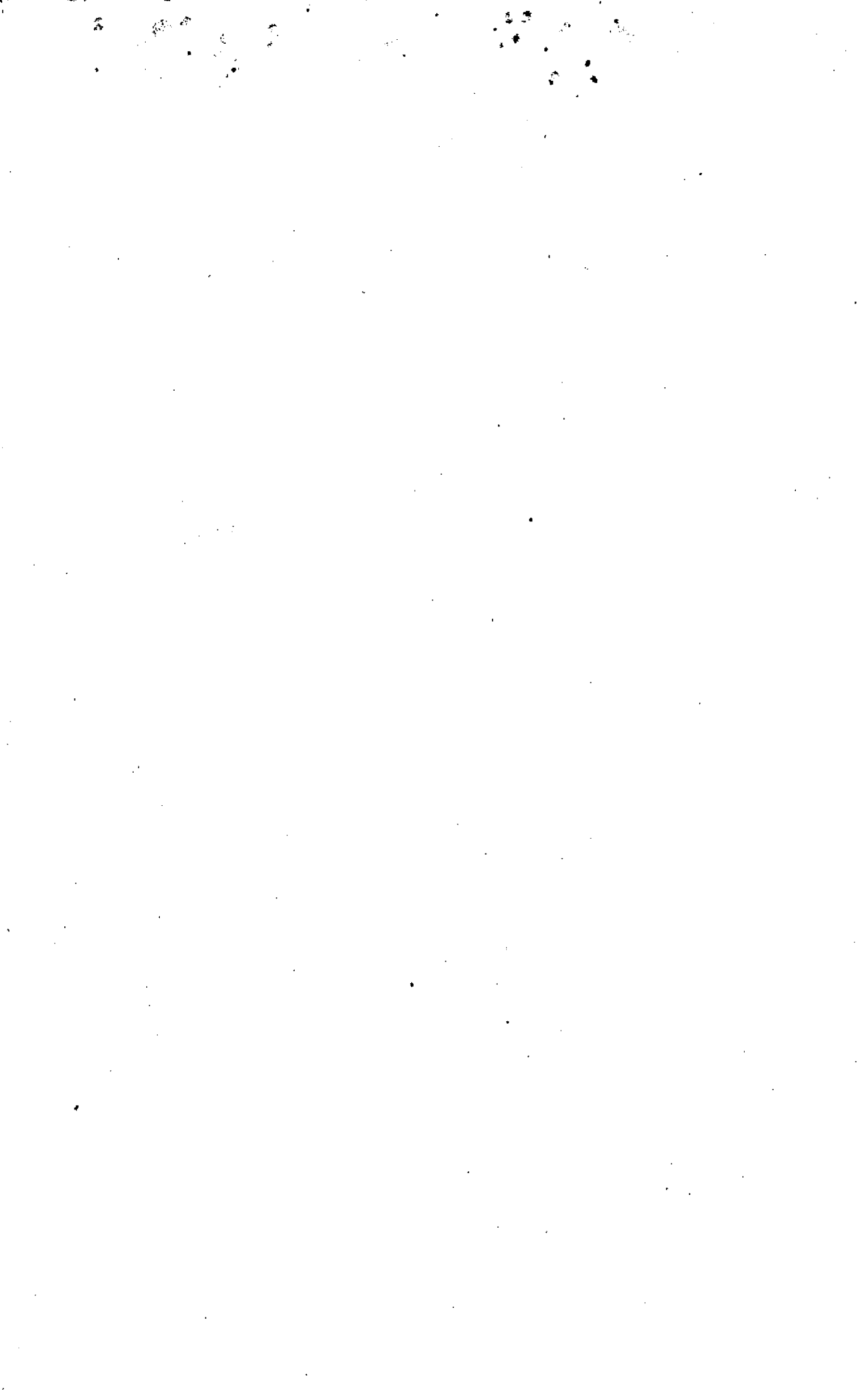
GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the export duty on gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.





New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Superannuation Act:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What action does the Government intend to take, if any, in reference to the Superannuation Act?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The Government intend to introduce a Bill on the subject.

(2.) Permanent Military Force:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the abolition of the Permanent Military Force, or Standing Army, including what the Colonial Secretary has described as the Forty Officers?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state how the Government intends to deal with this Force, if it has not decided to abolish it?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government is not yet prepared to state its intentions on the subject.

(3.) Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Retrenchment Scheme of the late Government, and so restore the Salaries and Wages of the Clerks and Mechanics in the Government employment to their original figure?

(2.) If this is the intention of the Government, will it be done at once?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The matters referred to have been under the consideration of the Government, and will be dealt with on an early day.

(4.) Immigration:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the question of Immigration this Session or the next?

(2.) If so, does the Government intend to introduce a measure in any way countenancing the assisted system?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to deal with the Immigration question this Session. The measures of the next Session will be disclosed in His Excellency's Speech.

(5.) Gold Mining:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to consider the whole question of Gold Mining, with the view to legislation on the subject?

(2.) May we expect this legislation this Session?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

- (6.) General and Loan Accounts:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) What was the amount at the credit of the Government on its General Account in the Bank of New South Wales at the close of business on the 11th instant?
  - (2.) What was the amount in the same Bank, at the same time, to the credit of the Loan Act 35 Vic., No. 5?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—
- (1.) £302,935 4s. 3d.
  - (2.) £115,953 Os. 11d.
- (7.) Deficiency Debt:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) What was the amount in the books of the Treasury of the Deficiency Debt on the 14th May last?
  - (2.) What was the amount paid off, up to that date, by the late Government during the period they held office?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—The fullest information on the subject referred to in these questions will be submitted to the House next week, when the Financial Statement will be made.
- (8.) Consolidated Revenue:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- What is the amount of Consolidated Revenue paid into the Treasury during the months ended 31st May, 1871, and 31st May, 1872, respectively, showing the increase or decrease under each head thereof?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—This information will be furnished next week.
- (9.) Wages of Mechanics and Labourers:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Do the Government intend to make any increase in the Salaries or Wages of the Mechanics and Labourers employed in the Government service; and if so, when?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—Steps have already been taken to ascertain the rates of wages paid by private firms to the class of workmen employed under Government, and the Government intend to regulate the payment of salaries and wages accordingly.
- (10.) Trespassing on Land Leased for Tin Mining:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—
- (1.) Whether the Government have received any official information to the effect that parties, under the pretence of prospecting for Gold, are trespassing on land leased for Tin Mining on Herding Yard and other Creeks near Maryland, in the Tenterfield District, and taking away Tin Ore from such land despite the remonstrances of the agents or servants of the lessees?
  - (2.) Will the Government take steps to protect the property of the lessees of said land from being plundered by trespassers?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The Government will provide for the usual Police protection.
- (11.) Municipality of Liverpool:—Mr. Wearne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—When will the Municipality of the District of Liverpool be gazetted?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I should be glad if my honorable friend would ask this question to-morrow, or on some future day. The Papers in the case are rather voluminous, and I have not yet had time to read them.
- Mr. Cunneen not asking Question No. 12, it dropped.*
- (12.) Civil Service Superannuation:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—
- (1.) What course do the Government intend taking in regard to the Superannuation Question?
  - (2.) Is it their intention to introduce a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act this Session; or if not, when?
  - (3.) If they have no intention to introduce such a Bill soon, how do they propose in the meantime to deal with the case of those Civil Servants from whose salaries an annual deduction is made under the existing law, without corresponding benefit, or with the case of those who have been led to expect certain pensions or retiring allowances after retirement from the service, but for payment of which no sufficient provision appears to have been made?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—
- (1 & 2.) The Government intend to introduce a Bill early next Session.
  - (3.) As this Bill will be introduced soon, the third question does not appear to require a separate answer.
2. PAPERS:—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
    - (1.) Further Despatch respecting Colonial Tariffs.
    - (2.) Road Trust Accounts, for half-years ending 30 June and 31 December, 1870.
 Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
    - (1.) Public Accounts. (Report of Board of Audit.)
    - (2.) Final Return to an Order in reference to "Sewerage and Water Supply," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 18th April, 1871.
    - (3.) Papers respecting Builder's Certificate for schooner "Athlete," taken from the Custom House by Mr. G. R. Dibbs.
 Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Additional Gold Regulations for Mining upon Crown Lands.
3. MR. FREDERICK DUNBAR:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Frederick Dunbar, formerly Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, alleging that he was arbitrarily and unjustly removed from that situation; and praying for inquiry into his case, with a view to relief.
- Petition received.
4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lord moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.

5. **CESSNOCK ROAD** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from the inhabitants of Quorrobolong, Ellalong, Cessnock, and Bishop's Bridge, relative to the Cessnock Road, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
6. **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases."  
Question put and passed.
7. **ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from certain subscribers for the establishment of St. Andrew's College, and other Presbyterians, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the case of St. Andrew's College, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
8. **MR. S. LEVY** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Correspondence, Minutes, and Medical Certificates, connected with the case of S. Levy, sixth Landing Waiter, H.M. Customs, Sydney, who was disrated in February, 1871, for alleged incapacity and neglect of duty, but restored to his former position on the 15th March, 1872.  
Return to embrace the Correspondence between the Landing Surveyors, Clearing Officer, Jerkers, and the Collector of Customs, with the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, in reference to the charges which led to Mr. Levy's dismissal.  
Correspondence and Report of the Auditor General as to the manner in which Mr. Levy kept the books of the Ships "Duke of Sutherland" and "Ellen Stuart."  
Report of the Commissioners who investigated the charges against Mr. Levy, and the Correspondence and Evidence connected therewith.  
Minute restoring Mr. Levy provisionally to his office.  
Names of the officers promoted when Mr. Levy was disrated; the nature of their promotion, the increase of salary, if any, and the time they enjoyed such increase before reverting to their former positions; also, copy of Correspondence between the officers affected by the restoring of Mr. Levy and the Collector of Customs and the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.  
Colonial Treasurer's Minutes restoring Mr. Levy to his position as sixth Landing Waiter.  
Dates of Mr. Levy's absentsing himself from duty on the plea of ill-health, and date of his return to duty.  
Question put and passed.
9. **VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
*Major Shepherd's case*—  
Copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Honorable Colonial Secretary (John Robertson, Esq.,) Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Richardson, Major Shepherd, commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Major W. Wilson, Volunteer Artillery, Major Fitzsimons, Captain S. Hopkins, and any other person or persons, relative to applications made by Major Shepherd to be appointed Commandant of the Volunteer Artillery with the full powers of a Regimental Commanding Officer; for a paid Regimental Adjutant to be under his sole control, and for other details for the benefit of the Volunteer Artillery; likewise copies of all Papers, Documents, Minutes, and Memoranda whatsoever bearing upon such applications.  
*Captain Bamford's case*—  
(1.) Copies of the Correspondence required to complete the Return ordered by this House on the 27th January, 1871.  
Letter from Captain F. Wells to Mr. J. B. Bamford, dated 28th November, 1870.  
Letter from Mr. J. B. Bamford to F. Wells, Esq., dated 30/11/70.  
Letter from Captain F. Wells to Mr. J. B. Bamford, dated 6th December, 1870, bearing remarks by Colonel Richardson.  
Letter from Mr. J. B. Bamford to Captain F. Wells, dated 10th December, 1870.  
Memorandum by Captain F. Wells, dated 17/12/70.  
Memorandum by Colonel Richardson, dated 19/12/70, endorsed on letter of 10th December, 1870.  
Memorandum by Mr. J. B. Bamford, endorsed on letter of 10th December, 1870.  
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, Major P. L. C. Shepherd, Commanding Volunteer Artillery, Captain J. B. Bamford, commanding No. 8 or "Prince Alfred's Own" Battery, V. A., Captain F. Wells, commanding No. 9 Battery, V. A., and Captain J. Macdonald, commanding No. 10 Battery, V. A., regarding an application of Captain J. B. Bamford that the commissions of himself and subaltern officers, and the appointments of his non-commissioned officers might be antedated in order to give them precedence of the same ranks in Batteries 9 and 10, being junior Batteries to his own; also copies of all remarks, papers, documents, minutes, and memoranda (by whomsoever written), relative to such application.  
Question put and passed.
10. **BATHURST GAS BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst.  
Question put and passed.
11. **TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to bring in a Bill to grant a Limited Copyright in Telegrams.  
Question put and passed.
12. **LAKE GEORGE ROAD** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain residents of Queanbeyan and surrounding districts, relative to the condition of the Lake George Road, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

13. SCHOOL BUILDINGS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by him on 11th June, from the Rev. James Ross, relative to School Buildings at Mulgoa, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
14. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL:—Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL:—Mr. Allen having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to grant a limited Copyright in Telegrams,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 21st June.
16. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Directors of the Parramatta Gas Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited),—  
And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Cumberland Times*, newspapers, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of March, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
17. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—  
(1.) The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing Richard Hill, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 9th May, 1872, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.  
(2.) Whereupon Richard Hill, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the said Committee.
18. LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1 of Government Business, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Greville, Sir James Martin, Mr. Allen, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stephen Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
19. RETURN OF WRIT:—The Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him during the late adjournment for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of East Sydney, in the room of Saul Samuel, Esquire, resigned, had been returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of George Oakes, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
20. MEMBER SWORN:—George Oakes, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
21. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2 of Government Business, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the Speaker, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Allen, Sir James Martin, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
22. REFRESHMENT ROOM COMMITTEE:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 of Government Business, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Robertson, Sir James Martin, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
23. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—  
(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4 of Government Business, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for Free Commercial Intercourse across the Boundary-line of the River Murray,—  
And that Mr. Burns do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Parkes the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Burns reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*, That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make provision for Free Commercial Intercourse across the Boundary-line of the River Murray.  
On motion of Mr. Parkes, that Report was adopted.  
(2.) Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision for Free Commercial Intercourse across the Boundary-line of the River Murray,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

24. **APPOINTMENT OF SIR HERCULES ROBINSON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:**—On the Order of the Day being read, Mr. Parkes moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1 be read.  
Question put and passed,—  
And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday) read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker.  
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the following Address, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message, be adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency:—  
“ *To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.* ”  
“ **MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**—  
“ We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey  
“ to your Excellency our thanks for your Message informing us that you have assumed the Govern-  
“ ment of the Colony, in virtue of a Commission from Her Most Gracious Majesty appointing you  
“ Governor and Commander-in-Chief.  
“ We beg to assure your Excellency that the choice made by the Queen, in filling the high  
“ office of Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony, is regarded by us with much satisfaction ;  
“ and we confidently believe that your Excellency's appointment will tend to strengthen the loyal  
“ attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Person which pervades all classes of the people.  
“ We beg your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations.”  
Question put and passed.
25. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2, postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, until to-morrow.
26. **RETRENCHMENT IN THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE:**—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1:—  
(1.) That in the opinion of this House the Retrenchment Scheme of the late Government, now in operation, is inequitable and unjust, and ought to be abandoned without delay.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Parkes moved the Previous Question.  
Debate continued.  
Question put, That that Question be now put,—  
And division called for,—  
But there being no Tellers on the part of the Ayes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the negative.
27. **ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, ADELONG:**—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 11th June, from certain residents of Adelong and the Tumut Districts, relating to the Roman Catholic School at that place, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
28. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—Mr. Buchanan postponed the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 12 and 13, until to-morrow.
29. **GOLD FIELDS APPEAL BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What are the duties of Mr. G. F. Wise under the Government, his salary derivable therefrom, and the hours he is expected to give for the performance of same ?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?
3. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a "Local Marine Board" for the Port of Newcastle; and, if so, when ?
4. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry into effect the arrangement made between the late Colonial Secretary and the Mayor of Newcastle, respecting the payment of the amount due to Messrs. Buyers and Mackenzie for making a Special Audit of the Accounts of the Borough of Newcastle ?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) When will the Commons granted to the inhabitants of Clark's Creek be surveyed ?
  - (2.) Is the Secretary for Lands aware that the By-laws approved by the Government are useless to the Trustees, unless the ground granted is surveyed ?
  - (3.) Will this survey be ordered immediately ?
6. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the cost per mile, including all charges of construction, &c., in each case, of the Great Southern, Northern, and Western Lines of Railway ?
  - (2.) What is the cost per mile for working expenses, wear and tear, control, &c., in the case of each of the abovenamed Lines ?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*as an amendment to Mr. Parkes's motion, that John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session*), the omission of the words "John Fitzgerald Burns" with a view to insert the words "John Lackey" in lieu thereof.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers
3. MR. LEE to move, That the Return to Address in reference to the Court-house at West Maitland, laid upon the Table by the late Colonial Secretary on the 10th May last, be printed.
4. MR. JACOB to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all communications with the Department of Public Works and the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, relative to a Boat Harbour at Raymond Terrace, for which a sum of £200 had been voted by the late Assembly, and with regard to any conversations which influenced the non-proceeding with the work, the names of the persons between whom the conversations took place.
5. MR. JACOB to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Trustees for the various Roads in the District of Raymond Terrace ; the Return to specify what Roads, if any, are under the supervision of the Bench instead of Trustees.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th June, from Mr. Frederick Dunbar, be printed.
7. MR. FARNELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company, (Limited).
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## 9. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Justices of the Peace Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 14 JUNE.

## Questions :—

## 1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is it necessary that all the Regimental Staff Officers and Captains in the Volunteer Field Artillery should be mounted ; if so, what provision has been made to supply them with trained horses capable of standing fire ?

(2.) By whose authority or upon whose recommendation have the Volunteers been deprived of all accommodation for the purpose of drilling by night ?

(3.) By what authority have Hyde Park Barracks been taken away from the Volunteer Artillery, after the express sanction of Mr. Cowper had been obtained for their occupation ?

(4.) Do the Government intend to provide proper or any means for instructing the Force, in the form of sheds or otherwise ?

(5.) Is it imperative that the instructors in the " Volunteer Force " should be obliged to serve in the " Military Force " ?

(6.) What were the previous qualifications that led to the selection of the Officers of the " Military Force " ?

(7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the length of service each officer appointed to the " Military Force " had in the Imperial Army or Navy—the last rank held by each respectively—the dates of their retirement—and the reasons for the same ?

(8.) Were the " Military Force " (exclusive of those on duty) inspected separately in a body on the last Queen's Birthday at the Victoria Barracks ?

(9.) Is it the intention of the Government to assimilate as far as practicable the organization of the Military Forces of this Colony, whether paid or unpaid, to the altered views now held by the Government of the Mother Country ?

## 2. MR. CUNNEEN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Have the Government received any application for the establishment of a District Court at the Wollombi Township ?

(2.) If so, what determination (if any) have they arrived at on the said application ?

## 3. MR. WEARNE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Municipality of the District of Liverpool be gazetted ?

## 4. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—When will the Bathurst Mail be conveyed from Dirty Swamp, in lieu of, as now, from Rydal ?

## 5. MR. GRAHAMME to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year a sufficient sum of money for the construction of a traffic Bridge over the Bombala River, within the Town of Bombala ?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Commons Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Matrimonial Divorce Bill ; second reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

## 1. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, intituled " A Bill to make better Provision for the Custody of Infants."

## 2. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges made by Mr. Richard Jurd, Mail Contractor, Wollombi, against the Telegraph Station Master at that place, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers connected with the same.

## TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

## 1. MR. STEWART to move,—

(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.

(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.

(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain inhabitants of Hinton, praying for dissolution of the Maitland District Council, be printed.
3. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.
4. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE.

## Question :—

1. MR. JACOB to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has a person of the name of Myers been employed at any time as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, any road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees ; and if so, under what understanding, and what remuneration, if any, has he received from the date of his first being so employed to the present date, and from what fund ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill ; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.
  - (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony ; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.
  - (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.



FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect " (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of " internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That " railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present " costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most " important lines of traffic"; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient. "
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the export duty on gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. G. F. Wise:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What are the duties of Mr. G. F. Wise under the Government, his salary derivable therefrom, and the hours he is expected to give for the performance of same?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Wise discharges the duties of Immigration Agent, viz.,—the receiving and disposing of Immigrants on their arrival, and he conducts the correspondence, and keeps the accounts, connected with that Department,—for this he receives a reduced salary of £190 per annum. Mr. Wise is also charged with the compilation of the Census (a temporary office), for which he receives a reduced salary of £380 per annum—in all £570. He is expected to give the usual hours to his duties, namely, from 9 to 4.

- (2.) Lake George Road:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister representing the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?

(2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?

(3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The amount cannot be ascertained on such short notice, as the expenditure has taken place under Trustees, and goes back for some years. An officer has been sent to examine and report on the road in question. A copy of the report can be laid upon the Table if required.

- (3.) Local Marine Board for Newcastle:—Mr. Hannell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a "Local Marine Board" for the Port of Newcastle; and, if so, when?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The Government have not arrived at a decision in reference to the establishment of a Marine Board at Newcastle, but the subject is now under their consideration.

- (4.) Audit of Accounts of Borough of Newcastle:—Mr. Hannell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry into effect the arrangement made between the late Colonial Secretary and the Mayor of Newcastle, respecting the payment of the amount due to Messrs. Buyers and Mackenzie for making a Special Audit of the Accounts of the Borough of Newcastle?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The contemplated arrangement appears to have been contingent on a vote of Parliament, and on the concurrence of the Special Auditors. The vote remains to be taken, and the Special Auditors do not concur. The matter shall have the earliest attention from the Government.

(5.)

(5.) Clarke's Creek Commons :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) When will the Commons granted to the inhabitants of Clarke's Creek be surveyed ?
- (2.) Is the Secretary for Lands aware that the By-laws approved by the Government are useless to the Trustees, unless the ground granted is surveyed ?
- (3.) Will this survey be ordered immediately ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The temporary Common at Windeyer, which includes Clarke's Creek, Campbell Creek, and Long Creek, an area of about twelve square miles, has not been marked out, being only a temporary commonage until required for sale. It is not usual to mark such temporary commonages.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) No.

(6.) Cost of Railways :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) What is the cost per mile, including all charges of construction, &c., in each case, of the Great Southern, Northern, and Western Lines of Railway ?
- (2.) What is the cost per mile for working expenses, wear and tear, control, &c., in the case of each of the abovenamed Lines ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) In reply to the first division of the Honorable Member's question, the following are the figures :—

	£	s.	d.	
Great Southern—				
Sydney to Parramatta Junction ... ..	55,429	0	0	per mile
Parramatta Junction to Goulburn... ..	13,981	0	0	„
Great Western—				
Parramatta Junction to Rydal ... ..	15,517	0	0	„
Great Northern—				
Newcastle to Scone ... ..	12,979	0	0	„

The above are exclusive of machinery and rolling stock.

- (2.) The following figures give the reply to the second part of the question :—

	£	s.	d.	
Great Southern—				
Sydney to Goulburn ... ..	646	3	8	per mile.
Great Western—				
Parramatta Junction to Rydal ... ..	486	19	0	„
Great Northern—				
Newcastle to Scone, including the Morpeth Branch, and Wingen length for 5 months ... ..	525	14	9	„

The amount for the working expenses includes every charge for the year 1871.

2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Hannell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. BOAT HARBOUR AT RAYMOND TERRACE (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all communications with the Department of Public Works and the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, relative to a Boat Harbour at Raymond Terrace, for which a sum of £200 had been voted by the late Assembly, and with regard to any conversations which influenced the non-proceeding with the work, the names of the persons between whom the conversations took place.  
Question put and passed.

4. TRUSTEES FOR ROADS IN DISTRICT OF RAYMOND TERRACE (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Trustees for the various Roads in the District of Raymond Terrace; the Return to specify what Roads, if any, are under the supervision of the Bench instead of Trustees.  
Question put and passed.

5. MR. FREDERICK DUNBAR (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 12th June, from Mr. Frederick Dunbar, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

6. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited).  
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Farnell having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited)*,”—read a first time.

7. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to “Trustees for Roads in District of Raymond Terrace,” made by the Legislative Assembly this day, on motion of Mr. Jacob.  
Ordered to be printed.

8. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That “John Fitzgerald Burns,” Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, that the Question be amended, by the omission of the words “John Fitzgerald Burns” with a view to insert the words “John Lackey” in lieu thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Butler,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Rodd.
Mr. Innes,	
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Creed,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 30.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Central</i>	Mr. Hoskins,
<i>Cumberland</i> ),	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put,—That the words "John Lackey," proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Butler,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Jacob,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Central</i>	Mr. De Salis,
<i>Cumberland</i> ),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Moscs,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. M'Laurin,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Scholey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Raphael.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lackey and Mr. Burns respectively made their acknowledgments to the House.

9. BATHURST GAS BILL:—Mr. Allen having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst,"—read a first time.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.
11. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
Question put and passed.
12. VOLUNTEER ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers.  
Question put and passed.
13. COURT HOUSE, WEST MAITLAND:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Return to Address in reference to the Court-house at West Maitland, laid upon the Table by the late Colonial Secretary on the 10th May last, be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. MOTIONS POSTPONED:—*Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, postponed the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan, Nos. 8 and 9, until Tuesday next.
15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 14 JUNE.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it necessary that all the Regimental Staff Officers and Captains in the Volunteer Field Artillery should be mounted; if so, what provision has been made to supply them with trained horses capable of standing fire?
  - (2.) By whose authority or upon whose recommendation have the Volunteers been deprived of all accommodation for the purpose of drilling by night?
  - (3.) By what authority have Hyde Park Barracks been taken away from the Volunteer Artillery, after the express sanction of Mr. Cowper had been obtained for their occupation?
  - (4.) Do the Government intend to provide proper or any means for instructing the Force, in the form of sheds or otherwise?
  - (5.) Is it imperative that the instructors in the "Volunteer Force" should be obliged to serve in the "Military Force"?
  - (6.) What were the previous qualifications that led to the selection of the Officers of the "Military Force"?
  - (7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the length of service each officer appointed to the "Military Force" had in the Imperial Army or Navy—the last rank held by each respectively—the dates of their retirement—and the reasons for the same?
  - (8.) Were the "Military Force" (exclusive of those on duty) inspected separately in a body on the last Queen's Birthday at the Victoria Barracks?
  - (9.) Is it the intention of the Government to assimilate as far as practicable the organization of the Military Forces of this Colony, whether paid or unpaid, to the altered views now held by the Government of the Mother Country?
2. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Have the Government received any application for the establishment of a District Court at the Wollombi Township?
  - (2.) If so, what determination (if any) have they arrived at on the said application?
3. MR. WEARNE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Municipality of the District of Liverpool be gazetted?
4. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—When will the Bathurst Mail be conveyed from Dirty Swamp, in lieu of, as now, from Rydal?
5. MR. GRAHAM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year a sufficient sum of money for the construction of a traffic Bridge over the Bombala River, within the Town of Bombala?
6. MR. CREED *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has he received a Report from the Chief Inspector of Stock relative to the cattle imported in the "Parramatta," said to have been suffering from foot and mouth disease; if so, will he cause it to be laid upon the Table of this House as early as possible?
7. MR. CREED *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What steps do the Government intend to take with a view to establishing some Assay Office, where the public may obtain assay reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority, on the closing of the Assay Department of the Mint?
8. MR. CREED *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What are the duties of the Government Examiner of Coal Fields?
  - (2.) What salary does he receive?
  - (3.) What were the instructions he received on being appointed?
  - (4.) What are the duties of Inspector of Coal Fields?
  - (5.) What salary does he receive?
9. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to accept the terms offered by the Government of Victoria for the settlement of the Border Duties question, and to stop the actual collection of duties upon the Murray frontier?
  - (2.) If so, when?
10. MR. TERRY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) If it is true that an order was issued some time ago that no appointments should be made to the Civil Service without the applicant undergoing a public examination, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the names of the persons appointed to the Civil Service since the 1st November, 1871, and state the names of those who passed the necessary examination?
  - (2.) Will he also inform the House whether parties who failed to pass the examination are now provisionally employed in Government Offices?
11. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has any application been made to the Government to grant a Common for the use of the inhabitants in the Wollombi District?
  - (2.) If so, what action has been, or is intended to be, taken in the matter?
12. MR. TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that a nuisance has been created in the Town of Parramatta, from the fact of the Government having constructed a sewer from the Gaol and Lunatic Asylum to the river at or near the bridge?
  - (2.) If so, will the Government take any steps to remove the said nuisance?

13. **MR. FORSTER** to ask **THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—In the event of a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act not being introduced by the Government during the present Session, how do the Government propose to deal with the case of those Civil Servants from whose salaries an annual deduction is made under the existing law, without corresponding benefit, or with the case of those who have been led to expect certain pensions or retiring allowances after retirement from the Service, but for payment of which no sufficient provision appears to have been made?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
5. Justices of the Peace Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. STEWART** to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make better Provision for the Custody of Infants."
2. **MR. CUNNEEN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges made by **Mr. Richard Jurd**, Mail Contractor, Wollombi, against the Telegraph Station Master at that place, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers connected with the same.
3. **MR. FARNELL** to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and that the evidence taken by a previous Committee be referred to this Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz:—**Mr. Allen**, **Mr. Driver**, **Mr. Taylor**, **Mr. Grabame**, **Mr. Tunks**, **Mr. Lackey**, **Mr. W. C. Browne**, **Mr. Hill**, **Mr. Teece**, and the Mover.
4. **MR. ALLEN** to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to enable **John Newlands Wark** to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of **Mr. Webb**, **Mr. Combes**, **Mr. Lord**, **Mr. Hoskins**, **Mr. Bawden**, **Mr. Lucas**, **Mr. Lackey**, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this Bill, appointed during the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee above named.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

Questions:—

1. **MR. RAPHAEL** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—If it is compatible that gentlemen holding Government offices, such as those held by **Mr. G. F. Wise**, should receive a salary from Public Charities?
2. **MR. TEECE** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**, OR **THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM**,—Is it the intention of the Government to rebuild the original bridge, or to erect a new one, at **Marsden's Crossing** on the **Wollondilly**, near **Goulburn**; and, if so, when?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. STEWART** to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. **MR. CAMPBELL** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain inhabitants of **Hinton**, praying for dissolution of the **Maitland District Council**, be printed.
3. **MR. TUNKS** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the **Earl of Belmore**, the **Colonial Secretary's Department**, **Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson**, and the **Majors** commanding the **Volunteer Artillery**, **Sydney and Suburban Battalions**, **Volunteer Rifles**, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of **Lieutenant-Colonel** in conformity with the **Volunteer Force Regulations**.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting **Forge allowance** required for the **junior Majors** and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the **Volunteer Officers**, the **Brigade Office**, and His Excellency the **Earl of Belmore**, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to **Her Majesty's Militia**, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the **Regulations**. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the **Volunteer Force** and **Naval Brigade**, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each **Squadron**, **Battery**, and **Company** to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each **Arm** of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the **Permanent Staff**, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forge allowance" for the **Artillery**, **Rifles**, **Cadets**, and **Naval Brigade**.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.

## 4. MR. NEALE to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

## 5. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.

(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## 6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE.

## Question :—

1. MR. JACOB to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has a person of the name of Myers been employed at any time as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, any road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees ; and if so, under what understanding, and what remuneration, if any, has he received from the date of his first being so employed to the present date, and from what fund ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.
  - (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony ; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.
  - (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.

FRIDAY,



FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
  2. MR. NEALE to move,—
    - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
    - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
    - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
    - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
    - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
    - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
    - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?
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New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Volunteers and the Military Force:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it necessary that all the Regimental Staff Officers and Captains in the Volunteer Field Artillery should be mounted; if so, what provision has been made to supply them with trained horses capable of standing fire?

(2.) By whose authority or upon whose recommendation have the Volunteers been deprived of all accommodation for the purpose of drilling by night?

(3.) By what authority have Hyde Park Barracks been taken away from the Volunteer Artillery, after the express sanction of Mr. Cowper had been obtained for their occupation?

(4.) Do the Government intend to provide proper or any means for instructing the Force, in the form of sheds or otherwise?

(5.) Is it imperative that the instructors in the "Volunteer Force" should be obliged to serve in the "Military Force"?

(6.) What were the previous qualifications that led to the selection of the Officers of the "Military Force"?

(7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the length of service each officer appointed to the "Military Force" had in the Imperial Army or Navy—the last rank held by each respectively—the dates of their retirement—and the reasons for the same?

(8.) Were the "Military Force" (exclusive of those on duty) inspected separately in a body on the last Queen's Birthday at the Victoria Barracks?

(9.) Is it the intention of the Government to assimilate as far as practicable the organization of the Military Forces of this Colony, whether paid or unpaid, to the altered views now held by the Government of the Mother Country?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is necessary; some receive forage allowance, and others are allowed to hire horses at the public expense. It is the duty of these officers to see that the horses are fit for the required duty.

(2.) With the exception of that at Hyde Park, they retain their accommodation.

(3.) By the authority of the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Cowper, it being understood that they had ample accommodation elsewhere at that time.

(4.) Additional drill accommodation has been recommended, and is under consideration.

(5.) No, but a certain proportion of the instructors are taken, from reasons of economy, from the "Military Force."

(6.) Principally from the fact of their having been in the Imperial Naval or Military Service.

(7.) No.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) It is recommended by the Commandant that the organization of the Military Forces should be assimilated as much as possible with the Imperial Service.

(2.)

- (2.) District Court, Wollombi :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Have the Government received any application for the establishment of a District Court at the Wollombi Township ?
  - (2.) If so, what determination (if any) have they arrived at on the said application ?

Mr. Butler answered,—A petition was received in the month of January last, from certain residents of the District of Wollombi, praying for the re-establishment of a District Court in that township. The subject had previously, in the year 1870, been referred by the then Attorney General to the District Court Judge and Crown Prosecutor, who reported that this Court, as well as several others, ought to be discontinued, on account of the small amount of business usually transacted in those Courts, which was so small that the debts recovered in each of them scarcely amounted to the cost of holding the Court. Sir James Martin, the then Attorney General, gave effect to their report, and directed the petitioners to be apprised that he did so. They were informed accordingly.

- (3.) Municipality of Liverpool :—Mr. Wearne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Municipality of the District of Liverpool be gazetted ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Within ten days or a fortnight.

- (4.) Bathurst Mail :—Mr. Raphael asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Bathurst Mail be conveyed from Dirty Swamp, in lieu of, as now, from Rydal ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—It is not intended to alter the present arrangements until the extension to Macquarie Plains is opened, which will probably be on the 1st proximo.

- (5.) Bridge over Bombala River :—Mr. Grahame asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year a sufficient sum of money for the construction of a traffic Bridge over the Bombala River, within the Town of Bombala ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A traffic Bridge is much required over the River within the Township of Bombala, and the amount to be placed on the Estimates for this and other similar works is under the consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Cattle imported in the "Parramatta" :—Mr. Creed asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Has he received a Report from the Chief Inspector of Stock relative to the cattle imported in the "Parramatta," said to have been suffering from foot and mouth disease ; if so, will he cause it to be laid upon the Table of this House as early as possible ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Report has been prepared by the Chief Inspector of Stock, but has not yet been received by me. I learn that Mr. Bruce did not sign it before leaving for Melbourne, where he has gone in reference to the foot and mouth disease, stated to have broken out there, and I cannot say, therefore, whether the Report is in a sufficiently complete state to lay upon the Table of the House.

*Mr. Creed withdrew Question No. 7.*

- (7.) Examiner and Inspector of Coal Fields :—Mr. Creed asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

- (1.) What are the duties of the Government Examiner of Coal Fields ?
- (2.) What salary does he receive ?
- (3.) What were the instructions he received on being appointed ?
- (4.) What are the duties of Inspector of Coal Fields ?
- (5.) What salary does he receive ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) To ascertain the state and condition of all Collieries throughout the Colony ; to obtain plans of workings ; to report upon accidents ; to report breaches of the provisions of the Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862 ; to report discoveries of coal or other minerals on Crown Lands ; to report on special Colliery Rules.

(2.) £555 a year.

(3.) Copy of letter of instructions on his first appointment as Junior Examiner of Coal Fields, 10th March, 1863, which I will lay upon the Table.

(4.) To inspect Collieries ; to make inquiry into state and condition thereof, including machinery, ventilation, drainage, light, use of lights, and all matters relating to the safety of the persons employed ; to see whether the provisions of the Coal Fields Act of 1862 are complied with ; to give notice of matters not provided for by rules ; to attend inquests ; and to send in half-yearly reports.

(5.) £285 a year.

- (8.) Border Duties :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to accept the terms offered by the Government of Victoria for the settlement of the Border Duties question, and to stop the actual collection of duties upon the Murray frontier ?

(2.) If so, when ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government, as soon as possible, to make an agreement with the Government of Victoria for securing free trade across the Murray frontier between the two Colonies. The Government is willing to accept the terms offered as the basis, subject to certain considerations, of such agreement. The Government is not prepared to stop the actual collection of duties in violation of the law.

- (9.) Examinations for the Civil Service :—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) If it is true that an order was issued some time ago that no appointments should be made to the Civil Service without the applicant undergoing a public examination, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the names of the persons appointed to the Civil Service since the 1st November, 1871, and state the names of those who passed the necessary examination ?

(2.) Will he also inform the House whether parties who failed to pass the examination are now provisionally employed in Government Offices ?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A resolution passed the Legislative Assembly on the 9th February, 1871, in pursuance of which persons appointed to the Civil Service are required to procure certificates from the University. There will be no objection to furnish the information required.

(2.) I am not prepared to say. Persons temporarily employed in clerical duties are not required to pass a University examination.

(10.) Wollombi Common :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No 11,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government to grant a Common for the use of the inhabitants in the Wollombi District?

(2.) If so, what action has been, or is intended to be, taken in the matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—127 acres have been dedicated for permanent commonage at Wollombi, and about 17 square miles for temporary commonage. The Police Magistrate called a meeting of the inhabitants for the purpose of electing Trustees, in whom to vest the Common, but no one attended. No further action has been taken.

(11.) Sewer at Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—

(1.) Is he aware that a nuisance has been created in the Town of Parramatta, from the fact of the Government having constructed a sewer from the Gaol and Lunatic Asylum to the river at or near the bridge?

(2.) If so, will the Government take any steps to remove the said nuisance?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not aware that the sewer referred to causes a nuisance. It was constructed in consequence of frequent complaints having been made as to the discharge of the drainage of Government buildings into the river above the dam, from which the water drawn into the Town is supplied.

(12.) Civil Service Superannuation :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—In the event of a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act not being introduced by the Government during the present Session, how do the Government propose to deal with the case of those Civil Servants from whose salaries an annual deduction is made under the existing law, without corresponding benefit, or with the case of those who have been led to expect certain pensions or retiring allowances after retirement from the Service, but for payment of which no sufficient provision appears to have been made?

Mr. Piddington answered,—I rather imagine this question contains matter of argument or opinion. Whether no "corresponding benefit" is derived appears to me to be matter of opinion, and open to that Parliamentary objection. If the Honorable Member will strike out the words "without corresponding benefit" I am willing to answer the question.

2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Creed moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. TELEGRAPH STATION MASTER, WOLLOMBI ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges made by Mr. Richard Jurd, Mail Contractor, Wollombi, against the Telegraph Station Master at that place, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers connected with the same.

Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and that the evidence taken by a previous Committee be referred to this Committee.

(2.) That such Committee consist of,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Hill, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. BATHURST GAS BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) That the Bill to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Webb, Mr. Combes, Mr. Lord, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this Bill, appointed during the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee above named.

Question put and passed.

6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 28th June.

Debate ensued.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Innes,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Torry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Driver,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question stated.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Scholey,  
Mr. Bennett,

*Tellers.*

Mr. W. C. Browne,  
Mr. Burns.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Jacob,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. M'Laurin,

Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Lackey,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Stewart.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 5th July.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Jacob,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Scholey,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Grahame,

Mr. M'Laurin,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. Tunks,

*Tellers.*

Mr. W. C. Browne,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 8.

Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Buchanan,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Clarke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. COMMONS REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—On motion of Mr. Stewart the Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4, postponed, as follows:—

No. 3, to Friday, 28th June.

No. 4, to Tuesday, 2nd July.

9. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL,—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 6 postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 12th July.

11. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make better Provision for the Custody of Infants."

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is compatible that gentlemen holding Government offices, such as those held by Mr. G. F. Wise, should receive a salary from Public Charities?
2. MR. TEECE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—Is it the intention of the Government to rebuild the original bridge, or to erect a new one, at Marsden's Crossing on the Wollondilly, near Goulburn; and, if so, when?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any objection to furnish the Returns, during the present Session of Parliament, which were ordered by this House during the last Parliament, viz., on the 21st December last, having reference to "Sewerage and Water Supply," and to "Orphan Schools?"
4. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have any steps been taken by the late or the present Government to remedy the delays, so long complained of, in dealing with applications in the Land Titles Office?
  - (2.) If not, will the Government give it their early consideration?
5. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the present Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to carry a Telegraphic Line from Casino to the Richmond River Heads?
6. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) If he has received the depositions and other documents in the matter of the Magisterial Inquiry, recently held at Tamworth, into the cause of the death of an infant named Elijah Garnham?
  - (2.) If so, what course of action does the Honorable Gentleman intend taking with reference to the said inquiry?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. CAMPBELL *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th June, from certain inhabitants of Hinton, praying for dissolution of the Maitland District Council, be printed.
3. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.
4. MR. NEALE *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

5. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. NELSON to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
9. MR. BENNETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of conditional selections made in the District of Liverpool Plains from the 1st January, 1871, to the 31st May, 1872.
  - (2.) The number of acres in each selection.
  - (3.) The names of the persons registered as the *bona fide* conditional purchasers, or the agents of the same.
  - (4.) The localities where selected, and the names of the present or original lessees thereof.
  - (5.) The land offices where the selections have been registered.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Justices of the Peace Bill; third reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the reclamation of land in Blackwattle Bay.

## WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE.

## Question:—

1. MR. JACOB to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has a person of the name of Myers been employed at any time as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, any road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees; and if so, under what understanding, and what remuneration, if any, has he received from the date of his first being so employed to the present date, and from what fund?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.
  - (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.
  - (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.



FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
5. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE .

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
    - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
    - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
    - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
    - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
    - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?
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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. G. F. Wise:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If it is compatible that gentlemen holding Government offices, such as those held by Mr. G. F. Wise, should receive a salary from Public Charities?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is not compatible that gentlemen holding Government offices should receive salaries from public charities; but in practice, I believe, it has not been held incompatible for them to receive from such sources sufficient remuneration to cover their actual expenses.

- (2.) Bridge over the Wollondilly:—Mr. Teece asked the Minister representing the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to rebuild the original bridge, or to erect a new one, at Marsden's Crossing on the Wollondilly, near Goulburn; and, if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The reconstruction of the bridge over the Wollondilly River is under the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Sewerage and Water Supply—Orphan Schools:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the Government any objection to furnish the Returns, during the present Session of Parliament, which were ordered by this House during the last Parliament, viz., on the 21st December last, having reference to "Sewerage and Water Supply," and to "Orphan Schools?"

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Returns asked for by the Honorable Gentleman have not yet been prepared. The Return, so far as the Lands Department is concerned, is of a very difficult nature to prepare properly, but it will be completed if practicable during the present Session, and both Returns will be laid upon the Table at an early day.

- (4.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken by the late or the present Government to remedy the delays, so long complained of, in dealing with applications in the Land Titles Office?

(2.) If not, will the Government give it their early consideration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Upon inquiry I find that serious delays do occur in dealing with applications in the Land Titles Office. I have had a conversation with the Registrar General on the subject, and steps will be taken as early as possible to remedy the evil complained of.

- (5.) Telegraph from Casino to Richmond River Heads:—Mr. Booth asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the present Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to carry a Telegraphic Line from Casino to the Richmond River Heads?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—This matter is under the consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Elijah Garnham:—Mr. Bennett asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) If he has received the depositions and other documents in the matter of the Magisterial Inquiry, recently held at Tamworth, into the cause of the death of an infant named Elijah Garnham?

(2.) If so, what course of action does the Honorable Gentleman intend taking with reference to the said inquiry?

Mr. Butler answered,—

(1.) Yes, the depositions and other documents have been received.

(2.) Further inquiry is being made in reference to the treatment of the case.

2. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. Stewart having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the Custody of Infants,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.
3. APPOINTMENT OF SIR HERCULES ROBINSON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor to receive, at a quarter past Four o'clock to-morrow, the Assembly's Address in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message announcing his assumption of the Government of the Colony.
4. PAPERS:—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Despatches, &c., on the subject of French Penal Establishments at New Caledonia, &c.
  - (2.) Return to an Order in reference to “Great Northern Road,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Burns, on 10th May, 1872.
  - (3.) Return to an Order in reference to “Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 11th June, 1872.
  - (4.) Report from the Inspector General of Police on the working of the Police Regulation Act of 1862.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to “Orphan Schools,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, on 21st December, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Report from the Inspector of Stock relative to the outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Disease in Cattle imported in the “Parramatta.”  
Ordered to be printed.
5. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from the Trustees of certain Church Land in the Parish of Petersham, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston, Thomas Chaplin Breillat, Stephen Campbell Brown, and William Crane, or other the Trustees of certain Land and Premises in the Parish of Petersham, near Newtown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.  
And Mr. Allen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of May and June, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
6. LODER'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Joshua Dowe, of Tamworth, Doctor of Medicine, and Andrew Loder, of Colly Creek, Grazier, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called “North Quirindi” or “Currindi Creek,” being part of the estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the moncy to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will,—  
And Mr. Lackey having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Armidale Telegraph*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of May and June, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
7. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 13th June, 1872, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Lackey, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by Law, of which the following is a copy:—
- “*By His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*”
- “To all to whom these presents shall come,  
“*Greeting:*  
“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize John Lackey, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.  
“Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one  
(L.S.) “thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.  
“HERCULES ROBINSON.  
“*By His Excellency's Command,*  
“HENRY PARKES.”

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Maturity of Warrant Reported* :—  
 (1.) The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing John Stewart, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 11th June, 1872, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.  
 (2.) Whereupon John Stewart, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the said Committee.
9. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th June, 1872.*  
 Question put and passed.
10. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the reclamation of land in Blackwattle Bay.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay,*"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 27th June.
11. POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
 (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.  
 (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.  
 (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
 (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and it resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.  
 Debate continued.  
 Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hammell,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Tunks,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Booth,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. MAITLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL :—Mr. Clarke, on behalf of Mr. Campbell, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Campbell on the 11th June, from certain inhabitants of Hinton, praying for dissolution of the Maitland District Council, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.
13. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—Mr. Tunks withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3.
14. WATER SUPPLY :—Mr. Neale moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

(2.)

(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordcaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adjourned (after Debate) until Friday week.

15. GOLD SMELTING AT THE SYDNEY MINT :—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name No. 5,—

The Speaker said, that as this Motion involved the appropriation of public money, it would be necessary to consider the matter in a preliminary Committee of the Whole House.

Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.

(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Butler moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adjourned until this day week.

17. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN :—Mr. Nelson withdrew the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 7 and 8.

18. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES IN DISTRICT OF LIVERPOOL PLAINS :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of conditional selections made in the District of Liverpool Plains from the 1st January, 1871, to the 31st May, 1872.

(2.) The number of acres in each selection.

(3.) The names of the persons registered as the *bona fide* conditional purchasers, or the agents of the same.

(4.) The localities where selected, and the names of the present or original lessees thereof.

(5.) The land offices where the selections have been registered.

Question put and passed.

19. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday, 9th July.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE.

Questions :—

1. MR. JACOB *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has a person of the name of Myers been employed at any time as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, any road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees; and if so, under what understanding, and what remuneration, if any, has he received from the date of his first being so employed to the present date, and from what fund?
2. MR. HILL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Has the River Murray been navigable for steamers to Albury since the 1st January last, and up to the present time; also from the mouth of the Darling to Fort Bourke, and from the entrance of the Murrumbidgee to Wagga Wagga, during the same period?
3. MR. HILL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the American ship "St. John," of 1,800 tons, has been exempt from pilotage in this Port?
  - (2.) That the vessel is foreign and the Captain an alien?
4. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is the Government aware of the dangerous and almost impassable state of most of the Culverts and Bridges on the road between Orange and Molong; if so, will the Government take immediate steps to have them made safe for traffic?
5. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the fact that Mineral Assays and Quartz-crushings at the Mint are to be discontinued on the 30th of this month?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) In answer to questions put to the late Government, as to that portion of land situated at Darlinghurst, alongside of the new School of Industry, and in possession of the authorities of the Roman Church, it was stated that those authorities were wrongfully in possession of said portion of land, and that proceedings had been instituted by the late Government to eject them therefrom,—Is this true?
  - (2.) Does the Secretary for Lands admit the right of the said authorities to the land in question, and if not, is it the intention of the Government to follow up, in any way, the action of the late Government, with a view to the protection of the rights of the public in this matter?
  - (3.) Has the Government received any Petition, or any communication whatever, from any person or persons on this subject; and, if so, will the Secretary for Lands state the nature of said communications, and, if a Petition, will he state who it was from, and lay it upon the Table of this House?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a man named John Larkins was committed for trial a short time ago by the Magistrates presiding at the Central Police Court, on a charge of perjury?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Attorney General declines to put this man Larkins upon his trial?
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that all letters and newspapers lie at the Post Office at Molong on Sundays from six to seven hours after the arrival of the mail, and before they are delivered to the public?
  - (2.) Have the inhabitants made any complaint of late to the Postmaster General, or to the local Postmaster, of the matter?
  - (3.) What amount of salary is at present annually allowed to the district Postmaster for the performance of his official duties; and how many days in the week does the mail arrive at Molong?
9. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to vote against the £20,000 for support to the "Permanent Military Force" when it comes on for consideration, or will he oppose its being placed on the Estimates?
10. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to insure good roads to the public between Wallerawang and Hill End and Wallerawang and Gulgong, and also between Mudgee and the Railway?
  - (2.) Will the Government aim at this object by expending such reasonable sums of money on those important thoroughfares as will prevent the inconvenience of a stoppage of the traffic which has, I am informed, already taken place to some extent?

11. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Will he have any objection to read to the Legislative Assembly, or otherwise to have printed and distributed, for the information of Members of the Legislative Assembly, previous to moving the second reading of the "Border Duties Convention Bill," copies of all Telegrams and Official Communications received by the Government from Mr. Duffy, or Mr. Francis, Chief Secretary of the Colony of Victoria, relating to the discontinuance of the collection of the Border Duties?  
 (2.) Has Mr. Francis, the Chief Secretary of the Colony of Victoria, given an unconditional pledge to the Government of New South Wales, to the effect that, if the "Border Duties Convention Bill" receives the sanction and approval of the Governor and Parliament of New South Wales, the Government of Victoria will direct the Customs Officers which that Government have at the present time stationed at the Murray River to abstain from the collection of Customs and Wharfage Dues upon wines and every description of agricultural produce sent from the Albury District into the Colony of Victoria?
12. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What is the amount of the present contract for the erection of the Windsor Bridge, and how much in excess of the amount voted by Parliament?  
 (2.) Will the amount of the present contract cover the whole cost of the Bridge, or will there be extras, and to what anticipated amount?  
 (3.) Does the present contract include approaches; and, if not, is it intended to apply for a further vote to complete the Bridge and approaches, and to what amount?
13. MR. CREED *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Under what circumstances is the practice of making Mineral Assays at the Mint proposed to be discontinued?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.  
 (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.  
 (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.  
 (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.
2. MR. ALLEN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston, Thomas Chaplin Breillat, Stephen Campbell Brown, William Crane, or other the Trustees of certain land and premises in the Parish of Petersham, near Newtown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
3. MR. JACOB *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Certificate, if any was received, relative to the health of one H. D. Portus, under which he absented himself from the Quarter Sessions at East Maitland on the 7th March last, to which Sessions he was summoned as a juror; and if there was no such Certificate received, then a Report showing whether the said Mr. Portus was fined for non-attendance at the said Sessions on the date named; and if he was not fined, whether any other non-attending jurors were fined; and, if they were, the reason why Mr. Portus was not.
4. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition and the bringing in of a Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called "The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society," and for other purposes therein mentioned.

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Do the Government intend to have any portion of the unmetalled lengths of road between Bowring and Jugiong, on the Great Southern Road, formed and metalled during the year 1872?  
 (2.) How much public money do the Government contemplate expending in forming, metalling, and repairing the Great Southern Road, between Bowring and Jugiong, during the year 1872?
2. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and (if any) what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the tender of Mr. Richard Evingham, sent to Mr. Moriarty when Commissioner for Crown Lands, for Garner Waterhole?

FRIDAY,



FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
5. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
2. MR. LACKEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The number of Volunteers in each branch of the Service on the Rolls during each year since the passing of the present Volunteer Act in 1867.
  - (2.) The amount paid each year, since the same date, for clothing, ammunition, arms, and accoutrements.
  - (3.) The number of Land Orders issued each year to members of the Force since the same date; also, the amount paid each year, during the same period, for salaries to Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers and Clerks; also, rent for offices, and forage for horses in connection with the Volunteer Staff.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

## Questions:—

1. MR. W. C. BROWNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there a public road from Mount Dangar, on the Goulburn River, through Martindale, to Jerry's Plains?
2. MR. W. C. BROWNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether a person named Sewill occupies a water reserve situated at the foot of Liverpool Range, near the road leading from Merriwa to Breeza?
  - (2.) Is he aware that Sewill levies a charge upon all travelling stock that are obliged to procure water there?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. TUNKS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Minutes, Memoranda, and other Papers in possession of the Government, or Law Officers of the Crown, in connection with the recommendation or application of the Collector of Customs, that Mr. George R. Dibbs, an appointed member of the Marine Board, should be punished by criminal information for taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state.

7. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply. Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

"Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

"Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

"Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

"Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed. These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.

(3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations.

The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.

(4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.

(5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.

9. MR. NELSON to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.

(2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

10. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

11. MR. BAWDEN to move,—

(1.) That the Petition from John Cross, presented by Mr. Bawden on 5th December last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Warden, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.

## WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE.

## Question:—

1. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871?
  - (2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872?
  - (3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case?
  - (4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River?

## THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?
  - (2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - " (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - " (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - " (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, " That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1872.

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

APPOINTMENT OF SIR HERCULES ROBINSON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now proceed to Government House, there to present to the Governor the Address adopted by this Assembly on Wednesday last, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message announcing his assumption of the Government of the Colony,—and that the Address be presented by the Speaker.

Question put and passed.

And the House proceeded to Government House accordingly,—

And being returned, the Speaker reported that, accompanied by the House, he had proceeded to Government House, and there presented the said Address to the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

“I thank you for the loyal and cordial tenour of your Address.

“It is very gratifying to me to receive such an expression of your confidence on my assumption of the high office of Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony. I feel assured, from what I have already seen, that in no portion of the Queen's Dominions are more ardent feelings of attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Person entertained than those which animate all classes of the people of this Country.

“Government House,

“Sydney, June 19th, 1872.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Employment of a man named Myers on Raymond Terrace Roads:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has a person of the name of Myers been employed at any time as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, any road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees; and if so, under what understanding, and what remuneration, if any, has he received from the date of his first being so employed to the present date, and from what fund?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No person of the name of Myers occurs in the accounts received from the Raymond Terrace Bench or Trustees.

(2.) The River Murray:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Has the River Murray been navigable for steamers to Albury since the 1st January last, and up to the present time; also from the mouth of the Darling to Fort Bourke, and from the entrance of the Murrumbidgee to Wagga Wagga, during the same period?

Mr. Piddington answered,—I cannot at present answer this question, but instructions have been given to make inquiry as to the facts.

(3.) American Ship “St. John”:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is he aware that the American ship “St. John,” of 1,800 tons, has been exempt from pilotage in this Port?

(2.) That the vessel is foreign and the Captain an alien?

Mr. Piddington answered,—Inward pilotage was charged on the “St. John,” but the master having produced an exemption certificate from the Marine Board, the outward pilotage was not charged.

(4.)

- (4.) Culverts and Bridges on Orange and Molong Roads:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is the Government aware of the dangerous and almost impassable state of most of the Culverts and Bridges on the road between Orange and Molong; if so, will the Government take immediate steps to have them made safe for traffic?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government are aware that some of the old Culverts on the road—Orange to Molong—require repair or renewal; and orders were given, immediately on the passing of the vote for six months supply, that the necessary works should be proceeded with.

- (5.) Mineral Assays at the Mint:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the fact that Mineral Assays and Quartz-crushings at the Mint are to be discontinued on the 30th of this month?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The decision of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to discontinue the assay at the Mint was arrived at when my Honorable Friend held the office of Colonial Treasurer, on the 10th May last, but in order that I may give the Honorable Member, as well as the Honorable Member for the Upper Hunter, every information on a matter of great interest to the community, I will obtain a copy of the letter I hold in my hand from Mr. Blouis, Deputy Master of the Mint, to the Administrator of the Government, dated 10th May, 1872, and will to-morrow lay it upon the Table, and move that it be printed.

- (6.) Land adjoining the new School of Industry:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No 6,—

(1.) In answer to questions put to the late Government, as to that portion of land situated at Darlinghurst, alongside of the new School of Industry, and in possession of the authorities of the Roman Church, it was stated that those authorities were wrongfully in possession of said portion of land, and that proceedings had been instituted by the late Government to eject them therefrom,—Is this true?

(2.) Does the Secretary for Lands admit the right of the said authorities to the land in question, and if not, is it the intention of the Government to follow up, in any way, the action of the late Government, with a view to the protection of the rights of the public in this matter?

(3.) Has the Government received any Petition, or any communication whatever, from any person or persons on this subject; and, if so, will the Secretary for Lands state the nature of said communications, and, if a Petition, will he state who it was from, and lay it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) It is the case.

(2.) The Crown Solicitor has already, in accordance with the decision arrived at by the late Government, taken the necessary proceedings for obtaining possession of the land. The papers having been only returned to my Department yesterday, for further instructions before the actual ejection of the present occupants, the Government have not had an opportunity of considering the matter.

(3.) A Petition has been received from Archbishop Polding, a copy of which will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

- (7.) John Larkins:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named John Larkins was committed for trial a short time ago by the Magistrates presiding at the Central Police Court, on a charge of perjury?

(2.) Is it true that the Attorney General declines to put this man Larkins upon his trial?

Mr. Butler answered,—

(1.) John Larkins was committed a short time ago on a charge of perjury by a Magistrate of the Central Police Court.

(2.) Yes.

- (8.) Post Office, Molong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Is it true that all letters and newspapers lie at the Post Office at Molong on Sundays from six to seven hours after the arrival of the mail, and before they are delivered to the public?

(2.) Have the inhabitants made any complaint of late to the Postmaster General, or to the local Postmaster, of the matter?

(3.) What amount of salary is at present annually allowed to the district Postmaster for the performance of his official duties; and how many days in the week does the mail arrive at Molong?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) No delay takes place in the delivery of the mails arriving at Molong on Sunday at 5.30 P.M., as the Postmaster delivers them the same evening, although not required by the Regulations to do so. The mails arriving at 5 A.M. on Sunday are not delivered until 1 P.M., as the Regulations only require the Post Office to be opened for one hour, either before or after Divine Service, as may be most convenient to the public.

(2.) Some of them complained to the Postmaster at Molong, who replied that he was willing to open his office at any one hour that the inhabitants might think most convenient, but that if required to open for an hour in the morning, he would abide by the Regulations, and only open once. The applicants appealed against the Postmaster's decision to the late Postmaster General, who sustained such decision.

(3.) Twenty-five pounds per annum. Four days, viz:—Tuesday, 6 P.M., and Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 5 A.M., and 5.30 P.M.

- (9.) The Permanent Military Force:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to vote against the £20,000 for support to the "Permanent Military Force" when it comes on for consideration, or will he oppose its being placed on the Estimates?

Mr. Parkes answered,—When the Estimates for the "Military Force" come on the Honorable Member will see whether it is my intention or not.

(10.) Roads between Wallerawang and Hill End and Wallerawang and Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to insure good roads to the public between Wallerawang and Hill End and Wallerawang and Gulgong, and also between Mudgee and the Railway?
- (2.) Will the Government aim at this object by expending such reasonable sums of money on those important thoroughfares as will prevent the inconvenience of a stoppage of the traffic which has, I am informed, already taken place to some extent?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

- (1.) It is the wish of the Government to “ensure” good roads between Bathurst and Hill End and Wallerawang and Mudgee.
- (2.) A sum of £22,000 is on the Estimates for present year (Loans) for completing the metalling of road Wallerawang to Mudgee. A Road Superintendent has been stationed at Hill End, with instructions to proceed with the improvement of the roads in that vicinity. Surveys have been made, and tenders invited for the most urgent works, in anticipation of the vote of £6000 on the Estimates for 1872.

(11.) Border Duties:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

- (1.) Will he have any objection to read to the Legislative Assembly, or otherwise to have printed and distributed, for the information of Members of the Legislative Assembly, previous to moving the second reading of the “Border Duties Convention Bill,” copies of all Telegrams and Official Communications received by the Government from Mr. Duffy, or Mr. Francis, Chief Secretary of the Colony of Victoria, relating to the discontinuance of the collection of the Border Duties?
- (2.) Has Mr. Francis, the Chief Secretary of the Colony of Victoria, given an unconditional pledge to the Government of New South Wales, to the effect that, if the “Border Duties Convention Bill” receives the sanction and approval of the Governor and Parliament of New South Wales, the Government of Victoria will direct the Customs Officers which that Government have at the present time stationed at the Murray River to abstain from the collection of Customs and Wharfage Dues upon wines and every description of agricultural produce sent from the Albury District into the Colony of Victoria?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I have caused the Telegrams which have passed between this Government and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, in addition to those already upon the Table of this House, to be printed, and will circulate them among Honorable Members within half-an-hour.

(12.) Windsor Bridge:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—

- (1.) What is the amount of the present contract for the erection of the Windsor Bridge, and how much in excess of the amount voted by Parliament?
- (2.) Will the amount of the present contract cover the whole cost of the Bridge, or will there be extras, and to what anticipated amount?
- (3.) Does the present contract include approaches; and, if not, is it intended to apply for a further vote to complete the Bridge and approaches, and to what amount?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

- (1.) The amount of contract for the erection of Windsor Bridge is £8,287, or £1,287 in excess of the amount voted by Parliament.
- (2.) There may be extras beyond the amount of the present contract, but it is impossible to say to what exact amount until the cylinders are sunk.
- (3.) The present contract does not include the approaches; but a sum is placed on the Estimates for 1872 for the completion of the Bridge and approaches.

(13.) Mineral Assays at the Mint:—Mr. Creed asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—Under what circumstances is the practice of making Mineral Assays at the Mint proposed to be discontinued?

*Mr. Piddington* answered,—I do not see how I can so well explain the circumstances under which the practice of making Mineral Assays at the Mint was proposed to be discontinued, as by laying upon the Table of the House the letter addressed by Mr. Elouis, the Master of the Mint, to the Administrator of the Government. This, as I have already stated, I shall do to-morrow.

3. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1872, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1871 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by the Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message, No. 2.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1872, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1871 and previous years.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 19th June, 1872.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Butler laid upon the Table, Annual Returns under 103rd Section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

5. VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY:—Mr. Tunks presented a Petition from Paul Talbot, of Sydney, Lieutenant in No. 2 Battery of Volunteer Artillery, alleging that his position in the Force has been prejudiced by the system of promotion adopted by the Commandant; and praying for redress.  
Petition received.

6. **MEMBER SWORN** :—John Sutherland, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.
7. **ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL** :—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Peter Stewart, John Macdonald, and others, Trustees of certain land in the City of Sydney, granted for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church,—praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street, in the City of Sydney, granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church, to sell the said land and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church, in Castlereagh-street, Sydney, aforesaid, being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia. And Mr. Stewart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of April, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
8. **HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND CABS** :—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from certain Proprietors and Drivers of Hackney Carriages and Cabs, complaining of the treatment they have received from the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney; and praying the House to take their Petition into favorable consideration, with a view to relief in the premises.  
Petition received.
9. **THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*) :—  
(1.) Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston, Thomas Chaplin Breillat, Stephen Campbell Brown, William Crane, or other the Trustees of certain land and premises in the Parish of Petersham, near Newtown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Allen having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston Thomas Chaplin Breillat Stephen Campbell Brown and William Crane or other the Trustees of certain Land and Premises in the Parish of Petersham near Newtown to sell the same and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
10. **MR. H. D. PORTUS** (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Certificate, if any was received, relative to the health of one H. D. Portus, under which he absented himself from the Quarter Sessions at East Maitland on the 7th March last, to which Sessions he was summoned as a juror; and if there was no such Certificate received, then a Report showing whether the said Mr. Portus was fined for non-attendance at the said Sessions on the date named; and if he was not fined, whether any other non-attending jurors were fined; and, if they were, the reason why Mr. Portus was not.  
Question put and passed.
11. **THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S INCORPORATION BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*) :—  
(1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition and the bringing in of a Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called "*The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society,*" and for other purposes therein mentioned.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Board of Directors of the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the members and proprietors of a certain Society called "*The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society,*" and for other purposes therein mentioned.  
Petition received.
12. **BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL** :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
*Interruption.*
13. **MEMBER SWORN** :—William Cummings, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.
14. **BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL** :—The Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 13,—resumed.  
On motion of Mr. Forster, Debate adjourned (after Debate) and its resumption ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*



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

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Do the Government intend to have any portion of the unmetalled lengths of road between Bowring and Jugiong, on the Great Southern Road, formed and metalled during the year 1872?  
(2.) How much public money do the Government contemplate expending in forming, metalling, and repairing the Great Southern Road, between Bowring and Jugiong, during the year 1872?
2. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and (if any) what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the tender of Mr. Richard Everingham, sent to Mr. Moriarty when Commissioner for Crown Lands, for Garner Waterhole?
3. MR. JACOB *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—On whose recommendation was Mr. A. B. Sparke, a gentleman resident out of the Electoral and Police District of Raymond Terrace, appointed Returning Officer for that Electoral District. If the recommendation was in writing, would there be any objection to the production of a copy of it?
4. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take, any steps for the immediate erection of suitable buildings to serve as Post and Telegraph Offices at Hill End?
5. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Government intend to take any steps to increase the pay of the Police of the Colony; if so, when?
6. MR. TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Were the undermentioned persons dismissed from the service of the Railway Department during the month of March last, viz.:—  
James Jones, Railway Porter at Wallerawang.  
William Jones, Pointsman at Zigzag and Shunter at Wallerawang.  
Joseph Jones, Sheeter-down at Wallerawang.  
(2.) Was any complaint made against either of the persons named, by the Traffic Manager, Station Master, or any other person, to the Secretary for Public Works?  
(3.) By whose order were these persons discharged?
7. MR. SINGLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether the Government intend taking any steps with respect to altering the high rates charged upon produce coming by rail to market?  
(2.) Have the Government any objection to allow parties sending produce by rail the use of the weighbridge at Penrith, as several complaints have been made of the short weights received back from parties sending their produce?
8. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Has the attention of the Government been directed to the urgent necessity for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Grafton; if so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the work, and when?
9. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to hand over all road grants for the year 1872, in the Wollombi and Brisbane Water Districts, to Trustees for expenditure?  
(2.) If not, under what supervision will the said grants be expended?
10. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Have the Government at present any Dredge available with which the navigableness of Brisbane Water and Lake Macquarie might be deepened and improved?  
(2.) If not, is it likely any Dredge will be available for the above mentioned purpose?  
(3.) If so, when?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th June, from Lieutenant Paul Talbot, of No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, be printed.
2. MR. JACOB *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount received by one R. Myers, as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, a road or roads, or in some similar way, by the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace, or by the Police Magistrate there, either by themselves or himself, or in conjunction with others as Road Trustees, from the date of his being so employed to the present date; the Return to state from what fund the payment was made.
3. MR. FITZPATRICK *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th June, from certain Cab Owners and Drivers, relative to their position under By-Laws of City Council, be printed.
4. MR. LACKEY *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called North Quirindi or Currindi Creek, being part of the Estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will.
5. MR. ALLEN *to move*, That a Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston and others, or other the Trustees of certain land and premises near Newtown, to sell the same and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Creed, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.

6. MR. GREVILLE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to any proposal or suggestion for the annexation of the Fiji Islands to the British Empire, as a dependency of, or in some way connected with, the Colony of New South Wales.
  - (2.) Copies of Despatches (if any) to His Excellency or to his predecessor in the Government, directing that the Government established in the Fiji Islands should be dealt with by the Government, or Governor, of New South Wales, as a Government *de facto*.
  - (3.) Copies of Despatches (if any) upon either of the foregoing subjects from His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, embodying or forwarding any Minutes or Communications upon either of the before-mentioned subjects from any Minister or Ministers of the Crown in this Colony; also, copies of any such Minutes or Communications.
  - (4.) Copies of Letters (if any) addressed to and received by His Excellency or his predecessor in the Government, complaining on the part of the Government established in Fiji of disturbances and injuries caused by the promulgation in that country of misrepresentations as to the views and intentions of the Imperial Government of Great Britain touching the said Fijian Government, and the alleged authorization by a Minister of the Crown in New South Wales of these misrepresentations.

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FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

Question:—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Does the Home Government recognize the "Military Force" of this Colony as a portion of Her Majesty's Army?
  - (2.) What position does the "Military Force" hold with regard to Her Majesty's Troops?
  - (3.) If the authorities Brigade the paid Forces of the Colony with the Volunteers on general occasions, what position will each Force hold with regard to each other?
  - (4.) What contract has the Government with regard to supplying horses to those Officers who have not forage allowance. Is the Contractor bound to supply all horses that may be wanted, and is he bound to supply "trained horses capable of standing fire"?
  - (5.) In case of an accident arising from want of proper training, such as horses engaged for Military Service require, what redress has any Officer against either the Government or Contractor?
  - (6.) What was the authority for abolishing the use of gold in the Volunteer dress, and substituting silver?
  - (7.) Does the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force" indicate a higher rank than the use of silver in the Volunteers?
  - (8.) What authority has the Government for the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force"?
  - (9.) Is the use of gold lace restricted by the Home Government to Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces?
  - (10.) Will the Colonial Secretary please to state whether Captain S. Hopkins voluntarily resigned, or whether he was removed by Government from his appointment on the permanent staff?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
5. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
2. MR. LACKEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The number of Volunteers in each branch of the Service on the Rolls during each year since the passing of the present Volunteer Act in 1867.
  - (2.) The amount paid each year, since the same date, for clothing, ammunition, arms, and accoutrements.
  - (3.) The number of Land Orders issued each year to members of the Force since the same date; also, the amount paid each year, during the same period, for salaries to Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers and Clerks; also, rent for offices, and forage for horses in connection with the Volunteer Staff.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there a public road from Mount Dangar, on the Goulburn River, through Martindale, to Jerry's Plains?
2. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether a person named Sewill occupies a water reserve situated at the foot of Liverpool Range, near the road leading from Merriwa to Breeza?
  - (2.) Is he aware that Sewill levies a charge upon all travelling stock that are obliged to procure water there?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Pending the introduction and consideration of a Bill to amend the existing Superannuation Act, what steps do the Government intend taking to relieve from the operation of the said Act those public servants who are subject thereby to an annual deduction from their salaries, or to secure to those persons who are entitled to pensions, or retiring allowances, the full enjoyment of their equitable rights?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any applications, from residents and others interested, been made to the Government, from time to time, for the construction of Bridges over the Loddon River, and at King's Falls, upon the main line of postal communication overland between Sydney and Wollongong?
  - (2.) Have any surveys been taken, and other information obtained by the Government in the matter?
  - (3.) If so, what was the estimated cost of the construction of a Bridge in each case?
  - (4.) Was a proposition for the construction of such Bridges officially submitted to the late Administration.
  - (5.) If so, how was the said proposition entertained?
  - (6.) What course do the present Government purpose to take in the matter?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. MR. MACLEAY *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect " (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic"; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Minutes, Memoranda, and other Papers in possession of the Government, or Law Officers of the Crown, in connection with the recommendation or application of the Collector of Customs, that Mr. George R. Dibbs, an appointed member of the Marine Board, should be punished by criminal information for taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state.
7. MR. CREED *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition

- “ Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.
- “ Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.
- “ Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.
- “ Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.
- “ Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisalment and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.
- “ Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.
- “ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”
8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the “Regulations,” and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of “efficient” to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for “ammunition,” “capitation allowance,” and “Forage allowance” for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the “Military Force,” for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.
9. MR. NELSON to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
10. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
11. MR. BAWDEN to move,—
- (1.) That the Petition from John Cross, presented by Mr. Bawden on 5th December last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Warden, and the Mover.
12. MR. BENNETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the sale of 40 acres of land, in the month of September, 1871, situated in the Parish of Tamworth, County of Ingliss, and adjacent to the North-western corner of Ahern's conditional purchase of 160 acres.
13. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street, in the City of Sydney, granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church, to sell the said land, and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church, in Castlereagh-street, Sydney, aforesaid, being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - “ (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - “ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—
 upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.

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 WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE.

## Question:—

1. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871?
  - (2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872?
  - (3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case?
  - (4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River?

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 THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - “ (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

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 TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

## Question:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?
  - (2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

## FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

## TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

## Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

## FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bowning and Jugiong Road:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to have any portion of the unmetalled lengths of road between Bowning and Jugiong, on the Great Southern Road, formed and metalled during the year 1872?

(2.) How much public money do the Government contemplate expending in forming, metalling, and repairing the Great Southern Road, between Bowning and Jugiong, during the year 1872?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Contracts have been taken for metalling, &c., about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road between Bowning and Jugiong, and are being proceeded with.

(2.) The contracts amount to £4,160 ls. 1d., and as much money in addition will be expended on works of importance on this road as can be spared from the vote.

- (2.) Garner Waterhole:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any, and (if any) what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the tender of Mr. Richard Everingham, sent to Mr. Moriarty when Commissioner for Crown Lands, for Garner Waterhole?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. It has been necessary first to determine the limits of existing claims before proceeding with the vacant country (if any) applied for. The information recently to hand will, however, admit of the matter being dealt with.

- (3.) Appointment of Mr. Sparke as Returning Officer for the Lower Hunter:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—On whose recommendation was Mr. A. B. Sparke, a gentleman resident out of the Electoral and Police District of Raymond Terrace, appointed Returning Officer for that Electoral District. If the recommendation was in writing, would there be any objection to the production of a copy of it?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Edward Sparke is the gentleman alluded to, and he was appointed Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the Lower Hunter, of which he is an elector, on the recommendation of the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace. There will be no objection to produce the Correspondence.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Hill End:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take, any steps for the immediate erection of suitable buildings to serve as Post and Telegraph Offices at Hill End?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Tenders have been invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Hill End, to be opened on the 2nd July next.

(5.)

- (5.) Pay of the Police :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Do the Government intend to take any steps to increase the pay of the Police of the Colony; if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The pay of the Police will be considered when the general subject of the salaries of Civil Servants comes under consideration.

- (6.) Dismissal of Railway Employés :—Mr. Tunks, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Were the undermentioned persons dismissed from the service of the Railway Department during the month of March last, viz.:—

James Jones, Railway Porter at Wallerawang;  
William Jones, Pointsman at Zigzag and Shunter at Wallerawang;  
Joseph Jones, Sheeter-down at Wallerawang?

(2.) Was any complaint made against either of the persons named, by the Traffic Manager, Station Master, or any other person, to the Secretary for Public Works?

(3.) By whose order were these persons discharged?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The services of the persons named were dispensed with after the usual week's notice.

(2.) There is no record of any such complaint.

(3.) The late Commissioner ordered the Traffic Manager to dispense with their services.

- (7.) Railway Rates :—Mr. Single asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Whether the Government intend taking any steps with respect to altering the high rates charged upon produce coming by rail to market?

(2.) Have the Government any objection to allow parties sending produce by rail the use of the weighbridge at Penrith, as several complaints have been made of the short weights received back from parties sending their produce?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The question of the railway rates will be considered by the Government at an early date.

(2.) The railway arrangements will not admit of this being done; the produce, however, is weighed by the Government at the Redfern Station, and the books can be inspected at any time, by those interested, on application to the Traffic Manager.

- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office at Grafton :—Mr. Bawden asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Has the attention of the Government been directed to the urgent necessity for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Grafton; if so, is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the work, and when?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government has given directions for preparation of plan and estimate, which will be furnished as soon as possible.

- (9.) Road Grants for Districts of Wollombi and Brisbane Water :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to hand over all road grants for the year 1872, in the Wollombi and Brisbane Water Districts, to Trustees for expenditure?

(2.) If not, under what supervision will the said grants be expended?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Under the supervision of an officer from the Roads Department.

- (10.) Brisbane Water and Lake Macquarie :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Have the Government at present any Dredge available with which the navigableness of Brisbane Water and Lake Macquarie might be deepened and improved?

(2.) If not, is it likely any Dredge will be available for the above mentioned purpose?

(3.) If so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government have no Dredge available at present for deepening and improving Brisbane Water and Lake Macquarie.

(2.) A small Dredge is in course of construction for coast Lakes and Lagoons, which, when finished, will be suitable for the purpose.

(3.) The new Dredge will be ready for work about the close of the present year.

2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPERS :—

(1.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table copy of a Letter from Mr. Elouis, Deputy Master of the Mint, respecting Mineral Assays at the Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Circular Despatch respecting Public Nuisances.

Ordered to be printed.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Kerr v. Nelson* :—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of Andrew Taylor Kerr, against the return of Harris Levi Nelson as the Member for the Electoral District of Orange, which was referred to the said Committee on the 9th May last.

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

“ The



" The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 2nd May, 1872,—to whom was referred on the 9th May, 1872, a Petition from Andrew Taylor Kerr, against the return of Harris Levi Nelson as the Member for the Electoral District of 'Orange,'—have *accordingly* determined and do hereby ~~solemnly~~ declare,—

- (1.) That Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire, the sitting Member has been duly elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of 'Orange.'
- (2.) That the Petition of Andrew Taylor Kerr is not frivolous or vexatious.
- (3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

" JNO. LACKEY,  
" Chairman."

" No. 2 Committee Room,  
" Legislative Assembly,  
" Sydney, 20 June, 1872."

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lackey, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

5. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, copy of a Petition from His Grace Archbishop Polding, dated 23rd May, 1872, to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government and the Executive Council, relative to a grant of land at Darlinghurst, for the erection thereon of a house to be used as a Refuge for Destitute Females. (*See Answer to Question No. 6 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 15.*)  
*Ordered* to be printed.
7. **PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 14th June, 1872.  
*Ordered* to be printed.  
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.  
Question put and passed.
8. **VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th June, from Lieutenant Paul Talbot, of No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
9. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Jacob withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2.
10. **HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND CABS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th June, from certain Cab Owners and Drivers, relative to their position under By-Laws of City Council, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
11. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder, deceased, to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called North Quirindi or Currindi Creek, being part of the Estate of the said James Mein Loder, and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will.  
Question put and passed.
12. **THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That a Bill to enable Christopher Rolleston and others, or other the Trustees of certain land and premises near Newtown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Creed, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
13. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Greville withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6.
14. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after Order No. 3.
15. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1872 a sum not exceeding £1,748 6s. 8d. to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vict. cap 54.  
Resolution, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time, and agreed to.
16. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

17. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
18. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—The adjourned *Débaté*, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.  
On motion of Mr. Macintosh, Debate adjourned (after Debate) until Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned, at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Does the Home Government recognize the "Military Force" of this Colony as a portion of Her Majesty's Army?
  - (2.) What position does the "Military Force" hold with regard to Her Majesty's Troops?
  - (3.) If the authorities Brigade the paid Forces of the Colony with the Volunteers on general occasions, what position will each Force hold with regard to each other?
  - (4.) What contract has the Government with regard to supplying horses to those Officers who have not forage allowance. Is the Contractor bound to supply all horses that may be wanted, and is he bound to supply "trained horses capable of standing fire"?
  - (5.) In case of an accident arising from want of proper training, such as horses engaged for Military Service require, what redress has any Officer against either the Government or Contractor?
  - (6.) What was the authority for abolishing the use of gold in the Volunteer dress, and substituting silver?
  - (7.) Does the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force" indicate a higher rank than the use of silver in the Volunteers?
  - (8.) What authority has the Government for the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force"?
  - (9.) Is the use of gold lace restricted by the Home Government to Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces?
  - (10.) Will the Colonial Secretary please to state whether Captain S. Hopkins voluntarily resigned, or whether he was removed by Government from his appointment on the permanent staff?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Attorney General to adopt any measures to bring to punishment the undertaker whom the Government employed to bury the bodies of the murderers Nichols and Lester, but who, before doing so, exhibited the said bodies for money to the public?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Justices of the Peace who preside on the Bench at Denison Town?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state if any or all of those gentlemen are related to each other, or connected by marriage; and, if so, will he state the nature of the relation or connection?
4. MR. CREED *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the fares on the Great Northern Railway are fixed as follows:—For passengers, between Newcastle and Stations as far as Singleton, at the rate of twopence-halfpenny per mile for first-class, and a penny three farthings per mile for second-class—the cost of construction of the Railway between these places having been at or about the rate of £15,306 per mile—whilst the fares for passengers, from Singleton to Stations north of that place, are threepence-halfpenny per mile for first-class, and three-pence per mile for second-class, the cost of the railway on the same part of the line from Singleton to its Northern terminus having been at or about the rate of £10,400 per mile. The working expenses of the whole line being, by information given to this House, about £525 14s. 9d. per mile throughout. Will the Minister give this subject his early consideration?
5. MR. CREED *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of the Assay Office at the Mint being closed, to make some provision which will enable the public to obtain Assay Reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority?
6. MR. HILL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What remuneration do the members of the Pilot Service at Watson's Bay receive for their services, and from what special source of revenue (if any) is such remuneration derived?
  - (2.) Have any alterations been lately made in the regulations under which such revenue is payable?
  - (3.) If such alterations have been made, has the amount of remuneration payable to the members of the said service been in any way reduced?
  - (4.) If such reduction has been made, has any recompense been made to the members of the said service for their losses in consequence of the same?
  - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide for such compensation?

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## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill; second reading.
5. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
2. MR. LACKEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—  
 (1.) The number of Volunteers in each branch of the Service on the Rolls during each year since the passing of the present Volunteer Act in 1867.  
 (2.) The amount paid each year, since the same date, for clothing, ammunition, arms, and accoutrements.  
 (3.) The number of Land Orders issued each year to members of the Force since the same date; also, the amount paid each year, during the same period, for salaries to Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers and Clerks; also, rent for offices, and forage for horses in connection with the Volunteer Staff.
3. MR. CREED to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency Earl Belmore, His Excellency the late Administrator of the Government, the Colonial Secretary's Department, the Brigade Office, and the Medical Officers of the Volunteer Force, at Head Quarters, on certain matters affecting the privileges and position in the service of the latter.
4. MR. GREVILLE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—  
 (1.) The names of all parties who received orders of admission to witness the execution of Nichols and Lester on the 18th instant.  
 (2.) The names of the persons who gave such orders in each case.  
 (3.) The names of all persons who were present at such execution.
5. MR. FARNELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called "The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society," and for other purposes therein mentioned.
6. MR. JACOB to move, That the Police Magistrate of Raymond Terrace be instructed to furnish, with the view of its being laid upon the Table of this House, a Report showing whether he singly, or in conjunction with another or others, as a Road Trustee or Road Trustees, or as having the expenditure of road grants, has employed one R. Myers as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, a road or roads in the District of Raymond Terrace, or in some similar way, for which he has been remunerated; and, if the said R. Myers has been so employed, the Report to show from what fund he has been paid, the total amount he has received from the day of his first being so employed to the date of the Report, and the names of the persons by whom he was so employed.

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TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

## Questions:—

1. MR. W. C. BROWNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there a public road from Mount Dangar, on the Goulburn River, through Martindale, to Jerry's Plains?
2. MR. W. C. BROWNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Whether a person named Sewill occupies a water reserve situated at the foot of Liverpool Range, near the road leading from Merriwa to Breeza?  
 (2.) Is he aware that Sewill levies a charge upon all travelling stock that are obliged to procure water there?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Pending the introduction and consideration of a Bill to amend the existing Superannuation Act, what steps do the Government intend taking to relieve from the operation of the said Act those public servants who are subject thereby to an annual deduction from their salaries, or to secure to those persons who are entitled to pensions, or retiring allowances, the full enjoyment of their equitable rights?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Have any applications, from residents and others interested, been made to the Government, from time to time, for the construction of Bridges over the Loddon River, and at King's Falls, upon the main line of postal communication overland between Sydney and Wollongong?  
 (2.) Have any surveys been taken, and other information obtained by the Government in the matter?  
 (3.) If so, what was the estimated cost of the construction of a Bridge in each case?  
 (4.) Was a proposition for the construction of such Bridges officially submitted to the late Administration.  
 (5.) If so, how was the said proposition entertained?  
 (6.) What course do the present Government purpose to take in the matter?
5. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—How much longer the Census will be before completion, or is it intended to prolong its preparation until next Census is required?

6. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is not advisable that the Sheriff should be instructed that in future in all cases of public executions he shall detail one of his officers to see the bodies properly buried?
7. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it the case that the Subaltern Officers of the New South Wales Artillery have not yet been provided with quarters they are entitled to in barracks?  
 (2.) Is it true that the house usually set apart for the Officer commanding the Artillery, at Dawes Point, is at present occupied by an officer holding a Civil appointment?
8. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Why is the Blue Book, made up for each year, delayed until nearly the succeeding year before it is printed and circulated?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.  
 (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parke, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—  
 (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. TUNKS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Minutes, Memoranda, and other Papers in possession of the Government, or Law Officers of the Crown, in connection with the recommendation or application of the Collector of Customs, that Mr. George R. Dibbs, an appointed member of the Marine Board, should be punished by criminal information for taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state.
7. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in “The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861” :—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

“The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

“Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply. Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

“Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

“Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

“Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

“Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and  
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“ the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisement and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.  
 “ Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.  
 “ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed. These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”

8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.

(3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.

(4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the “ Regulations,” and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of “ efficient” to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for “ ammunition,” “ capitulation allowance,” and “ Forage allowance” for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.

(5.) Particulars of amount paid to the “ Military Force,” for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.

9. MR. NELSON to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.

(2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

10. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

11. MR. BAWDEN to move,—

(1.) That the Petition from John Cross, presented by Mr. Bawden on 5th December last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Warden, and the Mover.

12. MR. BENNETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the sale of 40 acres of land, in the month of September, 1871, situated in the Parish of Tamworth, County of Ingliss, and adjacent to the North-western corner of Ahern's conditional purchase of 160 acres.

13. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street, in the City of Sydney, granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church, to sell the said land, and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church, in Castlereagh-street, Sydney, aforesaid, being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia.

14. MR. R. B. SMITH to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.

15. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Superintendent Morrisset, and any other person connected with the Police Department, and Mrs. Hannah Elliott, respecting the occupation or abandonment of premises leased from Mrs. Elliott for police quarters at Wollombi Township. Copies of all correspondence between the police authorities and the landlord of the premises lately leased for police quarters at Wollombi Township, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers respecting either Correspondence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

2. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.

(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
- “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
- “(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
- “(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.

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WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE.

Questions :—

1. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871?
- (2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872?
- (3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case?
- (4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River?
2. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it true that at a meeting of the Wagga Wagga Hospital Committee, held in that town on the 3rd June last, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, as Chairman of the Committee, disqualified a Magistrate of the territory and another gentleman, members of the Committee, from moving and seconding resolutions, on the ground that their election had been illegally conducted?
- (2.) Is it true that the gentlemen so disqualified by Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, had taken an active part in all previous meetings of the Committee since their election, without interference by the Police Magistrate?
- (3.) Is it true that, in disqualifying these gentlemen, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, alleged that he was justified in so doing by counsel's opinion?
- (4.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate refused, when requested, to produce the legal opinion upon which he grounded the justification of his conduct?
- (5.) Is it true that, at the election of the Committee, the Police Magistrate and the gentlemen disqualified by him were warmly opposed to each other?
3. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a number of reserves, adjacent to the road leading from Breeza *via* Merriwa to Jerry's Plains, (which could be made available for travelling stock), are fenced in and occupied by certain persons?
- (2.) Is he aware that these reserves are the only localities where travelling stock can procure grass, in consequence of the road being fenced on both sides almost throughout its whole length?
- (3.) Is it his intention to take immediate action in this matter?
4. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Is there a village reserve fenced in and occupied by Mr. White, at Sadler's Creek, near the main road from Merriwa to Jerry's Plains?
- (2.) If so, do the Government intend opening it, at an early date, for the benefit of travelling stock?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Border Duties Convention Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”

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THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.

3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
- “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
- “(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
- “(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

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TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

## Question :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?
- (2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
- (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
- “(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
- “(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
- “(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
- “(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

## 1. MR. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

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

## 2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

## Question:—

## 1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—

(1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?

(2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?

(3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

## 1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.

## 2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Volunteers and the Military Force :—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Does the Home Government recognize the "Military Force" of this Colony as a portion of Her Majesty's Army?

(2.) What position does the "Military Force" hold with regard to Her Majesty's Troops?

(3.) If the authorities Brigaded the paid Forces of the Colony with the Volunteers on general occasions, what position will each Force hold with regard to each other?

(4.) What contract has the Government with regard to supplying horses to those Officers who have not forage allowance. Is the Contractor bound to supply all horses that may be wanted, and is he bound to supply "trained horses capable of standing fire"?

(5.) In case of an accident arising from want of proper training, such as horses engaged for Military Service require, what redress has any Officer against either the Government or Contractor?

(6.) What was the authority for abolishing the use of gold in the Volunteer dress, and substituting silver?

(7.) Does the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force" indicate a higher rank than the use of silver in the Volunteers?

(8.) What authority has the Government for the use of gold chevrons and lace in the "Military Force"?

(9.) Is the use of gold lace restricted by the Home Government to Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces?

(10.) Will the Colonial Secretary please to state whether Captain S. Hopkins voluntarily resigned, or whether he was removed by Government from his appointment on the permanent staff?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) No information has been received which enables me to give any answer to the first and second questions.

(3.) The Commandant tells me that if the Forces were Brigaded together, and the English rule adhered to, the Regulars would take the right in virtue of precedence.

(4.) The Commandant tells me that there is no contract; the Officers use their own discretion in the selection of their horses.

(5.) I am also informed by the Commandant that he is unaware of any precedent for redress, as Volunteer Officers in England have neither horses nor forage allowance provided for them at the public expense.

(6.) His Excellency Sir John Young.

(7.) The Commandant tells me it simply implies the distinction in dress as observed in England between Regular and Volunteer Forces.

(8.) Their own authority.

(9.) Ycs.

(10.) Captain Hopkins expressed a desire that the Government would dispense with his services.

(2.)

- (2.) Exhibition of the bodies of Nichols and Lester:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Attorney General to adopt any measures to bring to punishment the undertaker whom the Government employed to bury the bodies of the murderers Nichols and Lester, but who, before doing so, exhibited the said bodies for money to the public?

Mr. Butler answered,—I have requested the Crown Solicitor to make inquiry and ascertain all the facts of the case, and if it should turn out that the facts constitute an offence in point of law it is my intention to prosecute.

- (3.) Bench of Magistrates at Denison Town:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Justices of the Peace who preside on the Bench at Denison Town?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state if any or all of those gentlemen are related to each other, or connected by marriage; and, if so, will he state the nature of the relation or connection?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I should be glad if the Honorable Gentleman would put this question again on Tuesday next, when I shall be in a position to give a more complete answer than I can now.

- (4.) Fares on Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Creed asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it true that the fares on the Great Northern Railway are fixed as follows:—For passengers, between Newcastle and Stations as far as Singleton, at the rate of twopence-halfpenny per mile for first-class, and a penny three farthings per mile for second-class—the cost of construction of the Railway between these places having been at or about the rate of £15,306 per mile—whilst the fares for passengers, from Singleton to Stations north of that place, are three-pence-halfpenny per mile for first-class, and three-pence per mile for second-class, the cost of the railway on the same part of the line from Singleton to its Northern terminus having been at or about the rate of £10,400 per mile. The working expenses of the whole line being, by information given to this House, about £525 14s. 9d. per mile throughout. Will the Minister give this subject his early consideration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member is so far correct in his statement that the rate of fares on different divisions of the Northern Railway is not calculated on the same scale. I understand that the considerations which weighed with the Government in fixing these rates were that the working expenses above Singleton were considerably higher than below that Station. The sum of £525 14s. 9d. working expenses, given to the House on a former occasion, was an average of the working expenses throughout the whole line.

- (5.) Mineral Assays:—Mr. Creed asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of the Assay Office at the Mint being closed, to make some provision which will enable the public to obtain Assay Reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority?

Mr. Piddington answered,—I am not in a position to give my Honorable friend a satisfactory answer at the present time. If he will have the goodness to put this question again on Wednesday next, I hope I shall then be able to do so.

- (6.) Pilots at Watson's Bay:—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. Hill, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What remuneration do the members of the Pilot Service at Watson's Bay receive for their services, and from what special source of revenue (if any) is such remuneration derived?

(2.) Have any alterations been lately made in the regulations under which such revenue is payable?

(3.) If such alterations have been made, has the amount of remuneration payable to the members of the said service been in any way reduced?

(4.) If such reduction has been made, has any recompense been made to the members of the said service for their losses in consequence of the same?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide for such compensation?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) The Pilots at Watson's Bay receive an amount equal to half pilotage on ships over 300 tons, and five pounds for all other vessels which employ their services, and they are paid out of the Vote for the Marine Board, provided on the Estimates.

(2.) No alteration has lately been made.

(3, 4, and 5.) The remuneration paid to the Pilots during the first five months of the present year does not show any falling off as compared with previous years. The Navigation Act of 1871 will probably effect a reduction, and the Marine Board will deal with the question at the proper time, in accordance with the 53rd clause of the Act.

## 2. PAPERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table, General Balance Sheets of the Government of New South Wales, showing the Liabilities and Assets on the 14th May, and on the 31st May, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1871.

(2.) Census of 1871. Part 3.—Nationality.

(3.) Blue Book for 1871.

(4.) Letters of Registration of Inventions, under 16 Vict. No. 24.

Ordered to be printed.

3. VOLUNTEER ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of Volunteers*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

4. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Cemeteries*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

5. **BATHURST GAS BILL**:—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 14th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Allen then moved, that the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.  
Question put and passed.
6. **COMMONS REGULATION BILL**:—Mr. Piddington presented the following Petitions, praying the House not to pass this Bill, or to modify and alter it to meet the objections stated by the Petitioners:—  
(1.) From the Trustees and Commoners of the Pitt Town Common.  
(2.) From the Trustees and Commoners of the Wilberforce Common.  
Petitions received.
7. **SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Cunneen presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of this Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited), and for other purposes therein mentioned. And Mr. Cunneen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of April and May, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
8. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Lackey having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Executors of the Will of James Mein Loder deceased to sell a certain Sheep Station or Run called 'North Quirindi' or 'Currindi Creek' being part of the estate of the said 'James Mein Loder and to invest the money to arise from such sale for the benefit of the parties interested in the said Station under the said Will,'*"—read a first time.
9. **HORSE BREEDING**:—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from certain breeders of Horses, and other interested persons, representing the necessity for legislation in respect to the breeding of Horses; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.  
Petition received.
10. **EAST MAITLAND PASTURAGE RESERVE**:—Mr. Scholey presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Borough of East Maitland, representing that this Reserve is being used for purposes other than those for which it was granted; and praying that steps may be taken to remedy the abuses complained of.  
Petition received.
11. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Cunneen moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
12. **THE VOLUNTEERS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—  
(1.) The number of Volunteers in each branch of the Service on the Rolls during each year since the passing of the present Volunteer Act in 1867.  
(2.) The amount paid each year, since the same date, for clothing, ammunition, arms, and accoutrements.  
(3.) The number of Land Orders issued each year to members of the Force since the same date; also, the amount paid each year, during the same period, for salaries to Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers and Clerks; also, rent for offices, and forage for horses in connection with the Volunteer Staff.  
Question put and passed.
13. **MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FORCE ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Creed moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency Earl Belmore, His Excellency the late Administrator of the Government, the Colonial Secretary's Department, the Brigade Office, and the Medical Officers of the Volunteer Force, at Head Quarters, on certain matters affecting the privileges and position in the service of the latter.  
Question put and passed.
14. **THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—  
(1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called "The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society," and for other purposes therein mentioned.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Farnell having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called 'The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society' and for other purposes therein mentioned'*"—read a first time.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. Tunks, until Tuesday next.  
Nos. 2 and 3, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
16. **TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL**:—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Debate on this question adjourned, (after Debate) until this day week.
17. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Moses, until Friday next.
18. **MOTION POSTPONED**:—Mr. Cunneen postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 1 until Tuesday next.

19. EXECUTION OF NICHOLS AND LESTER:—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The names of all parties who received orders of admission to witness the execution of Nichols and Lester on the 18th instant.
- (2.) The names of the persons who gave such orders in each case.
- (3.) The names of all persons who were present at such execution.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. Forster,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Creed,  
Mr. Greville.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. M'Laurin,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Jacob,	

And so it passed in the negative.

20. CASE OF R. MYERS:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 6,—That the Police Magistrate of Raymond Terrace be instructed to furnish, with the view of its being laid upon the Table of this House, a Report showing whether he singly, or in conjunction with another or others, as a Road Trustee or Road Trustees, or as having the expenditure of road grants, has employed one R. Myers as an overseer of, or to superintend work on, a road or roads in the District of Raymond Terrace, or in some similar way, for which he has been remunerated; and, if the said R. Myers has been so employed, the Report to show upon what road or roads and from what fund he has been paid, the total amount he has received from the day of his first being so employed to the date of the Report, and the names of the persons by whom he was so employed.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there a public road from Mount Dangar, on the Goulburn River, through Martindale, to Jerry's Plains?
2. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether a person named Sewill occupies a water reserve situated at the foot of Liverpool Range, near the road leading from Merriwa to Breeza?
  - (2.) Is he aware that Sewill levies a charge upon all travelling stock that are obliged to procure water there?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Pending the introduction and consideration of a Bill to amend the existing Superannuation Act, what steps do the Government intend taking to relieve from the operation of the said Act those public servants who are subject thereby to an annual deduction from their salaries, or to secure to those persons who are entitled to pensions, or retiring allowances, the full enjoyment of their equitable rights?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any applications, from residents and others interested, been made to the Government from time to time, for the construction of Bridges over the Loddon River, and at King's Falls, upon the main line of postal communication overland between Sydney and Wollongong?
  - (2.) Have any surveys been taken, and other information obtained by the Government in the matter?
  - (3.) If so, what was the estimated cost of the construction of a Bridge in each case?
  - (4.) Was a proposition for the construction of such Bridges officially submitted to the late Administration.
  - (5.) If so, how was the said proposition entertained?
  - (6.) What course do the present Government propose to take in the matter?
5. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—How much longer the Census will be before completion, or is it intended to prolong its preparation until next Census is required?
6. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Sheriff be instructed in future, in all cases of public executions, to direct one of his officers to see the bodies properly buried?

7. **MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**  
 (1.) Is it the case that the Subaltern Officers of the New South Wales Artillery have not yet been provided with quarters they are entitled to in barracks?  
 (2.) Is it true that the house usually set apart for the Officer commanding the Artillery, at Dawes Point, is at present occupied by an officer holding a Civil appointment?
8. **MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**Why is the Blue Book, made up for each year, delayed until nearly the succeeding year before it is printed and circulated?
9. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**  
 (1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Justices of the Peace who preside on the Bench at Denison Town?  
 (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state if any or all of those gentlemen are related to each other, or connected by marriage; and, if so, will he state the nature of the relation or connection?
10. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**Fourteen days ago the Colonial Secretary stated to the House that the Government would decide in a week what action it would take in reference to the Salaries of Clerks, and the Wages of Mechanics and Labourers in the Public Service. He now asks the Colonial Secretary, if the Government has come to any decision on the subject; and, if so, has he any objection to state the substance of that decision to the House?
11. **MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**When will the money voted for the Minor Roads be paid to the credit of the respective Trustees of those roads?
12. **MR. MACINTOSH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**Is it the intention of the Government to allow the public buildings, viz., the Offices of the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and the Watch House, situated in George, Drutt, and York Streets, to remain in their present condition; if so, how long?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. STEWART to move,** That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
2. **MR. STEWART to move,** That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
3. **SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,** That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. **CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—**  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.  
 (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
5. **MR. MACLEAY to move,—**  
 (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. **MR. TUNKS to move,** That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents, Minutes, Memoranda, and other Papers in possession of the Government, or Law Officers of the Crown, in connection with the recommendation or application of the Collector of Customs, that Mr. George R. Dibbs, an appointed member of the Marine Board, should be punished by criminal information for taking certain documents out of one of the offices of the Custom House, and returning them in a mutilated state.
7. **MR. CREED to move,** That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in “The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861” :—  
 The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place :—  
 “The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council :—  
 “Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated, giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine  
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“ the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply  
 “ Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and  
 “ shall take precedence in the order of their date.  
 “ Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local  
 “ Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on  
 “ application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and  
 “ leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.  
 “ Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within  
 “ the first three years of the lease.  
 “ Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice  
 “ of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.  
 “ Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year  
 “ of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and  
 “ the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be  
 “ determined by appraisement and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be  
 “ afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.  
 “ Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six  
 “ months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and  
 “ improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.  
 “ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year  
 “ from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such  
 “ other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits  
 “ found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in  
 “ writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered  
 “ to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”

8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.
  - (3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.
  - (4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.
  - (5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.
9. MR. NELSON to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
10. MR. NELSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
11. MR. BAWDEN to move,—
- (1.) That the Petition from John Cross, presented by Mr. Bawden on 5th December last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Warden, and the Mover.
12. MR. BENNETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the sale of 40 acres of land, in the month of September, 1871, situated in the Parish of Tamworth, County of Ingliss, and adjacent to the North-western corner of Ahern's conditional purchase of 160 acres.
13. MR. STEWART to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street, in the City of Sydney, granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church, to sell the said land, and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church, in Castlereagh-street, Sydney, aforesaid, being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia.
14. MR. R. B. SMITH to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.

15. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Superintendent Morrisset, and any other person connected with the Police Department, and Mrs. Hannah Elliott, respecting the occupation or abandonment of premises leased from Mrs. Elliott for police quarters at Wollombi Township. Copies of all correspondence between the police authorities and the landlord of the premises lately leased for police quarters at Wollombi Township, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers respecting either Correspondence.
16. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
 (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty-days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
17. MR. GARRETT to move for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited), and for other purposes therein mentioned.
18. MR. LACKEY to move,—  
 (1.) That Loder's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hannell, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Moses, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Single, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on 8th December, 1871, to inquire into and report upon "Loder's Estate Bill," be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view of being referred to such Committee.
19. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Trustees of Pitt Town Common, relative to Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.
20. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Trustees of Wilberforce Common, relative to Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.
21. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from certain persons interested in the breed of Horses, relative to the necessity for legislation on the subject, be printed.
22. MR. FARNELL to move,—  
 (1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called "The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society," and for other purposes therein mentioned, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Teece, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Moses, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.
23. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.  
 (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.  
 (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—  
 " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.  
 " (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.  
 " (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—  
 upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
4. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE.

Questions:—

1. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871?  
 (2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872?  
 (3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case?  
 (4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River?

2. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it true that at a meeting of the Wagga Wagga Hospital Committee, held in that town on the 3rd June last, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, as Chairman of the Committee, disqualified a Magistrate of the territory and another gentleman, members of the Committee, from moving and seconding resolutions, on the ground that their election had been illegally conducted?  
 (2.) Is it true that the gentlemen so disqualified by Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, had taken an active part in all previous meetings of the Committee since their election, without interference by the Police Magistrate?  
 (3.) Is it true that, in disqualifying these gentlemen, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, alleged that he was justified in so doing by counsel's opinion?  
 (4.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate refused, when requested, to produce the legal opinion upon which he grounded the justification of his conduct?  
 (5.) Is it true that, at the election of the Committee, the Police Magistrate and the gentlemen disqualified by him were warmly opposed to each other?
3. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that a number of reserves, adjacent to the road leading from Breeza *via* Merriwa to Jerry's Plains, (which could be made available for travelling stock), are fenced in and occupied by certain persons?  
 (2.) Is he aware that these reserves are the only localities where travelling stock can procure grass, in consequence of the road being fenced on both sides almost throughout its whole length?  
 (3.) Is it his intention to take immediate action in this matter?
4. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is there a village reserve fenced in and occupied by Mr. White, at Sadler's Creek, near the main road from Merriwa to Jerry's Plains?  
 (2.) If so, do the Government intend opening it, at an early date, for the benefit of travelling stock?
5. MR. CREED *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of the Assay Office at the Mint being closed, to make some provision which will enable the public to obtain Assay Reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority?
6. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the convicts Nichols and Lester, lately executed for murder, were some time ago liberated, while undergoing sentence for felony, or for several felonies, and before the time of their punishment had fully expired?  
 (2.) If so, under what circumstances, and on what authority and recommendation?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Border Duties Convention Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.  
 " (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.  
 " (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
4. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

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TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

## Question :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?
  - (2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

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FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Henry West, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Carcoar.
2. QUESTIONS:—
  - (1.) Road from Mount Dangar to Jerry's Plains:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is there a public road from Mount Dangar, on the Goulburn River, through Martindale, to Jerry's Plains?  
Mr. Farnell answered,—No road has been surveyed or proclaimed from Mount Dangar to Jerry's Plains.
  - (2.) Water Reserve at foot of Liverpool Range:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
    - (1.) Whether a person named Sewill occupies a water reserve situated at the foot of Liverpool Range, near the road leading from Merriwa to Breeza?
    - (2.) Is he aware that Sewill levies a charge upon all travelling stock that are obliged to procure water there?
 Mr. Farnell answered,—
    - (1.) The occupation may exist, but not with the knowledge or concurrence of the Government.
    - (2.) Not within the knowledge of the Government. Instructions will be given to the District Surveyor to report on this case.
  - (3.) Civil Service Superannuation:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Pending the introduction and consideration of a Bill to amend the existing Superannuation Act, what steps do the Government intend taking to relieve from the operation of the said Act those public servants who are subject thereby to an annual deduction from their salaries, or to secure to those persons who are entitled to pensions, or retiring allowances, the full enjoyment of their equitable rights?  
Mr. Piddington answered,—Pending the introduction of a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act, the Civil Servants and other persons referred to in the question of my Honorable friend, will be dealt with in the same manner as they have been dealt with by all preceding Governments since the passing of the Act in 1864.
  - (4.) Bridges over Loddon River, and at King's Falls:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
    - (1.) Have any applications, from residents and others interested, been made to the Government, from time to time, for the construction of Bridges over the Loddon River, and at King's Falls, upon the main line of postal communication overland between Sydney and Wollongong?
    - (2.) Have any surveys been taken, and other information obtained by the Government in the matter?
    - (3.) If so, what was the estimated cost of the construction of a Bridge in each case?
    - (4.) Was a proposition for the construction of such Bridges officially submitted to the late Administration.
    - (5.) If so, how was the said proposition entertained?
    - (6.) What course do the present Government purpose to take in the matter?

Mr.

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

- (1.) Applications have been made for the construction of Bridges over the Loddon River and at King's Falls, between Sydney and Wollongong.
- (2.) Surveys have been made, and the requisite information obtained by the Government in the matter.
- (3.) The estimated cost of the Bridge over the Loddon River is £600, and of the Bridge over King's Falls, £550.
- (4.) The amounts, with a number of others, were, I understand, submitted when the Estimates were being prepared.
- (5.) The amounts were not included in the Estimates.
- (6.) The two Bridges in question shall be brought under the early consideration of the Government.

- (5.) The Census:—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—How much longer the Census will be before completion, or is it intended to prolong its preparation until next Census is required?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I understand the Census is likely to occupy less time than was required for the completion of the Census in 1861, although it is a work of greater extent and labour. It will probably be completed before the end of the present year. No unnecessary delay will occur.

- (6.) Burial of Executed Criminals:—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Will the Sheriff be instructed in future, in all cases of public executions, to direct one of his officers to see the bodies properly buried?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The requisite instructions have already been given.

- (7.) Quarters for Officers of Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Tunks* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Is it the case that the Subaltern Officers of the New South Wales Artillery have not yet been provided with quarters they are entitled to in barracks?

(2.) Is it true that the house usually set apart for the Officer commanding the Artillery, at Dawes Point, is at present occupied by an officer holding a Civil appointment?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) They have not yet been so provided; the whole of the Artillery Quarters are occupied by the two senior Artillery Officers, Major Airey and Captain Spalding.

(2.) If reference is made to the building occupied by Captain Hixson, of the Naval Brigade, who also holds a Civil appointment, that building was formerly occupied by Colonel Ward, of the Engineers, and at an earlier date by the Inspector General of Police. I understand it was never set apart for the Officer commanding the Artillery.

*Mr. Tunks* withdrew Question No. 8.

- (8.) Bench of Magistrates, Denison Town:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Justices of the Peace who preside on the Bench at Denison Town?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state if any or all of those gentlemen are related to each other, or connected by marriage; and, if so, will he state the nature of the relation or connection?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) *Mr. F. W. Edwards*, Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran, attends a monthly Court at Denison Town, and presides; the local Magistrates are Messrs. David Watt, R. Robertson, and D. M'Crae.

(2.) *Mr. Edwards* is, I understand, the son-in-law, and *Mr. Robertson* the brother-in-law, of *Mr. Watt*. The arrangement by which *Mr. Edwards* attends Denison Town shall, as soon as practicable, cease, and further local Magistrates, if eligible residents can be found to accept, shall be appointed.

- (9.) Salaries of Clerks and others in the Public Service:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Fourteen days ago the Colonial Secretary stated to the House that the Government would decide in a week what action it would take in reference to the Salaries of Clerks, and the Wages of Mechanics and Labourers in the Public Service. He now asks the Colonial Secretary, if the Government has come to any decision on the subject; and, if so, has he any objection to state the substance of that decision to the House?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Colonial Secretary never at any time stated that he would be prepared to deal with the Salaries of Clerks in a week. The Colonial Secretary did, a short time ago, state that the wages question of the Government workmen would be dealt with "next week",—that time expired on Saturday, and the matter will not be delayed beyond to-morrow or the following day.

- (10.) Minor Roads:—*Mr. Lucas* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—When will the money voted for the Minor Roads be paid to the credit of the respective Trustees of those roads?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—When the Estimates are voted. The Schedule for 1872 not having been adopted by the House, it would complicate accounts to issue the moiety of the moneys as voted on the Schedule for 1871. The Schedule for the present year shall be laid upon the Table in a few days.

- (11.) Watch House and Offices of Inspector of Weights and Measures:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Is it the intention of the Government to allow the public buildings, viz., the Offices of the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and the Watch House, situated in George, Drutt, and York Streets, to remain in their present condition; if so, how long?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I learn from the Colonial Architect that there has been no alteration for some years in the Watch House, Drutt-street. About two years back, the Sydney Corporation cut away a portion of the office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and set back the iron railing of the Police Office. This was done without the knowledge or concurrence of the Colonial Architect, and, as has been since understood, with the promise that the Market Buildings should be set back also. This, however, has not been carried out; and the premises have been left by the Municipal authorities in their present unsightly condition.

3. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** :—Sir James Martin withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3.
4. **PAPER** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, By-laws of the Borough of Petersham.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **VACANT SEAT** :—The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Murray.  
Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That the Seat of Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of The Murray, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Patrick Alfred Jennings.  
Question put and passed.
7. **DAY WORKERS BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.  
Question put and passed.
8. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN** :—  
(1.) *Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Macleay, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Macleay, No. 5.  
(2.) Mr. Tunks withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6.
9. **LAND SOLD IN THE PARISH OF TAMWORTH** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the sale of 40 acres of land, in the month of September, 1871, situated in the Parish of Tamworth, County of Inglis, and adjacent to the North-western corner of Ahern’s conditional purchase of 160 acres.  
Question put and passed.
10. **ST. GEORGE’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street, in the City of Sydney, granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church, to sell the said land, and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George’s Church, in Castlereagh-street, Sydney, aforesaid, being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia.  
Question put and passed.
11. **SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY’S INCORPORATION BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 17, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited), and for other purposes therein mentioned.  
Question put and passed.
12. **LODER’S ESTATE BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 18,—  
(1.) That Loder’s Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hannell, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Moses, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Single, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on 8th December, 1871, to inquire into and report upon “Loder’s Estate Bill,” be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view of being referred to such Committee.  
Question put and passed.  
The Clerk of Select Committees then presented at the Bar of the House the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on 8th December, 1871, to consider and report upon this Bill,—  
And the Clerk of the House laid the same upon the Table, in accordance with the order recorded above.
13. **COMMONS REGULATION BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motions*) :—  
(1.) Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 19, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Trustees of Pitt Town Common, relative to Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 20, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Trustees of Wilberforce Common, relative to Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
14. **HORSE BREEDING** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 21, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from certain persons interested in the breed of Horses, relative to the necessity for legislation on the subject, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
15. **THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY’S INCORPORATION BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—  
Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 22,—  
(1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called “The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society,” and for other purposes therein mentioned, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Teece, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Moses, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
16. **LODER’S ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Lackey (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence in reference to Loder’s Estate Bill, laid upon the Table this day by the Clerk, be referred to the Committee now appointed to consider and report upon that Bill.  
Question put and passed.

17. **SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Garrett having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited), and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"—read a first time.
18. **LODER'S ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from Sarah Loder, widow, praying to be heard by Counsel against this Bill.  
Petition received, and, on motion of Mr. Hoskins, referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
19. **MR. E. H. HARGRAVES**:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Edward Hammond Hargraves, of Noraville, Coorambong, relative to his claims as the discoverer of gold in this Colony; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.  
Petition received.
20. **STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
21. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN**:—  
(1.) *Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Captain Onslow, No. 4.  
(2.) *Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Creed, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Creed, No. 7.
22. **THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE MILITARY FORCE**:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, the Colonial Secretary's Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, and the Majors commanding the Volunteer Artillery, Sydney and Suburban Battalions, Volunteer Rifles, relative to their application for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in conformity with the Volunteer Force Regulations.  
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the same parties respecting Forage allowance required for the junior Majors and others.  
(3.) Copies of all correspondence between the Volunteer Officers, the Brigade Office, and His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, respecting the claim of the first-named to rank next to Her Majesty's Militia, and to be commanded by their own officers, in accordance with the Regulations. The whole of the above to be accompanied with copies of all papers, documents, minutes, and Memoranda upon the subjects.  
(4.) A statement of the number of men and cadets serving on the 31st March last in the Volunteer Force and Naval Brigade, and liable for active service, to be tabulated as in section 7 of the "Regulations," and the name and particulars of each Squadron, Battery, and Company to be given. The number of "efficient" to be given opposite each, respectively, also the amount expended on each Arm of the above Forces for the year ending 1871 (excluding expenses of the Permanent Staff, which are to be given separately), showing the particulars for "ammunition," "capitation allowance," and "Forage allowance" for the Artillery, Rifles, Cadets, and Naval Brigade.  
(5.) Particulars of amount paid to the "Military Force," for the six months ending 31st March, 1872, together with the number of officers and men in the force.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
23. **RAILWAY EXTENSION TO ORANGE**:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Great Western Line of Railway ought to be extended to the Town of Orange without delay.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
24. **GAOL AT ORANGE**:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.  
Question put and passed.
25. **JOHN CROSS**:—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—  
(1.) That the Petition from John Cross, presented by Mr. Bawden on 5th December last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Warden, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
26. **BRIDGE OVER DINGO CREEK, MANNING RIVER**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.  
Question put and passed.

27. **POLICE QUARTERS, WOLLOMBI:**—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Superintendent Morrisset, and any other person connected with the Police Department, and Mrs. Hannah Elliott, respecting the occupation or abandonment of premises leased from Mrs. Elliott for police quarters at Wollombi Township. Copies of all correspondence between the police authorities and the landlord of the premises lately leased for police quarters at Wollombi Township, with copies of all Reports, Minutes, Orders, or other Papers respecting either Correspondence.

Question put and passed.

28. **STEAM POSTAL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO:**—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That this House will, on "Friday" next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty-days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "Friday," with a view to inserting in place thereof the word "Tuesday."

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

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

Main Question then put,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty-days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Abbolt,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Tunks,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

29. **MOTION WITHDRAWN:**—Mr. Cunneen withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 23.

30. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The Orders of the Day postponed, as follows:—

No. 1, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until this day week.

No. 2, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 19th July.

Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871 ?
  - (2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872 ?
  - (3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case ?
  - (4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River ?
2. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that at a meeting of the Wagga Wagga Hospital Committee, held in that town on the 3rd June last, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, as Chairman of the Committee, disqualified a Magistrate of the territory and another gentleman, members of the Committee, from moving and seconding resolutions, on the ground that their election had been illegally conducted ?
  - (2.) Is it true that the gentlemen so disqualified by Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, had taken an active part in all previous meetings of the Committee since their election, without interference by the Police Magistrate ?
  - (3.) Is it true that, in disqualifying these gentlemen, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, alleged that he was justified in so doing by counsel's opinion ?
  - (4.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate refused, when requested, to produce the legal opinion upon which he grounded the justification of his conduct ?
  - (5.) Is it true that, at the election of the Committee, the Police Magistrate and the gentlemen disqualified by him were warmly opposed to each other ?
3. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that a number of reserves, adjacent to the road leading from Breeza *via* Merriwa to Jerry's Plains, (which could be made available for travelling stock), are fenced in and occupied by certain persons ?
  - (2.) Is he aware that these reserves are the only localities where travelling stock can procure grass, in consequence of the road being fenced on both sides almost throughout its whole length ?
  - (3.) Is it his intention to take immediate action in this matter ?
4. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is there a village reserve fenced in and occupied by Mr. White, at Sadler's Creek, near the main road from Merriwa to Jerry's Plains ?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend opening it, at an early date, for the benefit of travelling stock ?
5. MR. CREED *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of the Assay Office at the Mint being closed, to make some provision which will enable the public to obtain Assay Reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority ?
6. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the convicts Nichols and Lester, lately executed for murder, were some time ago liberated, while undergoing sentence for felony, or for several felonies, and before the time of their punishment had fully expired ?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances, and on what authority and recommendation ?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Did the Attorney General of the late Government, Sir James Martin, give an opinion as to the legality of the possession by the authorities of the Roman Church of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, immediately adjoining the new School of Industry at present in course of erection ?
  - (2.) If Sir James Martin gave such an opinion, will the Minister for Lands lay that opinion upon the Table of the House with as little delay as possible ?
8. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount received at the Sydney Mint for Mineral Assays during the first quarter of the present year ?
  - (2.) The actual or estimated expense to the Mint of the said Assays ?
9. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that the Court House, Wellington, was completed in February last, and has since been occupied ?
  - (2.) If so, when do the Government intend to pay the Contractor ?
10. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of Revenue proper for the year 1871 received into the Treasury for that year ?
  - (2.) What was the amount of Expenditure proper for the year 1871 paid from the Treasury for that year ?
11. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of Votes, written off as not being required, prepared at the Treasury on 31st March, 1872, and forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of the Audit Act ?
  - (2.) Will the Treasurer have a copy of this document laid upon the Table of this House this day ?
12. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the amount at the credit of the Government on its General Account in the Bank of New South Wales at the close of business on the 25th instant ?
  - (2.) What was the amount in the same Bank, at the same time, to the credit of the Loan Act 35 Vic., No. 5 ?



13. MR. GRAHAME *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates for this year for the construction of a Bridge over the Cooma Creek, at the entrance into the Town of Cooma by the Sydney road?
14. MR. GRAHAME *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for this year a sufficient sum of money for the erection and construction of two Pounts to cross the Snowy River, one at Buckley's Crossing-place, and the other at Jindabyne, in the District of Monaro?
15. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government received any report recommending the urgent necessity for proceeding with the works at the Clarence River Heads; and, if so, is it their intention to do so, and when?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Border Duties Convention Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, relative to the applications for mineral leases by Thomas Casey, Richard Casey, Joseph Goodenough, Charles Saunders, John Livingstone, W. H. Johnstone, Tweedie and Weston, and Henry Manning.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
3. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—  
(1.) That the Sydney United Omnibus Company Bill (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Innes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Moses, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Robertson, Mr. De Salis, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.
4. MR. BURNS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 25th June, from Edward Hammond Hargraves, relative to his claims for the discovery of Gold in this Colony, be printed.

## THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

*Question:—*

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether he is aware that a building has been erected by the Sydney Omnibus Company on what should be a part of the Newtown Road?  
(2.) Whether the Government will take any steps to enforce the widening of the Newtown Road at its junction with Parramatta-street, which at present, owing to its narrowness and the bad condition into which it has been allowed to fall, is unsafe for traffic?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—  
(1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.  
(2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motions, and for the record of Business actually dealt with or standing for disposal under the Order of the House.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

## FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

" (2.)

"(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

4. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
12. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
13. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

"(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
14. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
 

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. MACINTOSH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 

(1.) A copy of invoices of five cases hats, marked AS, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, *ex* "Ascalon" from London, dated April 27th, 1871.

(2.) Copies of account sales having reference to the seizure of the same by the Customs Department, on the plea of improper entry, together with copies of all Correspondence between the Treasury Department, Collector of Customs, and Messrs. Charles Moore and Co. of this City.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 

(1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?

(2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?
2. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it a fact that a Magistrate of the Territory shewed "Lester's" head after execution; and, if so, what is the name of the Magistrate?
3. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—How many persons are now employed in preparing the Census Returns, their individual salaries, entire cost to present date, and probable amount required to complete the same, and when is it likely to be ready for the public benefit?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 

(1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.

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

3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

- "The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—
- "Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.
- "Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.
- "Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.
- "Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.
- "Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.
- "Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.
- "Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."
6. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—  
 " (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.  
 " (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.  
 " (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
 " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Gaol at Orange; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

4. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.

## TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect " (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic"; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What has been the gross amount received from the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River, including the Tweed River District, as Land Revenue, specifying each head, from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871?

(2.) What amount has been received from the same Districts from the 1st January to 31st May, 1872?

(3.) What amount has been expended upon Public Works in the same Districts from the 1st January, 1858, to the 31st December, 1871, specifying the particular work, and the amount in each case?

(4.) What balances remain unexpended respectively of any Votes for Public Works in the Police Districts of Grafton and Richmond River?

Mr. Piddington answered,—As the information asked for by the Honorable Member extends as far back as fourteen years, it will take some time to furnish the returns. They will be prepared and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (2.) Wagga Wagga Hospital Committee:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that at a meeting of the Wagga Wagga Hospital Committee, held in that town on the 3rd June last, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, as Chairman of the Committee, disqualified a Magistrate of the territory and another gentleman, members of the Committee, from moving and seconding resolutions, on the ground that their election had been illegally conducted?

(2.) Is it true that the gentlemen so disqualified by Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, had taken an active part in all previous meetings of the Committee since their election, without interference by the Police Magistrate?

(3.) Is it true that, in disqualifying these gentlemen, Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate, alleged that he was justified in so doing by counsel's opinion?

(4.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate refused, when requested, to produce the legal opinion upon which he grounded the justification of his conduct?

(5.) Is it true that, at the election of the Committee, the Police Magistrate and the gentlemen disqualified by him were warmly opposed to each other?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This appears to me to be a local matter in which Mr. Baylis acted as Chairman of the Committee locally appointed, and not as Police Magistrate. I have no information whatever on the subject. I will, therefore, for the satisfaction of the Honorable Member, make inquiry, and ask Mr. Baylis to furnish a report.

- (8.) Reserves near Breeza and Jerry's Plains Road:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of reserves, adjacent to the road leading from Breeza *via* Merriwa to Jerry's Plains, (which could be made available for travelling stock), are fenced in and occupied by certain persons?

(2.) Is he aware that these reserves are the only localities where travelling stock can procure grass, in consequence of the road being fenced on both sides almost throughout its whole length?

(3.) Is it his intention to take immediate action in this matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government have no information on the subject, but inquiry will be made, and any trespass repressed.

- (4.) Village Reserve at Sadler's Creek:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Is there a village reserve fenced in and occupied by Mr. White, at Sadler's Creek, near the main road from Merriwa to Jerry's Plains?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend opening it, at an early date, for the benefit of travelling stock?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government have no information on the subject, but inquiry will be made, and any trespass repressed.
- (5.) Mineral Assays:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Creed, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of the Assay Office at the Mint being closed, to make some provision which will enable the public to obtain Assay Reports having the advantage of being issued under Government authority?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—The public notices of the discontinuance of the experimental quartz crushing and mineral assays at the Mint have been withdrawn, by order of His Excellency, and no change for the present will take place.
- (6.) The Convicts Nichols and Lester:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the convicts Nichols and Lester, lately executed for murder, were some time ago liberated, while undergoing sentence for felony, or for several felonies, and before the time of their punishment had fully expired?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances, and on what authority and recommendation?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—The prisoner Lester was liberated under the Gaol Regulations, which have the force of law, which enable a prisoner by good conduct, I think, to reduce his sentence by two months in twelve. The prisoner Nichols was liberated by the late Governor His Excellency Lord Belmore, on a Petition signed by six Members of Parliament, several Magistrates, and several other persons of influence in the city.
- (7.) Land adjoining the new School of Industry:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) Did the Attorney General of the late Government, Sir James Martin, give an opinion as to the legality of the possession by the authorities of the Roman Church of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, immediately adjoining the new School of Industry at present in course of erection?
  - (2.) If Sir James Martin gave such an opinion, will the Minister for Lands lay that opinion upon the Table of the House with as little delay as possible?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—There is a Minute by Sir James Martin stating the opinion arrived at by the Cabinet Council in the matter. He does not appear to have given any opinion individually with regard to it.
- (8.) Mineral Assays at the Mint:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- (1.) The amount received at the Sydney Mint for Mineral Assays during the first quarter of the present year?
  - (2.) The actual or estimated expense to the Mint of the said Assays?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—This information, which has to be obtained from the Deputy Master of the Mint, will be furnished in the course of a day or two.
- (9.) Court House at Wellington:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Court House, Wellington, was completed in February last, and has since been occupied?
  - (2.) If so, when do the Government intend to pay the Contractor?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) The Government is not aware that the Court House at Wellington was completed and occupied since February last, no report to that effect having been received from the Contractor, or from the Bench of Magistrates.
  - (2.) The contractor has furnished no account, nor has he applied for any payment since February last, when an application for an advance was made and granted. As soon as it can be ascertained that the contract has been duly fulfilled the balance due will be paid.
- (10.) Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for 1871:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—
- (1.) What was the amount of Revenue proper for the year 1871 received into the Treasury for that year?
  - (2.) What was the amount of Expenditure proper for the year 1871 paid from the Treasury for that year?
- Mr. Piddington answered,—
- (1.) The Revenue proper for the year 1871, received into the Treasury for that year (including a balance of £1,336 8s. 4d. still due by the Government of Victoria) was £2,218,699 18s. 10d.
  - (2.) The amount of net Expenditure proper for the year 1871, paid from the Treasury between the 1st January, 1871, and 31st May, 1872, was as follows:—
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| From 1st January, 1871 to 31st December, 1871, ... | £2,048,112 13s. 10d. |
| From 1st January, 1872 to 31st May, 1872, ...      | 131,018 7s. 10d.     |
| Total  | £2,179,131 1s. 8d.   |
- (11.) Votes Written Off:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—
- (1.) What was the amount of Votes, written off as not being required, prepared at the Treasury on 31st March, 1872, and forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of the Audit Act?
  - (2.) Will the Treasurer have a copy of this document laid upon the Table of this House this day?

Mr.



Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) On inquiry, I find that no such statement as that referred to in the question of the Honorable Member was forwarded to the Auditor General, because no such statement was prepared in the Treasury on the 31st March last; and, on reference to the Audit Act of 1870, I do not find any clause which provides for the transmission of such a document to that officer. I am also informed that, up to the present time, no application has been received from the Auditor General for a statement of Votes of 1871 written off. The 17th clause of the Audit Act, to which the Honorable Member is, perhaps, alluding, (the terms of which are rather vague,) states that,—

“ 17. Unless expressly enacted to the contrary all sums of money which shall be appropriated to the public service for any year and which shall not be expended during such year or within the first three months of the following year shall lapse and shall not be issued or applied in any future year to the particular service for which the appropriation shall have been so made *unless a contract or engagement shall have been made and entered into before the expiration of such year by which a liability so to issue or apply the same shall have been incurred.*”

The balances on Votes of 1871 cannot therefore safely be written off until all claims under contract or engagement prior to 31st December last have been liquidated. No claims are being paid which do not come under either of these conditions.

(2.) For the reasons stated in answer to the first question, I cannot lay the document on the Table.

(12) General and Loan Accounts:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—

(1.) What was the amount at the credit of the Government on its General Account in the Bank of New South Wales at the close of business on the 25th instant?

(2.) What was the amount in the same Bank, at the same time, to the credit of the Loan Act 35 Vic., No. 5?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) The amount to the Credit of the Government on its “Public Account” in the Bank of New South Wales at the close of business on the 25th instant, was £346,718 15s. 6d.

(2.) The amount in the same Bank at the same time to the credit of the Loan Fund 35 Victoria No. 5, was £109,046 15s. 7d.

(13) Bridge over Cooma Creek:—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—If it is the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates for this year for the construction of a Bridge over the Cooma Creek, at the entrance into the Town of Cooma by the Sydney road?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The local officer lately employed in the District reported that a Bridge was not required here. The Commissioner for Roads considers that a Bridge is not required, as there is a good causeway, and that if erected the necessary unbanked approach would cause the lower part of the town to be flooded.

(14) Punts for the Snowy River:—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 14,—If it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for this year a sufficient sum of money for the erection and construction of two Punts to cross the Snowy River, one at Buckley's Crossing-place, and the other at Jindabyne, in the District of Monaro?

Mr. Parkes answered,—An officer is now in the locality of the Snowy River to report on the necessity for Punts at Buckley's Crossing-place and Jindabyne. When his report is received the Government will decide on the steps to be taken.

(15) Works at Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 15,—Have the Government received any report recommending the urgent necessity for proceeding with the works at the Clarence River Heads; and, if so, is it their intention to do so, and when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the original report in favour of these works recommended a work which was estimated to cost £117,237. This was in 1860. In 1861 £20,000 was voted for the improvement of the Clarence. In 1863, £30,000 was voted for the same work. Mr. Moriarty, the Engineer-in-chief for Rivers and Harbours, has lately reported upon a letter from the Honorable Member that the works at the Breakwater ought to be proceeded with, and for this kind of work there is still a balance of the two former votes of £28,000 available. The Government will decide whether it will act upon Mr. Moriarty's report or not in the course of a few days.

2. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL:—Mr. Stewart having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intitled “*A Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Land in Harrington-street in the City of Sydney Granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church to sell the said Land and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the Debt existing on St. George's Church in Castlereagh-street Sydney aforesaid being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia,*”—read a first time.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, further Correspondence relative to the arrangement for collecting the Border Customs Duties.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from Charles Campbell, Barrister-at-Law, praying that he may be heard, either in person or by Counsel, in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received, and, on motion of Sir James Martin, referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR MINERAL LEASES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, relative to the applications for mineral leases by Thomas Casey, Richard Casey, Joseph Goodenough, Charles Saunders, John Livingstone, W. H. Johnstone, Tweedie and Weston, and Henry Manning.  
Question put and passed.
6. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
(1.) That the Sydney United Omnibus Company Bill (Limited), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Innes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Moses, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Robertson, Mr. De Salis, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
8. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 25th June, from Edward Hammond Hargraves, relative to his claims for the Discovery of Gold in this Colony, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
9. PAPERS:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) Reports of the Commissioner in charge of the Northern Gold Fields for 1871.  
(2.) Report of the Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold Fields for 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. DISCOVERY OF GOLD:—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from William Tom, the younger, John Hardman Australia Lister, and James Tom, alleging that they are the real discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter.  
Petition received.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, to follow after No. 3.
12. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Drivet,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. M'Laúrin,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Nowlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 17.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. West,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Luckey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Whether he is aware that a building has been erected by the Sydney Omnibus Company on what should be a part of the Newtown Road?  
 (2.) Whether the Government will take any steps to enforce the widening of the Newtown Road at its junction with Parramatta-street, which at present, owing to its narrowness and the bad condition into which it has been allowed to fall, is unsafe for traffic?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the liberation of the prisoner Nichols, and to his question on the subject numbered 6 on the Business Paper of June 26, and the answer of the Colonial Secretary thereto,—  
 (1.) Was the Judge who tried the said prisoner consulted?  
 (2.) If so, was his recommendation in favour of the course taken?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) The late Government, in answer to a question as to certain parties having inaugurated a Land Lottery at Musclebrook, stated that an inquiry had been ordered with a view to the discovery of the person or persons who had thus violated the law.  
 (2.) Will the Attorney General state if the present Government has done anything in this matter, or does the Government intend to do anything in this particular case to uphold the law of the land, on this subject?  
 (3.) Is it the opinion of the Attorney General that lotteries are illegal; and, if so, is it his intention to allow any section of the community to violate the law with impunity?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—  
 (1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.  
 (2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motions, and for the record of Business actually dealt with or standing for disposal under the Order of the House.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Border Duties Convention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*,—  
 (1.) That the St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Graham, Mr. Jacob, Mr. M'Laurin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th June, from Charles Campbell, Barrister-at-Law, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.
3. MR. COMBES *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th June, from Messrs. W. Tom, J. H. A. Lister, and James Tom, relative to the Gold Discovery in New South Wales, be printed.
4. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill, to declare the Marriage between Alfred James Barnett and Katherina Boulanger null and void.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

## Question :—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it the practice at the Sydney Police Court to enter on the Charge Sheet against a prisoner untried a statement of the religious belief of such prisoner?  
 (2.) And if so, does the Colonial Secretary approve of the practice?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.”

“ (2.) ”

"(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

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

4. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
12. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
13. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
14. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
15. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. MACINTOSH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of invoices of five cases hats, marked AS, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, *ex* "Ascalon" from London, dated April 27th, 1871.
  - (2.) Copies of account sales having reference to the seizure of the same by the Customs Department, on the plea of improper entry, together with copies of all Correspondence between the Treasury Department, Collector of Customs, and Messrs. Charles Moore and Co. of this City.
3. MR. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
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  - (2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.
  - (3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.
  - (4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.
  - (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphy*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.
  - (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphy*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Clode v. Murphy*, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?  
(2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?
2. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it a fact that a Magistrate of the Territory shewed "Lester's" head after execution; and, if so, what is the name of the Magistrate?
3. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—How many persons are now employed in preparing the Census Returns, their individual salaries, entire cost to present date, and probable amount required to complete the same, and when is it likely to be ready for the public benefit?
4. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the erection of a Bridge over Drury Creek, on the line of road to Breeza, Gunedah, Narrabri, and other towns, for which a sum was voted last year, and a site for the Bridge chosen, by the Government?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER *to move*, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—  
(1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. CREED *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861" :—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place :—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred any twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for and period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council :—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply

"Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

"Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

"Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisement and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

"Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

"Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

## 6. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
 

“ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.

“ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.

“ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.

“ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
4. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
 

(1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.

## TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
 

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 

(1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.

4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

## Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.





New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Newtown Road :—*Mr. Neale*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that a building has been erected by the Sydney Omnibus Company on what should be a part of the Newtown Road?

(2.) Whether the Government will take any steps to enforce the widening of the Newtown Road at its junction with Parramatta-street, which at present, owing to its narrowness and the bad condition into which it has been allowed to fall, is unsafe for traffic?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any such building having been erected.

(2.) The papers in connection with this matter are at present under reference to *Mr. Surveyor Woolryche*. I shall be in a position next week to state what steps the Government intend taking with regard to the widening of the road in question.

- (2.) The Prisoner Nichols :—*Mr. Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) With reference to the liberation of the prisoner Nichols, and to the question on the subject numbered 6 on the Business Paper of June 26, and the answer of the Colonial Secretary thereto,—

(1.) Was the Judge who tried the said prisoner consulted?

(2.) If so, was his recommendation in favour of the course taken?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I find that the petition in favour of the mitigation of the sentence passed upon the prisoner Nichols, was referred in the ordinary way to *Mr. Justice Hargrave*, who tried the case, and that that Judge recommended compliance with the prayer of the petition.

- (3.) Land Lottery at Musclevbrook :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The late Government, in answer to a question as to certain parties having inaugurated a Land Lottery at Musclevbrook, stated that an inquiry had been ordered with a view to the discovery of the person or persons who had thus violated the law.

(2.) Will the Attorney General state if the present Government has done anything in this matter, or does the Government intend to do anything in this particular case to uphold the law of the land, on this subject?

(3.) Is it the opinion of the Attorney General that lotteries are illegal; and, if so, is it his intention to allow any section of the community to violate the law with impunity?

*Mr. Butler* answered,—

(1.) Is a statement of fact, and does not require an answer.

(2.) Soon after entering upon the duties of my office the papers referred to in question No. 1 were submitted to me, and I found evidence in them that the Reverend *Mr. Leonard*, the Roman Catholic Clergyman at Musclevbrook, had acted in violation of the Lotteries Act; I therefore instructed the Crown Solicitor to cause a prosecution to be instituted against this Reverend gentleman for the penalty under this Statute. The Crown Solicitor has taken steps accordingly.

(3.) Some lotteries are illegal, and others not. To the rest of the question, I answer No.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Police Quarters, Wollombi," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cunneen, on 25th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
4. SPEAKER TAKING THE CHAIR.—BUSINESS PAPERS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider,—  
(1.) The expediency of notifying, by bell or otherwise, to Honorable Members who may be within the precincts of the House, but not in the Chamber, that Mr. Speaker has taken the Chair, at the commencement of each sitting.  
(2.) The desirability of having separate Business Papers for Notices of Motions, and for the record of Business actually dealt with, or standing for disposal, under the Order of the House.  
Question put and passed.
5. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) That the St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Jacob, Mr. M'Laurin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
6. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th June, from Charles Campbell, Barrister-at-Law, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
7. DISCOVERY OF GOLD ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th June, from Messrs. W. Tom, J. H. A. Lister, and James Tom, relative to the Gold Discovery in New South Wales, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, to follow after No. 2.
9. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

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

10. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Garrett, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 26th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at half-past Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it the practice at the Sydney Police Court to enter on the Charge Sheet against a prisoner untried a statement of the religious belief of such prisoner?  
(2.) And if so, does the Colonial Secretary approve of the practice?
2. MR. GRAHAME *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he has any objection to state by whose recommendation Mr. George M. Styles was appointed a member of the Public School Board of Cooma?
3. MR. SINGLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount of money has been expended on the Great Western Road, from the Cross Roads to the Church at Penrith, in all about a mile, within the last sixteen years?
4. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the case of "Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation," brought up on the 16th March, 1871?  
(2.) If not, is it their intention to do so, and when?
5. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government immediately to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, so as to bring within its provisions all animals susceptible of the Foot and Mouth Disease?  
(2.) To stop, under 10th clause, for a time, importations of Stock from all countries where the disease is known to exist?  
(3.) To increase the period of Quarantine for Stock already shipped for this Colony, and which may arrive in an apparently healthy state?
6. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the late fee, recently imposed, of 3d. on all letters handed to the Mail Guards on the Northern Railway line?
7. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Has the Government been made aware of the inconvenience and delay experienced by business people in consequence of there being no direct Telegraphic Communication between Newcastle and Sydney; if so, will any steps be taken to remedy the evil complained of?
8. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that some of the most efficient members of the Police Force have resigned in consequence of the reductions in their salaries?
9. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Has any application been lately made to the Government for Police protection against the illegal abstraction of Tin or any other metal, from mineral lands, whether freehold or leasehold, or against trespass thereon, in the neighbourhood of Wiley Creek, Tenterfield, or any other place?  
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Divorce Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.  
" (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.  
" (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
4. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.

12. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
13. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - “ (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - “ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
14. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
15. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
16. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. MACINTOSH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of invoices of five cases hats, marked AS, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, *ex* “Ascalon” from London, dated April 27th, 1871.
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  - (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.
  - (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
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  - (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.
4. MR. FARNELL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill, to declare the Marriage between Alfred James Barnett and Katherina Boulanger null and void.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

## Questions:—

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  - (1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?
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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—  
 (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred any twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for and period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—  
 "Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply  
 "Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.  
 "Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.  
 "Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.  
 "Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.  
 "Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisement and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.  
 "Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.  
 "Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

6. MR. CUNNEEN to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tanks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
4. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
6. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
7. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.

## TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.

4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient. •
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

*Question:—*

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

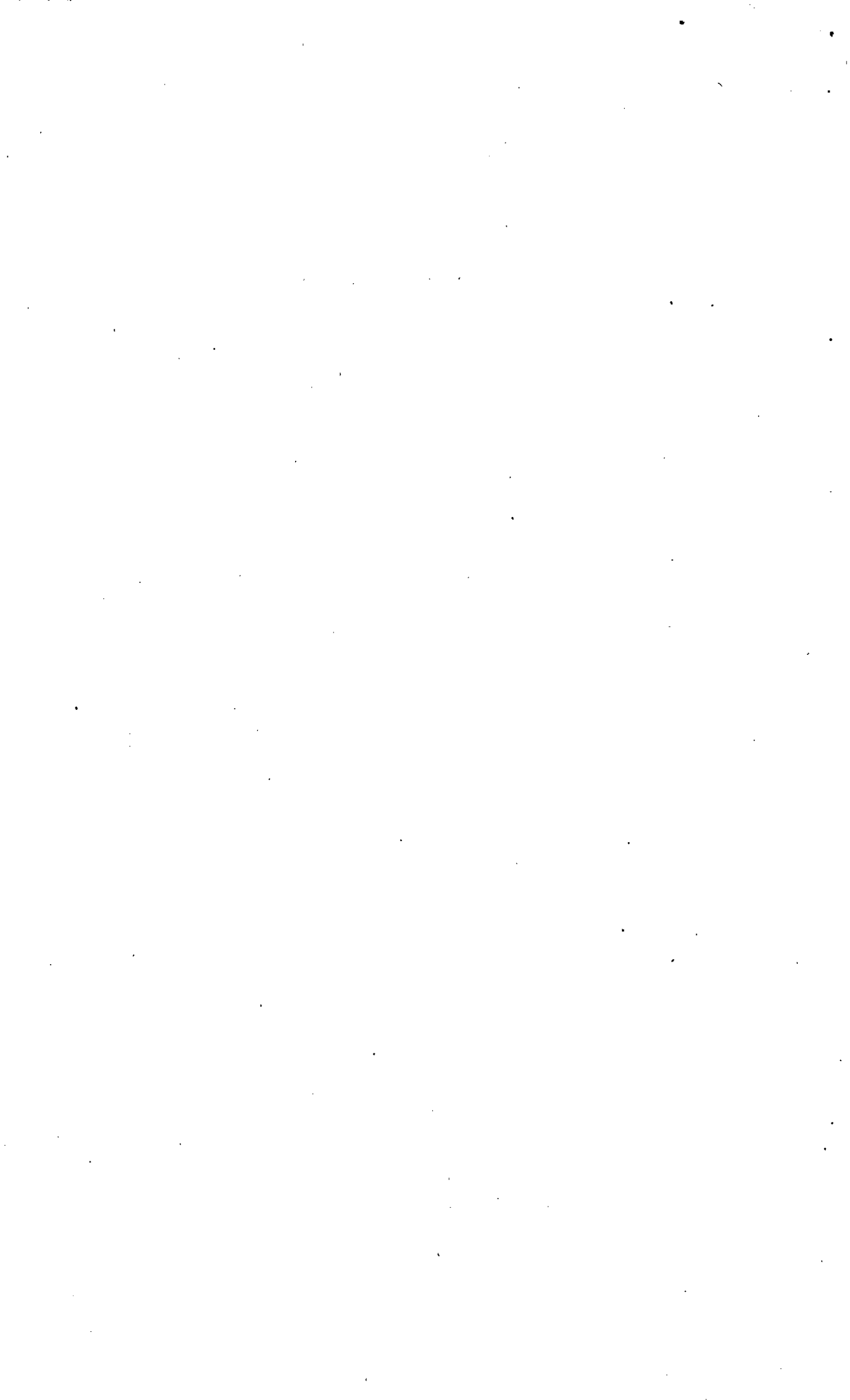
1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.





New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 JUNE, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Charge Sheet:—*Mr. Rodd*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the practice at the Sydney Police Court to enter on the Charge Sheet against a prisoner, untried, a statement of the religious belief of such prisoner?

(2.) And if so, does the Colonial Secretary approve of the practice?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—In the Charge Book, a specimen-sheet of which I hold in my hand, I find that the name of the prisoner, his age, calling, country, religion, whether he can read and write, whether previously convicted, and a number of other similar particulars, are entered. This has been the practice for many years, and, speaking for myself, I do not see that the practice is objectionable.

- (2.) Public School Board, Cooma:—*Mr. Grahame* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If he has any objection to state by whose recommendation *Mr. George M. Styles* was appointed a member of the Public School Board of Cooma?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I find that all appointments of members of the Public School Boards are made on the recommendation of the Council of Education, as provided for in the 22nd section of the Public Schools Act.

- (3.) Great Western Road:—*Mr. J. S. Smith*, on behalf of *Mr. Single*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What amount of money has been expended on the Great Western Road, from the Cross Roads to the Church at Penrith, in all about a mile, within the last sixteen years?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—It is impossible to give the information required, as the road accounts are not kept in sufficient detail to show how much is expended on each mile of road. Tenders are now being invited for metalling this length.

- (4.) Case of *Mr. Thomas Scott*:—*Mr. Bawden* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the case of "*Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation*," brought up on the 16th March, 1871?

(2.) If not, is it their intention to do so, and when?

*Mr. Piddington* answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) As soon as the present pressing business is disposed of, the recommendation of the Select Committee shall be brought before the Government for their consideration.

(5.)

- (5.) Imported Stock Act:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government immediately to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871, so as to bring within its provisions all animals susceptible of the Foot and Mouth Disease?
  - (2.) To stop, under 10th clause, for a time, importations of Stock from all countries where the disease is known to exist?
  - (3.) To increase the period of Quarantine for Stock already shipped for this Colony, and which may arrive in an apparently healthy state?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) It is not proposed to take any such step at present. The powers conferred on the Governor by the 10th clause of the Act, to prohibit the introduction of Stock from any Colony or Country, can be exercised at any moment, upon any necessity arising.
  - (3.) It is intended to extend the time to a further period than that now provided.
- (6.) Postage on late Letters by Northern Railway:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the late fee, recently imposed, of 3d. on all letters handed to the Mail Guards on the Northern Railway line?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government has not yet had an opportunity of considering this question. The subject will however receive attention at an early date, and should it be found that reasonable grounds exist for remitting the late fees complained of, this will be done.

*Mr. Hannell not asking Question No. 7, it dropped.*

- (7.) The Police Force:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Is it true that some of the most efficient members of the Police Force have resigned in consequence of the reductions in their salaries?

Mr. Parkes answered,—35 senior-constables and constables have tendered their resignations during the current year. Some of the men stated they resigned owing to the inadequacy of the present rate of pay; others assigned no reason. Many of the men who resigned were very efficient constables. I may add, to enable Honorable Members to judge of the significance of these resignations, that in 1869, 38 constables resigned; in 1870, 26 resigned; and in 1871, 44; 35 have resigned during the currency of the present year.

- (8.) Trespassing on Mineral Lands:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

- (1.) Has any application been lately made to the Government for Police protection against the illegal abstraction of Tin, or any other metal, from mineral lands, whether freehold or leasehold, or against trespass thereon, in the neighbourhood of Wiley Creek, Tenterfield, or any other place?
- (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Application for additional Police protection in the Northern District against such abstraction has been received. In all, four additional police have been withdrawn from other districts and sent to the North, and if the numerical strength of the Force will permit, other constables will be sent.

2. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Priscilla Cohen, of Sydney, and Lewis Solomon, of Albury, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen, deceased, to sell certain land in Clarence-street, Sydney, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of March and April, 1872, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.

3. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Subscribers for the establishment of St. Andrew's College, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the case of this College, as detailed in the Petition.  
Petition received.

4. DAMS ON LINE OF ROAD TO RIVERINA:—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from certain Stockowners, Drivers, and other Residents of the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, praying that steps may be taken for the erection of four Dams on the line of Road to Riverina.  
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to the "Volunteer Artillery" —(*Major Shepherd's case*)—made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 12th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table a Report from the Surveyor General on Mineral Lease Surveys.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Telegraph Station-master, Wollombi," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cunneen, on 14th June, 1872.

6. PUNCTUATION OF BILLS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Bills hereafter introduced, and all Acts emanating from the Parliament of this Colony, ought to be duly punctuated, as in ordinary printed documents, and in accordance with the usage of the Imperial Parliament.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

Question

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Bennett,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. O. Browne,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Bawdon,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Grahame,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. CUSTOMS SEIZURE ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A copy of invoices of five cases hats, marked AS, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, *ex* "Ascalon" from London, dated April 27th, 1871.
- (2.) Copies of account sales having reference to the seizure of the same by the Customs Department, on the plea of improper entry, together with copies of all Correspondence between the Treasury Department, Collector of Customs, and Messrs. Charles Moore and Co. of this City.  
Question put and passed.
8. BARNETT'S MARRIAGE BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill, to declare the Marriage between Alfred James Barnett and Katherina Boulanger null and void.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Alfred James Barnett, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Marriage between Alfred James Barnett and Katherina Jane Boulanger null and void.  
Petition received.
9. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. Tunks moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Macintosh moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."  
(2.) "That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Webb, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover."  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Main Question then put,—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Webb, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Innes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Torry,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. West,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Creed,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. MATRIMONIAL DIVORCE BILL:—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Creed, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Innes, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wearne,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 2 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
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5. MR. TEECE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS :—  
 (1.) Is the Government aware that the Bridge at Thorn's Crossing, on the Mullwarree, is a most dangerous structure?  
 (2.) Will immediate steps be taken to effect alterations, in order to prevent the occurrence of accidents?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Is it the law that the Permanent Military Force could not be abolished until the period for which the men have enlisted has expired?  
 (2.) In the agreement between the men enlisting and Her Majesty, is it a fact that no one is bound but one of the parties, namely, the men?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that the oath taken by the men on enlisting has the effect at law of a written agreement, and is it a fact that such oath is the only agreement between the men and Her Majesty?  
 (4.) Is it a fact that the following is an exact copy of that oath—"I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the \_\_\_\_\_ for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist Her Majesty's enemies and cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept both on land and at sea; and that I will, in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty, according to law."  
 (5.) Is it a fact that the whole Force might be dismissed and dissolved at a moment's notice by the vote of this House, so far as stopping the means of its existence could bring about such a result?  
 (6.) Is it a fact that this could be done by this House at any moment, without any breach of agreement with the men, or giving them any right to claim compensation?
7. MR. NELSON *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—What were the amounts paid for the transmission of Press Telegrams by each of the three Sydney papers during last year?
8. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) At what date was the toll on the bridge over the Macquarie River, at Dubbo, imposed?  
 (2.) The amount of receipts from said toll until the 1st instant?  
 (3.) The cost of collecting same?
9. MR. RODD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Was there any charge (and if so, what) against Henry Cooper, late Senior-constable of Police in charge of Casino Station, Richmond River?  
 (2.) Did he receive any testimonials on leaving the Force, and if so, of what nature were they?  
 (3.) Did he receive any compensation on leaving the Force?  
 (4.) How long was the said Henry Cooper in the Force?  
 (5.) Have the Police authorities any record against him since he resigned from the Force, except the charge brought by Mr. John Birrell, of which he was acquitted?
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12. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it not a fact that a Volunteer was called upon and paid for undertaking and superintending the landing of the two 42-lb. guns on the Circular Quay, received from Newcastle?  
 (2.) Is it not also a fact that the Military Authorities had been the greater part of the day attempting to land the first gun, when both were subsequently landed by a Volunteer in less than three-quarters of an hour?
13. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has he any objection to state whether there is any stipulation, by Act of Parliament or otherwise, that the engagement of the paid Military Force must extend to a period of five years, or any other specific period from their enlistment?  
 (2.) In case of the existence of such a document, will the Colonial Secretary be pleased to make known the nature and date of the same?

14. Mr. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Are the Volunteers who have received land orders under the provisions of the Volunteer Act of 1867, entitled to receive fifty acres of land for the next and every subsequent period of five years; if not, do the Government contemplate making provision for subsequent service?
15. Mr. J. S. SMITH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, at once, an increase in the pay of the Police, to stop the resignations that are now taking place of many most efficient men?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that labourers on the streets are receiving a much higher rate of wage per day than the Police?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. Mr. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Mr. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road, between Sydney and Wollongong.
4. Mr. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Mr. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply. Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

"Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

"Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisement and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

"Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

"Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed. These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

6. Mr. CUNNEEN to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.

7. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th June, from Stockowners, Drivers, and others, residents of the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, relative to the erection of Dams on the road to Riverina, be printed.
8. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, consisting of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. M'Laurin, Mr. Warden, and the Mover, to consider and report upon the allegations contained in the two Petitions presented during the present Session of Parliament on the subject of St. Andrew's College.
9. MR. COMBES to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways, which are at present in many cases excessive, and in others absolutely prohibitory.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
10. MR. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return of the charges preferred by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.
  - (2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.
  - (3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.
  - (4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.
  - (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.
  - (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Clode v. Murphys*, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Married Women's Property Bill ; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - " (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - " (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - " (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
4. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
6. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
7. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
8. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - " (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - " (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

9. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
10. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
11. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
13. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
14. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
16. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
17. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
18. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

"(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
19. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
20. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
21. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.

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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
- (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

## Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Storage of Goods at Railway Stations :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Do the Government impose a charge for the storage of goods at all the Stations on the Great Northern Railway?

(2.) If so, what time do the Government allow merchandize to remain in the sheds at the various Stations on that line without charging the Consignees or Forwarding Agents for storage?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Railway By-laws authorize a storage charge to be made; but it is not put into practice at all the Stations on the Northern Line, unless the goods be stored for an unreasonable time.

(2.) The following is the arrangement made at the Murrurundi Goods Shed, which, however, it may be stated, was not brought into operation until the shed became so choked with goods that the business of the station could not be carried on properly :—Town goods allowed 48 hours free of charge. Country goods allowed one week free of charge. In exceptional cases, an extension of time is allowed.

- (2.) The late criminal Lester :—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it a fact that a Magistrate of the Territory shaved "Lester's" head after execution; and, if so, what is the name of the Magistrate?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I understand that two persons were permitted to take casts of the heads of the executed prisoners Nichols and Lester, the bodies not being claimed by their relatives or friends; that amongst the two or three persons who remained to assist the persons who took these casts was a Magistrate of the Colony, and that it is a fact that while the cast of one of the bodies was being taken, this Magistrate commenced shaving the head of the other body. The name of the Magistrate is John Roseby.

- (3.) The Census :—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—How many persons are now employed in preparing the Census Returns, their individual salaries, entire cost to present date, and probable amount required to complete the same, and when is it likely to be ready for the public benefit?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There are five persons employed preparing the Census. Their salaries respectively are £380, £237 10s., £146 5s., per annum; £2 18s. 6d., and £1 per week. The entire cost, up to the present date, of preparing the Census, has been £16,398 8s. The balance of the vote is £601 12s., and it is supposed the Census will be completed within that sum.

- (4.) Bridge over Drury Creek :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for the erection of a Bridge over Drury Creek, on the line of road to Breeza, Gunnedah, Narrabri, and other towns, for which a sum was voted last year, and a site for the Bridge chosen, by the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am informed that no creek of this name is known to the Works Department. The only bridge in this locality for which money was voted last year was one over the Mooki River, and it is now nearly completed.

- (5.) Bridge over the Mullwarree :—Mr. Tunks, on behalf of Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Bridge at Thorn's Crossing, on the Mullwarree, is a most dangerous structure?

(2.)

(2.) Will immediate steps be taken to effect alterations, in order to prevent the occurrence of accidents?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Government is not aware that this bridge is more dangerous than any other. An accident occurred there lately, but the jury did not attribute it to the dangerous state of the bridge. If any alterations are found necessary they will be made.

*Point of Order* :—*Mr. Buchanan* proceeding to ask the Question standing in his name, No. 6,—

*Mr. Parkes* desired the ruling of the Speaker, whether this Question came within the Parliamentary rule in reference to Questions.

The Speaker said, that in his opinion the Question was not of the kind contemplated by the rule which permits questions to be put.

The Question therefore dropped.

(6.) Press Telegrams :—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No 7,—What were the amounts paid for the transmission of Press Telegrams by each of the three Sydney papers during last year?

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* answered,—

Messrs. Fairfax and Sons ... .. £1,135 9s. 4d.

*Mr. S. Bennett* ... .. £228 10s. 3d.

There is no account opened for the *Evening News*.

(7.) Toll on Macquarie River Bridge :—*Mr. Lord* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) At what date was the toll on the bridge over the Macquarie River, at Dubbo, imposed?

(2.) The amount of receipts from said toll until the 1st instant?

(3.) The cost of collecting same?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) The tolls on the bridge over the Macquarie River, at Dubbo, were imposed on the 1st December, 1871.

(2.) The amount of receipts from this toll was only £45 4s. 8d. to the 31st May last, as the low state of the river has enabled the public to cross at the ford.

(3.) £63 18s. have been paid to the Toll-collector to 30th June, who, in addition to collecting tolls, has been employed painting and tarring the bridge, and attending to the approaches and road in the vicinity.

(8.) Henry Cooper, late Senior-constable at Casino :—*Mr. Rodd* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Was there any charge (and if so, what) against Henry Cooper, late Senior-constable of Police in charge of Casino Station, Richmond River?

(2.) Did he receive any testimonials on leaving the Force, and if so, of what nature were they?

(3.) Did he receive any compensation on leaving the Force?

(4.) How long was the said Henry Cooper in the Force?

(5.) Have the Police authorities any record against him since he resigned from the Force, except the charge brought by *Mr. John Birrell*, of which he was acquitted?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) There was an inquiry into the circumstances connected with a case of homicide at Casino during the time Senior-constable Cooper was in charge of the police there, and in which his conduct was under review, but there was no charge against him.

(2.) He received the usual certificate on leaving the Force, with a good character.

(3.) Owing to Cooper's detention and connection with the inquiry referred to above, he was allowed pay for four months, as a gratuity on his resignation, by the authority of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, given on the 28th September, 1870. Partial deafness was the principal cause of his retirement.

(9.) Deed Fees :—*Mr. Cunneen* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Is it the practice of the Lands Department to charge conditional purchasers a deed fee of £1 for the original and every additional conditional purchase, instead of giving one deed and charging one fee for the whole purchase of any one selector?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—Yes; each purchase is a separate transaction, made also, generally speaking, at different periods; and as a separate deed of grant is issued in each case, a fee of £1 is chargeable on each.

(10.) Bathurst and Hill End Road :—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—How soon he purposes causing the thoroughfare from Bathurst to Hill End, either by Wallerawang or Sofala, to be so far repaired and made as will make it safe for Her Majesty's subjects to travel without the risk of loss of life?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—A sum of £6,000 is on the Estimates for the improvement of roads from Bathurst to Hill End and Tambaroora, and in their vicinity. Plans and specifications have been prepared for the most necessary works, and tenders have been accepted for new roads at Monkey Hill, at Hawkins Hill, and between Tambaroora and Hill End.

*Mr. Tunks* withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 12.

(11.) The Permanent Military Force :—*Mr. Tunks* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—

(1.) Has he any objection to state whether there is any stipulation, by Act of Parliament or otherwise, that the engagement of the paid Military Force must extend to a period of five years, or any other specific period from their enlistment?

(2.)

(2.) In case of the existence of such a document, will the Colonial Secretary be pleased to make known the nature and date of the same?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the members of the Military Force in every instance have been enlisted under an agreement for five years.

(12.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 14,—Are the Volunteers who have received land orders under the provisions of the Volunteer Act of 1867, entitled to receive fifty acres of land for the next and every subsequent period of five years; if not, do the Government contemplate making provision for subsequent service?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not consider that the Volunteers who have received Land Orders under the Volunteer Act are entitled to receive any further grant. I am not prepared to state what is the policy of the Government on the subject.

(13.) Pay of the Police :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 15,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, at once, an increase in the pay of the Police, to stop the resignations that are now taking place of many most efficient men?

(2.) Is the Government aware that labourers on the streets are receiving a much higher rate of wage per day than the Police?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I feel assured that this question is quite irregular, but I have no objection to state that the Government has no intention of dealing with the Police apart from the Civil Service.

2. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—Mr. Baker withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Letter from the Sheriff respecting the execution of the criminals Nichols and Lester.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. CASE OF JOHN CALLAGHAN :—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Town and District of Forbes, praying that inquiry may be made as to the cause of the dismissal of Constable John Callaghan from the Police Force.  
Petition received.
5. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL :—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL :—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Clergy of the Archdiocese, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
7. PAPER :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table further Correspondence respecting Telegraphic Communication with Europe.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN :—  
(1.) *Mr. Moses*, on behalf of Mr. Neale, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Neale, No. 2.  
(2.) *Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Creed, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Creed, No. 5.
9. DAMS ON LINE OF ROAD TO RIVERINA (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 28th June, from Stockowners, Drivers, and others, residents of the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Districts, relative to the erection of Dams on the road to Riverina, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
10. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, consisting of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. M'Laurin, Mr. Warden, and the Mover, to consider and report upon the allegations contained in the two Petitions presented during the present Session of Parliament on the subject of St. Andrew's College.  
Question put and passed.
11. MOTION DROPPED :—Mr. Forster not making the Motion standing in his name No. 3, it dropped.
12. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the payment of the Members of the Legislature, to some extent already in operation in this Colony, is a sound and just principle, and ought to be applicable to all the Members of this House, instead of only to nine of them, as is the case at present.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Laakey,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. W. C. Brown,	
Mr. Taylor,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. West,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Central</i>	Mr. Watson,
<i>Cumberland</i> )	Mr. Stewart.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW** :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Forster, adjourned (after Debate) until Friday next.
14. **MOTIONS WITHDRAWN** :—  
 (1.) Mr. Combes withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 9.  
 (2.) Mr. Jacob withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 10.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows :—  
 No. 1, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday next.  
 No. 2, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday, 16th July.  
 No. 3, by Mr. Nelson, until Tuesday next.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Tunks, until Tuesday, 16th July.  
 No. 5, by Mr. Robertson, until Tuesday next.  
 No. 6, by Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.  
 No. 7, by Mr. Garrett, until Thursday next.  
 No. 8, by Mr. Piddington, until Tuesday next.  
 No. 9, by Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.
16. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.
17. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows :—  
 Nos. 11, 12, and 13, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.  
 No. 14, by Mr. Cunneen, until Tuesday next.  
 Nos. 15 and 16, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 12th July.  
 No. 17, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.  
 No. 18, by Mr. Lackey, until Friday next.  
 No. 19, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.  
 No. 20, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.  
 No. 21, by Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tomorrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. LORD** to ask **THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—  
 (1.) The amount of the Debit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the evening of the 3rd July, 1872 ?  
 (2.) The amount to the credit of the Public Account, in the Bank of New South Wales, on the same day ?  
 (3.) The amount in same Bank to the credit of the Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5, on the same day ?  
 (4.) The amount received from the Border Duties for the month of June ?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN** to ask **THE POSTMASTER GENERAL**,—Would the Postmaster General make some arrangement by which the morning delivery of letters in Sydney might be completed by nine o'clock at latest, instead of half-past ten, and sometimes eleven, as is the case at present ?
3. **MR. BUCHANAN** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Have the Government come to any agreement as to how they are to deal with the wages of the mechanics and labourers in their employment ; and, if so, will the Colonial Secretary state the nature of that agreement ?
4. **MR. HOSKINS** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—When will the copies of Correspondence, &c. relating to the Survey and Sale of Church and School Lands sold at Maitland on 30th October, 1871—moved for by Mr. Dodds on the 12th and 14th of December, 1871—be laid upon the Table of this House ?
5. **MR. FORSTER** to ask **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session any measure to alter the Electoral Law ; and, in particular, to effect a better and more equitable redistribution of the representation ?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a Sitting Day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd July, from certain inhabitants of the Town and District of Forbes, relative to the dismissal of Constable John Callaghan, be printed.
2. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd July, from the Most Reverend Archbishop Polding, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, and praying that the same may not pass into law, be printed.
3. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd July, from the Most Reverend Archbishop Polding and certain Roman Catholic Clergymen, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, and praying that the same may not pass into law, be printed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road between Sydney and Wollongong.

## THURSDAY, JULY 4.

## Questions :—

1. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Have the Government determined what course they will take in regard to the request made some time since by some miners at Moruya that mineral lease, known as the Moruya Silver Mine, should be cancelled, in consequence of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the lease by the lessees ; and, if a decision has been arrived at, will the Secretary for Lands state what it is ?
2. MR. R. B. SMITH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Circulars have been issued by the Council of Education to all Male Teachers of the Public and Denominational Schools in the Sydney District, requiring them to undergo a course of Military Drill ; that Male Teachers must present themselves for drill on the 6th July instant, and continue to do so weekly, until deemed " efficient " ?
  - (2.) Has the regulation upon which such Circular is framed been laid before both Houses of Parliament, pursuant to the 7th section of the Public Schools Act ?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

## Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen received the Chief Justice's Salary as well as the Governor's while he was administering the Government ?
2. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether he, or any other member of the Ministry, has recently had any communication with the Parliamentary Draftsman relating to the punctuation of Bills or Acts ?
  - (2.) If so, whether he is at liberty to state the substance or nature of such communication ?
3. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to open the line of road leading off the main line from Wallabadah to Nundle and Hanging Rock ?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work of opening and forming the said road ?
4. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth ?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the erection of the said bridge, and at what point of the river is it intended to erect the same ?
  - (3.) When will the line of road from such bridge, through Nemingha Flat, Dungowan Creek, Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle, be surveyed and open for traffic ?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

3. Administration of the Land Law;—resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cunneen:—
  - “ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.”
4. Married Women’s Property Bill; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
9. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
10. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - “ (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - “ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
11. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.
2. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
3. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in “The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861” :—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

“The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

“Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply

“Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

“Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

“Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

“Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

“Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

“Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

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“ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed. These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”

4. MR. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the charges preferred by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.
  - (2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.
  - (3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.
  - (4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.
  - (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.
  - (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Clode v. Murphys*, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coojee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means or internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

7. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.
8. MR. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. COMBES to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
3. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
4. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

“ (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

“ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
5. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.

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TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
    - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
    - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bank Balances—Border Duties :—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The amount of the Debit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the evening of the 3rd July, 1872 ?

(2.) The amount to the credit of the Public Account, in the Bank of New South Wales, on the same day ?

(3.) The amount in same Bank to the credit of the Loan Fund, 35 Vic. No. 5, on the same day ?

(4.) The amount received from the Border Duties for the month of June ?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The information asked for by questions 1, 2, and 3, will be furnished to-morrow. With regard to question 4, for the month of June the amount collected by New South Wales Officers on the Murray Border was £4,895 8s. 6d.; collected by Victorian Officers on the Murray Border, £395 15s.

- (2.) Town Delivery of Letters :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Would the Postmaster General make some arrangement by which the morning delivery of letters in Sydney might be completed by nine o'clock at latest, instead of half-past ten, and sometimes eleven, as is the case at present ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—As the mails by rail do not arrive at the Post Office until nearly 7.45 a.m., it is not possible to commence the morning delivery before 9 o'clock. The sorting is not finished until that hour, and were it otherwise, there is reason to believe that a delivery before 9 o'clock would not be acceptable to the majority of business people, whose offices do not open sooner.

- (3.) Wages of Mechanics and Labourers :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the Government come to any agreement as to how they are to deal with the wages of the mechanics and labourers in their employment; and, if so, will the Colonial Secretary state the nature of that agreement ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A decision has been arrived at by the Government in the matter to which the question refers. Numerous alterations have been made in the rates of wages, which will take effect from the first of this month.

- (4.) Church and School Lands :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the copies of Correspondence, &c., relating to the Survey and Sale of Church and School Lands sold at Maitland on 30th October, 1871—moved for by Mr. Dodds on the 12th and 14th of December, 1871—be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—This afternoon.

*Mr. Forster not asking Question No. 5, it dropped.*

2. **THE SOUTH HEAD ROADS**:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Wool-  
labra, praying that the Old and New South Head Roads, and the roads connected therewith, or  
diverging therefrom, now under the control of Commissioners, may be transferred to the said  
Municipal Council.  
Petition received.
3. **BRIDGE ACROSS THROSBY CREEK**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from certain Residents  
and Property Owners on the Island of Onebygamba, representing the necessity for the erection of  
a Bridge across Throsby Creek, with a view to connect this Island with the main land; and praying  
the House to take the matter into consideration.  
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Church and School Lands," made by the Legislative  
Assembly, on motion of Mr. Dodds, on 12th December, 1871.  
(2.) Supplementary Return to an Order on the same subject, made on motion of Mr. Dodds on 14th  
December, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved,  
pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on the 2nd July, from the  
Most Reverend Archbishop Polding, relative to the Cemeteries Regulation Bill, and praying that the  
same may not pass into law, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
6. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved,  
pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on the 2nd July, from the  
Most Reverend Archbishop Polding and certain Roman Catholic Clergymen, relative to the Matri-  
monial Causes Bill, and praying that the same may not pass into law, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
7. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of  
the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a Sitting Day of this House, and that  
Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. **BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL**:—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the  
Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration  
of this Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

*THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1872, A.M.*

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee,—

The Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twelve minutes before One o'clock A.M., until  
Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 4 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Have the Government determined what course they will take in regard to the request made some time since by some miners at Moruya that mineral lease, known as the Moruya Silver Mine, should be cancelled, in consequence of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the lease by the lessees; and, if a decision has been arrived at, will the Secretary for Lands state what it is?
2. MR. R. B. SMITH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Circulars have been issued by the Council of Education to all Male Teachers of the Public and Denominational Schools in the Sydney District, requiring them to undergo a course of Military Drill; that Male Teachers must present themselves for drill on the 6th July instant, and continue to do so weekly, until deemed "efficient"?
  - (2.) Has the regulation upon which such Circular is framed been laid before both Houses of Parliament, pursuant to the 7th section of the Public Schools Act?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount of duty paid on goods at the Custom House by Messrs. Nelson Brothers, of Orange?
  - (2.) The amount of duty paid on goods at the Custom House by Messrs. Dalton Brothers, of Orange?
4. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Has the Government been made aware of the inconvenience and delay experienced by business people in consequence of there being no direct telegraphic communication between Newcastle and Sydney; if so, will any steps be taken to remedy the evil complained of?
5. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has any application been made by the Government to E. C. Merewether, Esq., for the purchase of a portion of the A. A. Company's Ironbark Estate for the purpose of a General Cemetery for the District of Newcastle; and if so, the nature of the reply (if any) received?
6. MR. TAYLOR *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Do the Government in cases where Magistrates become insolvent issue a Supersedeas?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that there are any persons in the Commission of the Peace who are uncertificated Insolvents?
  - (3.) If so, will they be superseded?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the payment of the Representatives of the people in this country.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd July, from the Municipal Council of Woollahra, relative to the South Head Roads, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer the Old South Head Road and the New South Head Road, and certain other roads connected therewith or diverging therefrom, and the powers vested by Acts 11 Victoria, No. 49, and 13 Victoria, No. 41, in the Commissioners of such roads to the Municipal Council of Woollahra.
5. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd July from the residents and property owners on the Island of Onebygambah, relative to the crection of a bridge across Throsby Creek, be printed.
6. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd July, from certain inhabitants of the Town and District of Forbes, relative to the dismissal of Constable John Callaghan, be printed.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road between Sydney and Wollongong.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen received the Chief Justice's Salary as well as the Governor's while he was administering the Government?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether he, or any other member of the Ministry, has recently had any communication with the Parliamentary Draftsman relating to the punctuation of Bills or Acts?
  - (2.) If so, whether he is at liberty to state the substance or nature of such communication?
3. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to open the line of road leading off the main line from Wallabadah to Nundle and Hanging Rock?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work of opening and forming the said road?
4. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the erection of the said bridge, and at what point of the river is it intended to erect the same?
  - (3.) When will the line of road from such bridge, through Nemingha Flat, Dungowan Creek, Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle, be surveyed and open for traffic?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Administration of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cunneen :—
  - "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover."
4. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
10. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan.—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
11. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.
2. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
3. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place :—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition

“ Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply “ Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

“ Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

“ Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

“ Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

“ Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

“ Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

“ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”

4. Mr. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the charges preferred by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.

(2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.

(3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.

(4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.

(5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.

(6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.

(7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Clode v. Murphys*, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.

(8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

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

2. Mr. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

3. Mr. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.

4. **SIR JAMES MARTIN** to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. **MR. MACLEAY** to move,—  
 (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of “ internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That “ railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present “ costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most “ important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. **CAPTAIN ONSLOW** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.  
 (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
7. **MR. TUNKS** to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.
8. **MR. NEALE** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—  
 (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. **MR. COMBES** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.  
 (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.  
 (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.  
 (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
3. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
4. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the “ City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water “ supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which “ the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to “ secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must “ inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply “ of water be provided.  
 “ (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract “ Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on “ the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant “ supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds “ of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little “ delay as possible.  
 “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
5. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question :—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—  
 (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?  
 (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?  
 (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

FRIDAY,



FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.

TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mineral Lease—"Moruya Silver Mine":—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government determined what course they will take in regard to the request made some time since by some miners at Moruya that mineral lease, known as the Moruya Silver Mine, should be cancelled in consequence of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the lease by the lessees; and, if a decision has been arrived at, will the Secretary for Lands state what it is?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The miners have been informed that the Government have no power to cancel this lease, so long as the lessees comply with the conditions of the 22nd clause of the Crown Lands Occupation Act.

- (2.) Military Drill for Public School Teachers:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Circulars have been issued by the Council of Education to all Male Teachers of the Public and Denominational Schools in the Sydney District, requiring them to undergo a course of Military Drill; that Male Teachers must present themselves for drill on the 6th July instant, and continue to do so weekly, until deemed "efficient"?

(2.) Has the regulation upon which such Circular is framed been laid before both Houses of Parliament, pursuant to the 7th section of the Public Schools Act?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is true that Circulars have been issued to all Male Teachers of the Public and Denominational Schools in the Sydney District, requiring them to undergo a course of Military Drill; and that Male Teachers must present themselves for drill on 6th July instant, and continue to do so weekly until the Drill Instructor certifies to their competency to instruct the boys under their care in the rudiments of Military Drill, as laid down in Sections 1. to 54 of the "Field Exercises" of 1870, but excluding the "Rifle Exercises."

(2.) There is no regulation upon which such Circular is framed.

- (3.) Customs Duties paid by Nelson Brothers, and Dalton Brothers:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The amount of duty paid on goods at the Custom House by Messrs. Nelson Brothers, of Orange?

(2.) The amount of duty paid on goods at the Custom House by Messrs. Dalton Brothers, of Orange?

- Mr. Piddington answered,—The questions appear not only to be imperfect in themselves, as no time is mentioned, but it seems to me that the public interest is not involved in disclosing the business affairs of private firms, and I must decline to answer the questions.

(4.)

- (4.) Telegraphic Communication between Sydney and Newcastle:—Mr. Hannell asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Has the Government been made aware of the inconvenience and delay experienced by business people in consequence of there being no direct telegraphic communication between Newcastle and Sydney; if so, will any steps be taken to remedy the evil complained of?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and a sum of money has been placed on the Estimates for the construction of a second wire from Sydney to Newcastle, in order to remedy the evil complained of.

- (5.) General Cemetery for Newcastle:—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has any application been made by the Government to E. C. Merewether, Esq., for the purchase of a portion of the A. A. Company's Ironbark Estate for the purpose of a General Cemetery for the District of Newcastle; and if so, the nature of the reply (if any) received?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; Mr. Merewether, on behalf of the Company, has offered to sell fifty acres for the sum of £2,500, being at the rate of £50 per acre, subject to the reservation of minerals and the right to work them.

- (6.) Insolvent Magistrates:—Mr. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Do the Government in cases where Magistrates become insolvent issue a Supersedeas?
- (2.) Are the Government aware that there are any persons in the Commission of the Peace who are uncertificated Insolvents?
- (3.) If so, will they be superseded?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) In all such cases a supersedeas is issued.
- (2.) The Government is not aware of any such case.
- (3.) If any such case comes to the knowledge of the Government, a supersedeas will be issued.

- (7.) Bank Balances:—Mr. Piddington made the following reply to sections 1, 2, and 3 of Question No. 1, recorded in yesterday's Votes and Proceedings:—

(1.) Debit Balance on the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 3rd July	£204,241 15 10
(2.) Credit Balance—Public Account (Sydney)	£371,875 18 11
Less—Overdraft London Account, at date of latest advices	7,652 7 10
	364,223 11 1

(3.) Amount at Credit of the Loan Fund, 35 Victoria, No. 5

	£108,007 6 3
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2. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School for 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL:—Mr. Stewart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 27th June, 1872, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stewart then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.

4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. BRIDGE ACROSS THROSBY CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd July from the residents and property owners on the Island of Onebygambah, relative to the erection of a bridge across Throsby Creek, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. CASE OF JOHN CALLAGHAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd July, from certain inhabitants of the Town and District of Forbes, relative to the dismissal of Constable John Callaghan, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. BRIDGES OVER LODDON RIVER AND AT KING'S FALLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Surveys, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, in possession of the Government, having reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Loddon River, or of a Bridge at King's Falls, on the main line of road between Sydney and Wollongong.

Question put and passed.

8. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

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The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order should have been decided by the Speaker.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order as follows:—

The Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, in addressing the Committee, stated that the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Parkes, as a citizen of this country, went to Melbourne, and made a contract with the head of the Victorian Government against the interests of this country.

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Mr. Garrett then addressed the House, repeating the statement he had made in Committee, and that he intended in making the charge to impute crime against the Colonial Secretary. Exception being taken to certain words used by the Honorable Member, while addressing the House, the words were, at the instance of Mr. Parkes, taken down by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

“The Colonial Secretary went to Melbourne, and made an arrangement with the head of the Government there that he would endeavour to bring about a state of affairs disadvantageous to the interests of this Colony.”

The Speaker ruled that the words used by the Honorable Member, and the imputation conveyed by them, were highly disorderly, and ought to be retracted.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett, again addressing the House, retracted, and apologised for the language used by him, and stated that he did not intend to convey the meaning attached to his words by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—and then withdrew.

The House deliberated.

And Mr. Garrett having resumed his place, the Speaker informed him that his retraction and apology had been accepted by the House.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with the Title amended.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-five minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 5 JULY.

### Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen received the Chief Justice's Salary as well as the Governor's while he was administering the Government?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether he, or any other member of the Ministry, has recently had any communication with the Parliamentary Draftsman relating to the punctuation of Bills or Acts?
  - (2.) If so, whether he is at liberty to state the substance or nature of such communication?
3. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to open the line of road leading off the main line from Wallabadah to Nundle and Hanging Rock?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work of opening and forming the said road?
4. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth?
  - (2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the erection of the said bridge, and at what point of the river is it intended to erect the same?
  - (3.) When will the line of road from such bridge, through Nemingha Flat, Dungowan Creek, Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle, be surveyed and open for traffic?
5. MR. WEARNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When did the time expire of the original Contract for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?
  - (2.) What was the amount of the tender for which that contract was accepted?
  - (3.) Is the original contractor now carrying on the work; and, if not, who is doing so?
  - (4.) What sum of money has been paid on account of the original contract?
  - (5.) What sum was to be deducted if the work was not completed within contract time?
  - (6.) Has such sum, if due, been deducted?
  - (7.) Has the Government granted an extension of time to the contractor; and, if so, how long?
  - (8.) Is the work being carried on to the satisfaction of the Government?
  - (9.) When will the Wharf be completed?
6. MR. W. C. BROWNE *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—What was the total amount received last year for Press Telegrams delivered at Sydney to telegraphic agents, irrespective of the payments made direct by the proprietors of the daily papers?
7. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session, or if at any other time, when, any measure to alter the Electoral Law, or in particular to effect a more equitable redistribution of the representation?
8. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will he place upon the Table of this House a detailed statement of the alteration made on the 1st of this month in the rate of wages paid to the mechanics and labourers in the employment of the Government; if so, when?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Bathurst Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Administration of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cunneen:—
  - "(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
  - "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover."
4. Married Women's Property Bill; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
6. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
10. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
11. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
13. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
14. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
15. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other papers in reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.
2. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
3. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply. Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

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"Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.  
 "Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.  
 "Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.  
 "Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed. These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

4. MR. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the charges proffered by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.
  - (2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.
  - (3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.
  - (4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.
  - (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Doyle v. Murphys, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.
  - (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Doyle v. Murphys, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Clode v. Murphys, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.
  - (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.
5. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Contracts for Government work, the time for the completion of which expired previous to the 30th June last, but which are not completed by the Contractors. Return to include the names of the various Contractors and their Sureties, the nature of the Contract, date of acceptance of tender, amount contracted for, date of expiration of original contract time, what extension (if any) of time given to Contractor; penalties attached to the non-fulfilment of Contract, and whether such penalties (if any due) will be insisted on; what sums have been paid on account of Contracts. Return to shew the above detail in each individual case.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the payment of the Representatives of the people in this country.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd July, from the Municipal Council of Woollahra, relative to the South Head Roads, be printed.
9. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer the Old South Head Road and the New South Head Road, and certain other roads connected therewith or diverging therefrom, and the powers vested by Acts 11 Victoria, No. 49, and 13 Victoria, No. 41, in the Commissioners of such roads to the Municipal Council of Woollahra.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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MONDAY, 8 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; adoption of Report.

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TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

Question:—

1. MR. STEPHEN BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are any of the Non-Commissioned Officers or men of the "Defence Force" Pensioners of Her Majesty; and, if so, how many?
  - (2.) Do they receive such Pension in addition to their pay as members of the "Defence Force"?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “(1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
7. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.
8. MR. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. COMBES to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
10. MR. TUNKS to move, That in the opinion of this House, the Statistical Register and the Blue Book ought severally to be prepared, printed, and circulated with as little delay as possible, whether Parliament be in Session or not.



## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
3. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
4. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - “ (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
5. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

## Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?

## FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## New South Wales.

No. 25.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 1872.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sir Alfred Stephen:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen received the Chief Justice's Salary as well as the Governor's while he was administering the Government?

Mr. Piddington answered,—In accordance with the rule laid down by the Imperial Government, Sir Alfred Stephen received salary as Administrator of the Government, in the following manner, viz:—From the date of his being sworn in as such Administrator, 23rd February 1872, to the date of His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson's departure from England, 11th April 1872, at the *full* salary of £7,000 per annum; from the last-named date to that of His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson's arrival and swearing in here, 2nd June 1872, at the *half* salary of £3,500 per annum: During the whole of the above-mentioned period Sir Alfred Stephen performed the duties of his office as Chief Justice, and received the salary secured to him by law for the performance of those duties.

- (2.) Punctuation of Bills:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) Whether he, or any other Member of the Ministry, has recently had any communication with the Parliamentary Draftsman relating to the punctuation of Bills or Acts?  
(2.) If so, whether he is at liberty to state the substance or nature of such communication?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No Member of the Government has had any communication with the Parliamentary Draftsman on this subject.

- (3.) Road from Wallabadah to Nundle and Hanging Rock:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to open the line of road leading off the main line from Wallabadah to Nundle and Hanging Rock?  
(2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the work of opening and forming the said road?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) If the road on Schedule is meant, tenders will be invited when the Estimates have been passed.  
(2.) If the Mountain Pass is meant, the question will be considered when the Estimates for 1873 are being prepared.

- (4.) Bridge over the Cockburn River:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth?  
(2.) If so, when will tenders be called for the erection of the said bridge, and at what point of the river is it intended to erect the same?  
(3.) When will the line of road from such bridge, through Nemingha Flat, Dungowan Creek, Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle, be surveyed and open for traffic?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The propriety of placing a sum on the Estimates for the construction of a Bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth, will be considered when the Estimates for 1873 are being prepared.

(2.) Tenders can only be invited when money has been voted.

(3.) The local Surveyor was instructed on the 18th September, 1871, to confer with the local Road Superintendent, as to best site for a bridge, and to lay out the road in question, should he be aware of no objection.

(5.)

(5.) Darling Harbour Wharf:—Mr. Wearne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) When did the time expire of the original Contract for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?
- (2.) What was the amount of the tender for which that contract was accepted?
- (3.) Is the original contractor now carrying on the work; and, if not, who is doing so?
- (4.) What sum of money has been paid on account of the original contract?
- (5.) What sum was to be deducted if the work was not completed within contract time?
- (6.) Has such sum, if due, been deducted?
- (7.) Has the Government granted an extension of time to the contractor; and, if so, how long?
- (8.) Is the work being carried on to the satisfaction of the Government?
- (9.) When will the Wharf be completed?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

- (1.) The time of expiration of the original Contract was the 31st December, 1871.
- (2.) The Contract was accepted at a Schedule of prices, according to which it was originally estimated that the work would cost about £34,600.
- (3.) The original Contractors are not carrying out the works: the Contract was assigned by them, with the consent of the Government, to Messrs. Montefiore and Joseph—their Sureties.
- (4.) £29,897 13s. 6d. has been paid on account.
- (5.) The sum of £5 per diem after the specified time for completion.
- (6.) No sum has been deducted, for the reason given in the answer to the next question.
- (7.) Yes; eight months. This extension was granted and no penalty inflicted in consequence of the much greater depth to which the cylinders had to be sunk on account of the treacherous character of the bottom, which could not be properly ascertained until the excavations for the cylinders were made.
- (8.) The work is now carried on to the satisfaction of the Government.
- (9.) It is impossible to say at present, owing to the unforeseen difficulties that attend the sinking of the cylinders.

(6.) Press Telegrams:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—What was the total amount received last year for Press Telegrams delivered at Sydney to telegraphic agents, irrespective of the payments made direct by the proprietors of the daily papers?

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* answered,—£198 15s. 11d.

*Mr. Forster* withdrew Question No. 7.

(7.) Wages of Mechanics and Labourers:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8.—Will he place upon the Table of this House a detailed statement of the alteration made on the 1st of this month in the rate of wages paid to the mechanics and labourers in the employment of the Government; if so, when?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Government have no objection whatever to lay before Parliament the Papers on which these alterations have been made, and they shall be laid upon the Table within a very few days.

2. GOLD CLAIM AT GULGONG:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners at Gulgong, complaining of a decision given by the Appeal Court in regard to a claim held by them; and praying for inquiry into the case.  
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

(1.) *Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Report from Board of Government Asylums, relative to Expenditure for 1871.

(2.) Return to an Order in reference to “Denominational Schools,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Watson*, on 11th June, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CLAIM OF MR. SCHOLEY (“Formal” Motion):—*Mr. Cunneen* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers in reference to the claim of *Mr. Stephen Scholey*, for losses sustained by him, through his position as Warden of the Maitland District Council, in the case *Eckford v. Scholey*.  
Question put and passed.

5. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (“Formal” Motion):—*Mr. Wearne* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Contracts for Government work, the time for the completion of which expired previous to the 30th June last, but which are not completed by the Contractors. Return to include the names of the various Contractors and their Sureties, the nature of the Contract, date of acceptance of tender, amount contracted for, date of expiration of original contract time, what extension (if any) of time given to Contractor; penalties attached to the non-fulfilment of Contract, and whether such penalties (if any due) will be insisted on: what sums have been paid on account of Contracts. Return to shew the above detail in each individual case.  
Question put and passed.

6. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—*Mr. Buchanan* withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 7.

7. THE SOUTH HEAD ROADS (“Formal” Motion):—*Mr. Driver* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—That the Petition presented by him on 3rd July, from the Municipal Council of Woollahra, relative to the South Head Roads, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

## 8. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—

(1.) Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer the Old South Head Road and the New South Head Road, and certain other roads connected therewith or diverging therefrom, and the powers vested by Acts 11 Victoria, No. 49, and 13 Victoria, No. 41, in the Commissioners of such roads to the Municipal Council of Woollahra.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to transfer the Old South Head Road and the New South Head Road and certain other Roads connected therewith or diverging therefrom and the powers vested by Acts 11 Vic. No. 49 and 13 Vic. No. 41 in the Commissioners of such Roads to the Municipal Council of Woollahra,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

## 9. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—and the Debate not being resumed,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Oakes,	

Mr. West,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Innes,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Combes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

## 10. BATHURST GAS BILL,—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

## 11. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cunneen,—

"(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Driver, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Creed, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover,"—resumed.

Question put and passed.

## 12. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL:—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Debate on this question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown (after Debate), until this day week.

## 13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, until Friday next.

## 14. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this Day week.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Buchanan,	

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. West,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question stated.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Butler, Mr. Combes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. West,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, 8 JULY.

### Questions:—

1. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is the Government aware that no repairs have taken place on the road between Orange and Molong?
2. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the street fronting the New Post Office, from George-street to Pitt-street, is likely to be opened?

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain Grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of water frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; adoption of Report.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

### GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 5th July, from certain Gold Miners at Gulgong, be printed.
3. MR. STEWART *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.  
(2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.  
(3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by Law.
4. MR. CREED *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition

“ Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

“ Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

“ Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

“ Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

“ Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever.”

5. Mr. JACOB to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the charges preferred by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.

(2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.

(3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.

(4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.

(5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Doyle v. Murphys, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.

(6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Doyle v. Murphys, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.

(7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case Clode v. Murphys, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.

(8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.

6. Mr. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; third reading.
2. Bathurst Gas Bill ; third reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”
5. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
6. The Office of Attorney General ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - “ (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - “ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
7. Evidence Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
9. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
10. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
11. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

#### Questions :—

1. Mr. STEPHEN BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are any of the Non-Commissioned Officers or men of the “ Defence Force ” Pensioners of Her Majesty ; and, if so, how many ?
  - (2.) Do they receive such Pension in addition to their pay as members of the “ Defence Force ” ?

## 2. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) On whose authority has the line of road from Tamworth through the Town of Bective, and on to Summerton, been closed?

(2.) How many sections of land in the Town of Bective have been sold by the Government, the name of the purchaser or purchasers, and when such sale or sales took place?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

## 1. MR. BAKER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and, as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.

(2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.

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

## 2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coojee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

## 3. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.

## 4. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.

## 5. MR. MACLEAY to move,—

(1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.

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

## 6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.

(2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## 7. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.

## 8. MR. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.

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

## 9. MR. COMBES to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.

(2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.

(3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.



10. MR. TUNKS to move, That in the opinion of this House, the Statistical Register and the Blue Book ought severally to be prepared, printed, and circulated with as little delay as possible, whether Parliament be in Session or not.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; second reading.
2. Gaol at Orange ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
3. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
4. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

“ (2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

“ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
5. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session, or if at any other time, when, any measure to alter the Electoral Law, or in particular to effect a more equitable redistribution of the representation ?

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill ; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
8. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
    - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
    - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 8 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Orange and Molong Road :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is the Government aware that no repairs have taken place on the road between Orange and Molong ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government is not aware that no repairs have taken place on the road between Orange and Molong.

*Mr. Raphael withdrew Question No. 2.*

2. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL:—Mr. Innes presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Frederic Barker, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney and Metropolitan Bishop of Australia, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
3. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain Grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of water frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay.  
Question put and passed.
4. GOLD CLAIM AT GULGONG (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, moved pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Buchanan on 5th July, from certain Gold Miners at Gulgong, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
5. BATHURST GAS BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th July, 1872.*
- Question put and passed.

6. **BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "this Bill be now re-committed, for the purpose of further considering clauses 1, 2, 4, and 5." Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hurley ( <i>Central</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Cumberland</i> ),
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. M' Laurin,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Lord,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. West,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That this Bill be now re-committed, for the purpose of further considering clauses 1, 2, 4, and 5,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup>, with further amendments.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed as follows:—  
 No. 2, by Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.  
 No. 3, by Mr. Piddington, to follow after No. 4.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Piddington, until to-morrow.  
 No. 3, (*as postponed*) by Mr. Piddington, until to-morrow.
8. **MOTIONS POSTPONED**:—The undermentioned Motions postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 1, by *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.  
 No. 3, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday 19th July.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Creed, until to-morrow.
9. **CASES HEARD BEFORE RAYMOND TERRACE BENCH OF MAGISTRATES**:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A Return of the charges preferred by the Police at Raymond Terrace against one Thomas Hanley and his wife, in March or April, 1870.  
 (2.) A copy of the Record of Proceedings before the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace relative to the said charges.  
 (3.) A copy of any entry of alteration made in the Raymond Terrace Watch House, or other Book kept for the purpose, of the punishment imposed on the said parties.  
 (4.) Copies of any Correspondence, Memoranda, or Reports, between and from the Police Authorities in Maitland and Raymond Terrace, bearing on the said charges.  
 (5.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the Raymond Terrace Bench on 22nd March, 1872.  
 (6.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Doyle v. Murphys*, for an assault, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.  
 (7.) Copies of the Information and Depositions in the case *Clode v. Murphys*, requiring Sureties of the Peace, heard by the same Bench on 5th April, 1872.  
 (8.) A Copy of the Proceedings of the Revision Court, for revising the Electoral List of the Lower Hunter, held at Raymond Terrace on 24th April, 1872.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
10. **MOTION POSTPONED**:—Mr. Buchanan postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 6, until to-morrow.
11. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Mr. Innes moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

12. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows :—  
 Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.  
 No. 5, by Mr. J. S. Smith, until To-morrow.  
 Nos. 6 and 7, by Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.  
 No. 8, by Mr. Farnell, until To-morrow.
13. **THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S INCORPORATION BILL,**—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Farnell, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for This Day.
14. **SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL,**—on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Garrett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
 On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for This Day.
15. **PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL,**—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Farnell, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for This Day.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 9 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. **MR. STEPHEN BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—  
 (1.) Are any of the Non-Commissioned Officers or men of the "Defence Force" Pensioners of Her Majesty; and, if so, how many?  
 (2.) Do they receive such Pension in addition to their pay as members of the "Defence Force"?
2. **MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,**—  
 (1.) On whose authority has the line of road from Tamworth through the Town of Bective, and on to Summerton, been closed?  
 (2.) How many sections of land in the Town of Bective have been sold by the Government, the name of the purchaser or purchasers, and when such sale or sales took place?
3. **MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,**—When the street fronting the New Post Office, from George-street to Pitt-street, is likely to be opened?
4. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,**—  
 (1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, adjoining the New School of Industry?  
 (2.) Does the Government intend to re-dedicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted?  
 (3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to re-dedicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—Are the members of the Police Force included in the new arrangement as to the wages of mechanics and labourers in the employment of the Government?
6. **MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—Will the Government undertake to ask Parliament for an annual vote towards the support of Country Hospitals, of a sum equal in amount to that raised for such purpose in each district by private contributions?
7. **MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—  
 (1.) Has any explanation been received from Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate of Wagga Wagga, relative to the matter referred to by Mr. Greville in some questions put by that gentleman to the Colonial Secretary in this House on the 26th of last month?  
 (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state what the explanation is?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. BAKER** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
  - (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. **MR. WATSON** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
3. **SIR JAMES MARTIN** to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
4. **MR. MACLEAY** to move,—
  - (1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for. (2.) That railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. **CAPTAIN ONSLOW** to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
6. **MR. TUNKS** to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.
7. **MR. NEALE** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. **MR. COMBES** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
9. **MR. TUNKS** to move, That in the opinion of this House, the Statistical Register and the Blue Book ought severally to be prepared, printed, and circulated with as little delay as possible, whether Parliament be in Session or not.
10. **MR. INNES** to move, That the Petition presented by him on 8th July, from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan Bishop of Australia, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
11. **MR. STEPHEN BROWN** to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed on the 5th instant by reason of the House having been counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

12. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That the Evidence taken by the Select Committee, appointed on the motion of the Honorable Charles Cowper, on the 23rd February, 1866, "to inquire into and report upon the reserves proclaimed under the 4th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, since the passing of the said Act; and also into all applications for such other reserves as have been refused or are not yet dealt with," be referred to the Committee now sitting "to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861."
13. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
14. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply

"Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

"Condition 3.—Lessees shall expend at the rate of five pounds sterling per acre on their lots within the first three years of the lease.

"Condition 4.—Lessees may determine their leases by giving to the Minister three months notice of their desire to do so but no rent shall in any such case be refunded.

"Condition 5.—Lessees may on application to the Minister in writing during the thirteenth year of their leases obtain a renewal of the same for a further period not exceeding fourteen years and the fine to be paid on such renewal not being less than two pounds ten shillings per acre shall be determined by appraisal and full information of the working and returns of the mine shall be afforded to the appraisers by the lessees on pain of forfeiting their claim to renewal.

"Condition 6.—If any lease be forfeited or not renewed the lessee shall be at liberty within six months from the termination of his lease to remove or otherwise dispose of all machinery and improvements and the minerals brought to the surface during the term of his lease.

"Condition 7.—That the lessee of any mineral land held from the Crown shall within one year from the date of application to select forward to the Curator of the Sydney Museum or such other person as may be notified in the *Government Gazette* specimens of the mineral deposits found on his land so leased to the value of five pounds sterling on receiving notice to do so in writing from the Curator or other person as appointed These specimens so sent shall be delivered to the said Curator free of any charge whatsoever."

15. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
2. Gaol at Orange; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
3. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
4. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - "(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - "(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

5. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
8. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.
9. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.
10. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill reported 2° ; adoption of Report.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session, or if at any other time, when, any measure to alter the Electoral Law, or in particular to effect a more equitable redistribution of the representation ?
2. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether any Despatch has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State, having reference to the leasing of Islands on the coast of Australia, more particularly Raine's Island ?
  - (2.) If so, what is the date of such Despatch ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo ?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report ?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been called to the case of a man named Dunn, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago, from the effects of a blow on the head, inflicted with a bar of iron by a man named Rose ?
  - (2.) Assuming that the Attorney General has noticed the case,—Is it true that the medical evidence taken at the Coroner's Inquest was to the effect that Dunn died from the effects of the blow above referred to, and that the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, stating as their reason for so doing that death was accelerated by Dunn's habits of intemperance ?
  - (3.) Has the Attorney General resolved upon any further action in this case ?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the fact that His Honor the Primary Judge in Equity has complained to the Government, or otherwise, of the unnecessary delay and expense to suitors in Equity Proceedings, by reason of evidence prior to the hearing being taken by the Master in Equity instead of by His Honor the Primary Judge ?
  - (2.) Is it true that His Honor never sees the witnesses in Equity Proceedings, but has to decide cases upon depositions taken before the Master in Equity ?
  - (3.) Has His Honor the Primary Judge expressed his desire to take the evidence of witnesses in Equity Proceedings, in order that he might be able to judge of the quality of evidence given, of the demeanour of witnesses, and of their general conduct while under examination by Counsel, cross-examination, and re-examination ?
  - (4.) Will the Honorable the Attorney General authorize any necessary change in this respect without delay ?
4. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Will he state whether the Lessees of the Moruya Silver Mine paid, within the prescribed time, the rent that was due for the last year ; and if they did not, what time elapsed before the required payment of rent was made ?
5. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the building used at Grenfell as a Court House is most unsuitable and defective in respect to the accommodation it affords to the Magistrates and to the public ?
  - (2.) Do the Government purpose providing a better Court House at Grenfell, either by putting the building lately erected into such condition that it may be fit for use, or else to cause a new building to be constructed.



6. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What goods have been seized during the last thirty days to current date, the amount the Government benefit, and what the officers so seizing derive from these forced seizures?
7. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What passenger accommodation there is at Macquarie Plains, and especially for ladies?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
10. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
11. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
12. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
13. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER *to move*, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Defence Force :—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Are any of the Non-Commissioned Officers or men of the "Defence Force" Pensioners of Her Majesty; and, if so, how many?

(2.) Do they receive such Pension in addition to their pay as members of the "Defence Force"?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There are three Non-Commissioned Officers of the Defence Force who are pensioners of Her Majesty; and they do receive their pensions at the same time that they receive their pay as members of the Force.

- (2.) The Town of Bective :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) On whose authority has the line of road from Tamworth through the Town of Bective, and on to Summerton, been closed?

(2.) How many sections of land in the Town of Bective have been sold by the Government, the name of the purchaser or purchasers, and when such sale or sales took place?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No authority has been given to close this road, as proclaimed and confirmed by the Government.

(2.) Statement herewith :—Allotments 5 to 12 in section 7; 1 to 10 in section 16; 1 to 20 in section 17; and 1 to 10 in section 19; offered for sale at Tamworth, on 27th September, 1862, and all purchased by Robert Pringle. Allotments 3 to 12 in section 5; 1 to 10 in section 8; 11 to 20 in section 19; and 1 to 10 in section 20; offered for sale on 30th September, 1863. Section 5 not sold. All allotments in section 8 purchased by Robert Pringle. Sections 19 and 20 not sold.

- (3.) Street fronting New Post Office :—Mr. Raphael asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When the street fronting the New Post Office, from George-street to Pitt-street, is likely to be opened?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The street fronting the New Post Office, from George-street to Pitt-street, cannot be opened until the completion of the building, for which a sum of £6,000 is on the Estimates for the present year.

Mr. Buchanan withdrew Question No. 4.

- (4.) Pay of the Police:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Are the members of the Police Force included in the new arrangement as to the wages of mechanics and labourers in the employment of the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have already informed the House—probably the Honorable Member was not present at the time—that the case of the Police will be considered when the case of the Civil Servants generally is considered.

- (5.) Country Hospitals:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Will the Government undertake to ask Parliament for an annual vote towards the support of Country Hospitals, of a sum equal in amount to that raised for such purpose in each district by private contributions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In every case where it is satisfactorily shewn that money has been locally subscribed for the support of a Country Hospital, the Government will be prepared to ask Parliament to grant an equal sum.

- (6.) Mr. Baylis, Police Magistrate, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has any explanation been received from Mr. Baylis, the Police Magistrate of Wagga Wagga, relative to the matter referred to by Mr. Greville in some questions put by that gentleman to the Colonial Secretary in this House on the 26th of last month?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state what the explanation is?

Mr. Parkes answered,—An explanation has been received. It is rather a lengthy paper, and refers to other matters besides the matter brought under the notice of the House. Such portions as relate to that matter will be laid upon the Table, if the Honorable Member, or any other Honorable Member, desire it.

2. TREASURY BILLS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Piddington, and read by the Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message, No. 3.*

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding Three hundred and forty-three thousand two hundred pounds, and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1872.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Ways and Means.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, further Correspondence relative to arrangement for collecting Border Customs Duties.

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain members of the Church of England residing at Newtown, and in the neighbourhood thereof, praying to be heard by Counsel in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received, and, on motion of Sir James Martin, referred to the Committee on the Bill.

5. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Sir James Martin withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 3.

6. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to authorize certain grants of land to be made by way of compensation for losses of water frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 18th July.

7. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intitled "*An Act to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

8. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited).*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited)*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by copies of the Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th July, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Butler laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, in reference to "Mr. H. D. Portus," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Jacob, on 19th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. GOLD MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice now prevailing, and which has prevailed for some years past, whereby the gold found to exist on private lands is made use of at the mere will of the owners of such land, without reference to the rights which the State possesses in such gold, is inexpedient, being fraught with injustice to the public, and being the cause of serious detriment to the mining interest, and as a consequence, to the people of the country generally.
- (2.) That it is highly necessary a Bill should be introduced at as early a period as possible, embodying the principle that the owner of private land should be bound, if required by the public, to make some arrangement so that the gold may be extracted from his land upon terms which shall give him a fair compensation for any injury that may be inflicted by persons mining on his land, regard being had to the interest which the State possesses in such gold.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.  
Mr. Innes moved the Previous Question.  
Debate continued.  
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. West,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Creed.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cunneen,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. West,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lord,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Creed.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Combes withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 8.
12. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, BURROWA:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the Town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
- Debate ensued.

Question

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Macleay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. West.
Mr. M'Laurin,	

Noes, 2.

*Tellers.*  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Oakes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. INTERNAL COMMUNICATION :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) That this House re-affirms the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently “ called for.” (2.) That “ railways of a description more suited to the wants and means of the country than the present “ costly lines should be constructed with all possible celerity along, or in the direction of, the most “ important lines of traffic”; and is of opinion that any further delay in the settlement of this question is highly inexpedient.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting from the first section thereof, all the words after the words “ called for,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “ and is of “ opinion that a plan for Railway extension ought to be submitted to this House at the commence- “ ment of next Session.”

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

The House divided,

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question then,—

(1.) That this House re-affirms the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 19th December, 1871, to the effect “ That this House is of opinion that a very great improvement in the means of internal communication throughout the entire Colony is most urgently called for”; and is of opinion that a plan for Railway extension ought to be submitted to this House at the commencement of next Session.”

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

14. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Captain Onslow, No. 5.

15. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Vehicles Regulation Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 28th June, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th July.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Neale, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Neale, No. 7.

17. STATISTICAL REGISTER AND BLUE BOOK :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That in the opinion of this House, the Statistical Register and the Blue Book ought severally to be prepared, printed, and circulated with as little delay as possible, whether Parliament be in Session or not.

Question put and passed.

18. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL :—Mr. Innes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by him on 8th July, from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan Bishop of Australia, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

19. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—*Mr. Tunks*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed on the 5th instant by reason of the House having been counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday "next."

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "next," with a view to inserting in place thereof the words "six months."

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Robertson,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW**:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Cunneen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That the Evidence taken by the Select Committee, appointed on the motion of the Honorable Charles Cowper, on the 23rd February, 1866, "to inquire into and report upon the reserves proclaimed under the 4th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, since the passing of the said Act; and also into all applications for such other reserves as have been refused or are not yet dealt with," be referred to the Committee now sitting "to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861." Question put and passed.
21. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Robertson withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 13.
22. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Creed not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 14, it dropped.
23. **FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL**:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.  
Question put and passed.
24. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 19th July.  
No. 2, by Mr. Nelson, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY.

*Questions*:—

1. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session, or if at any other time, when, any measure to alter the Electoral Law, or in particular to effect a more equitable redistribution of the representation?
2. **MR. FITZPATRICK to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Whether any Despatch has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State, having reference to the leasing of Islands on the coast of Australia, more particularly Raine's Island?  
(2.) If so, what is the date of such Despatch?
3. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—  
(1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, adjoining the New School of Industry?  
(2.) Does the Government intend to re-dedicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted?  
(3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to re-dedicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is?

4. **MR. WEARNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**  
 (1.) Have the Government any person employed in overlooking the work now going on at the new Wharf, Darling Harbour?  
 (2.) If so, what is his name, and what wages or other consideration does he receive for his services?  
 (3.) Are his services wholly engaged by the Government for this purpose?  
 (4.) Is the Government aware that this person occupies a house rented as an office by the Government, and that he is using the furniture and fuel which are the property of the Government, without permission to do so?  
 (5.) Is the Government aware that this person is a partner in an engineering firm, superintending the erection of extensive buildings and machines, and that the business of such firm is frequently transacted in the office rented by the Government?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**  
 (1.) Is it true that the patients in the Infirmary are not allowed to walk out on the front verandah?  
 (2.) If this is true, by whose orders has it been done, and for what reason?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Border Duties Convention Bill reported 2<sup>o</sup>; adoption of Report.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,** That the Petition presented by him on 9th July, from certain members of the Church of England residing at and near Newtown, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.  
 “(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.  
 “(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
6. The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society's Incorporation Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

Questions:—

1. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—**  
 (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?  
 (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?  
 (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—**  
 (1.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been called to the case of a man named Dunn, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago, from the effects of a blow on the head, inflicted with a bar of iron by a man named Rose?  
 (2.) Assuming that the Attorney General has noticed the case,—Is it true that the medical evidence taken at the Coroner's Inquest was to the effect that Dunn died from the effects of the blow above referred to, and that the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, stating as their reason for so doing that death was accelerated by Dunn's habits of intemperance?  
 (3.) Has the Attorney General resolved upon any further action in this case?



3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Is it the fact that His Honor the Primary Judge in Equity has complained to the Government, or otherwise, of the unnecessary delay and expense to suitors in Equity Proceedings, by reason of evidence prior to the hearing being taken by the Master in Equity instead of by His Honor the Primary Judge?
  - (2.) Is it true that His Honor never sees the witnesses in Equity Proceedings, but has to decide cases upon depositions taken before the Master in Equity?
  - (3.) Has His Honor the Primary Judge expressed his desire to take the evidence of witnesses in Equity Proceedings, in order that he might be able to judge of the quality of evidence given, of the demeanour of witnesses, and of their general conduct while under examination by Counsel, cross-examination, and re-examination?
  - (4.) Will the Honorable the Attorney General authorize any necessary change in this respect without delay?
4. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Will he state whether the Lessees of the Moruya Silver Mine paid, within the prescribed time, the rent that was due for the last year; and if they did not, what time elapsed before the required payment of rent was made?
5. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that the building used at Grenfell as a Court House is most unsuitable and defective in respect to the accommodation it affords to the Magistrates and to the public?
  - (2.) Do the Government purpose providing a better Court House at Grenfell, either by putting the building lately erected into such condition that it may be fit for use, or else to cause a new building to be constructed.
6. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What goods have been seized during the last thirty days to current date, the amount the Government benefit, and what the officers so seizing derive from these forced seizures?
7. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What passenger accommodation there is at Macquarie Plains, and especially for ladies?

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
10. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
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3. **MR. TERRY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to land selected by James Marshall on the Gyrah River, on the 21st October, 1869; and likewise, copies of all Reports and Proceedings in any arbitration cases between the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales and James Marshall, in connection with said land.
4. **MR. COMBES** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
5. **CAPTAIN ONSLOW** to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Gaol at Orange; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.

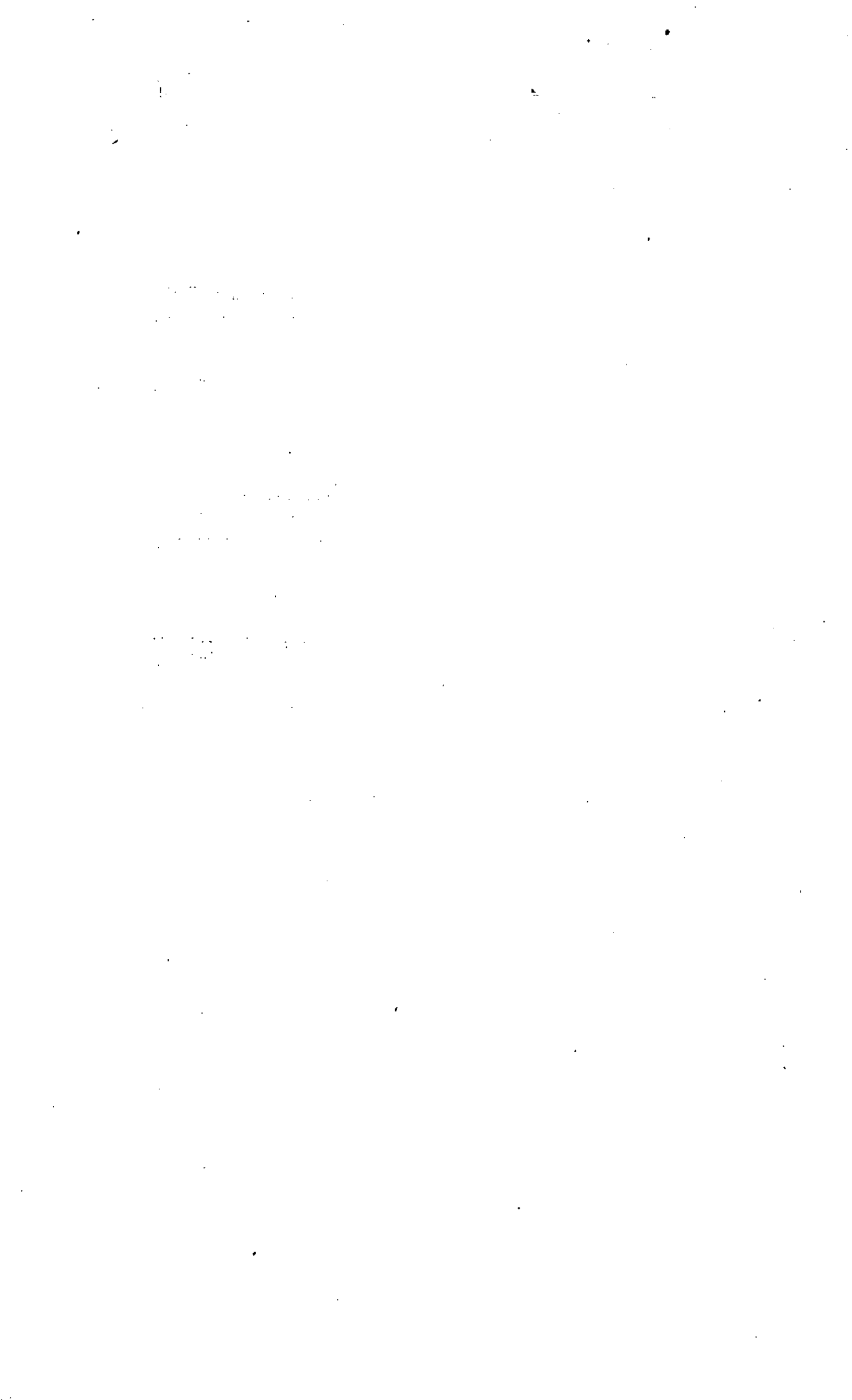
NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
    - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
    - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
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New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce next Session, or if at any other time, when, any measure to alter the Electoral Law, or in particular to effect a more equitable redistribution of the representation?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In the view of the Government, the present state of the Electoral Law ought to be dealt with as a whole, and it is intended to take the subject into consideration as soon as other pressing business will admit.

- (2.) Raine's Island:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether any Despatch has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State, having reference to the leasing of Islands on the coast of Australia, more particularly Raine's Island?

(2.) If so, what is the date of such Despatch?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Despatches have been received from the Secretary of State with reference to the leasing of Islands on the coast of Australia, and particular mention is made of Raine Island. The latest date appears to be the 10th March, 1870.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew Question No. 3.*

- (3.) Darling Harbour Wharf:—Mr. Wearne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have the Government any person employed in overlooking the work now going on at the new Wharf, Darling Harbour?

(2.) If so, what is his name, and what wages or other consideration does he receive for his services?

(3.) Are his services wholly engaged by the Government for this purpose?

(4.) Is the Government aware that this person occupies a house rented as an office by the Government, and that he is using the furniture and fuel which are the property of the Government, without permission, to do so?

(5.) Is the Government aware that this person is a partner in an engineering firm, superintending the erection of extensive buildings and machines, and that the business of such firm is frequently transacted in the office rented by the Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government have a person employed in overlooking the work now going on at the new Wharf, Darling Harbour.

(2.) James Hoey—his salary is £200 per annum, with permission to live in the house which the Government rented as an office for his predecessor.

(3.) No; he is also employed inspecting two Dredges now being constructed for the Government, for which he receives no additional remuneration.

(4.)

(4.) The Government is aware that Mr. Hoey occupies the house rented as an office, and that he uses the furniture provided for his predecessor, which cost £12 12s. 6d. The Government is also aware that he used the remaining portion of a-half ton of coal and a-half ton of wood, authorized for the late Superintending Officer in the beginning of last winter for office purposes.

(5.) The Government is not aware that he is a partner in any engineering firm, and Mr. Hoey himself denies that he has any connection with such a firm.

(4.) Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is it true that the patients in the Infirmary are not allowed to walk out on the front verandah?

(2.) If this is true, by whose orders has it been done, and for what reason?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is true that patients are forbidden the use of the front verandahs.

(2.) This prohibition was at the instance of the House Committee.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Day v. M'Laurin*:—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of George Day, against the return of James M'Laurin, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hume, which was referred to the said Committee on the 11th June last.

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

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 2nd May, 1872,—to whom was referred on the 11th June, 1872, a Petition from George Day, of Albury, against the return of James M'Laurin, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of ‘The Hume,’—have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ (1.) That James M'Laurin, Esquire, has been duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of ‘The Hume.’

“ (2.) That the Petition of George Day, Esquire, is frivolous and vexatious.

“ (3.) That the costs and expenses of the sitting Member be paid to him by the Petitioner.

“ S. C. BROWN,

“ Chairman.”

“ No. 2 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ Sydney, 10 July, 1872.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, That the Report and Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

3. CROOKHAVEN CREEK:—Mr. Warden presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Shoalhaven District, praying that steps may be taken for clearing out and deepening Crookhaven Creek. Petition received.

4. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Paddington, against the passing of this Bill.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

5. FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors*,” read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 19th July.

6. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th July, from certain members of the Church of England residing at and near Newtown, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY'S INCORPORATION BILL (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called ‘The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society’ and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to Incorporate the Members and Proprietors of a certain Society called ‘The Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Society’ and for other purposes therein mentioned,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1872.

Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, to follow after No. 4.

9. JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOLS BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the sale and disposition and for the application of the proceeds of certain land and hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes and to declare the trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, "That" the Report 2<sup>o</sup> from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now re-committed, for the purpose of further considering clause 6."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hurley, ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Luckey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That the Report 2<sup>o</sup> from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

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

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

The Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, 11 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE MINISTER REPRESENTING HIM,—
  - (1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?
  - (2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?
  - (3.) Is it intended to publish such report?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been called to the case of a man named Dunn, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago, from the effects of a blow on the head, inflicted with a bar of iron by a man named Rose?
  - (2.) Assuming that the Attorney General has noticed the case,—Is it true that the medical evidence taken at the Coroner's Inquest was to the effect that Dunn died from the effects of the blow above referred to, and that the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, stating as their reason for so doing that death was accelerated by Dunn's habits of intemperance?
  - (3.) Has the Attorney General resolved upon any further action in this case?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the fact that His Honor the Primary Judge in Equity has complained to the Government, or otherwise, of the unnecessary delay and expense to suitors in Equity Proceedings, by reason of evidence prior to the hearing being taken by the Master in Equity instead of by His Honor the Primary Judge?
  - (2.) Is it true that His Honor never sees the witnesses in Equity Proceedings, but has to decide cases upon depositions taken before the Master in Equity?
  - (3.) Has His Honor the Primary Judge expressed his desire to take the evidence of witnesses in Equity Proceedings, in order that he might be able to judge of the quality of evidence given, of the demeanour of witnesses, and of their general conduct while under examination by Counsel, cross-examination, and re-examination?
  - (4.) Will the Honorable the Attorney General authorize any necessary change in this respect without delay?
4. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Will he state whether the Lessees of the Moruya Silver Mine paid, within the prescribed time, the rent that was due for the last year; and if they did not, what time elapsed before the required payment of rent was made?
5. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the building used at Grenfell as a Court House is most unsuitable and defective in respect to the accommodation it affords to the Magistrates and to the public?
  - (2.) Do the Government purpose providing a better Court House at Grenfell, either by putting the building lately erected into such condition that it may be fit for use, or else to cause a new building to be constructed.
6. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What goods have been seized during the last thirty days to current date, the amount the Government benefit, and what the officers so seizing derive from these forced seizures?
7. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What passenger accommodation there is at Macquarie Plains, and especially for ladies?
8. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has Mr. Thomas Chalmers, of Richmond, made any claim upon the Railway authorities for compensation in respect of certain goods destroyed in the train between Sydney and Richmond?
  - (2.) Has any decision been arrived at in respect of such claim?
9. MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the Petition (and papers connected therewith) of Mr. Emery, claiming compensation in the case of Emery *versus* Bartlett, and arising out of a free selection of land at or near Good Dog, in the Shoalhaven District?
  - (2.) Is it intended to take such Petition into consideration; and, if so, when?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Convention Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WARDEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th July, from certain inhabitants of the Shoalhaven District, relative to clearing the bed of the Crookhaven Creek, be printed.
2. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th July, from the Municipal Council of Paddington, be printed, and taken into consideration with the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, to which it refers.

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1. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

“(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

“(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

## Question :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, adjoining the New School of Industry ?
  - (2.) Does the Government intend to re-dedicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted ?
  - (3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to re-dedicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is ?

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1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coojee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to land selected by James Marshall on the Gyrah River, on the 21st October, 1869; and likewise, copies of all Reports and Proceedings in any arbitration cases between the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales and James Marshall, in connection with said land.
4. MR. COMBES to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.
  - (2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.
  - (3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.
  - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
6. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Gaol at Orange; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

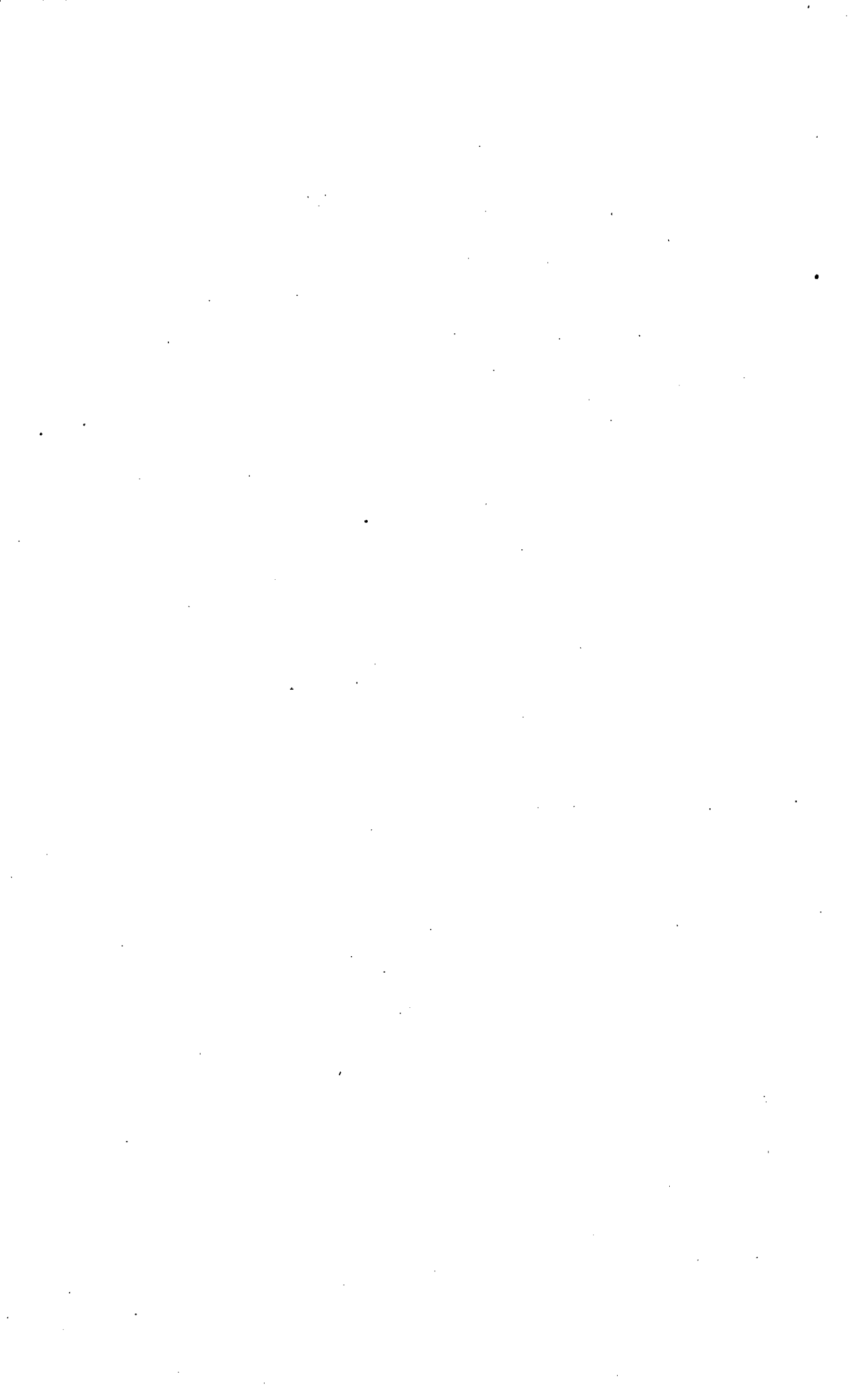
1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.

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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lake George Road:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What total amount of money has been granted for, and how much expended upon, the Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo?

(2.) Has any officer or other person been sent to examine and report upon said road within the last eighteen months?

(3.) Is it intended to publish such report?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) As far as can be ascertained, £1,477 has been issued for expenditure by Trustees upon Lake George Road, between Collector and Gundaroo, from the year 1860 to 1870 inclusive.

(2.) An officer has been sent to examine and report upon the said road within the last eighteen months.

(3.) If desired, the report will be laid upon the Table.

- (2.) Case of the men Dunn and Rose:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been called to the case of a man named Dunn, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago, from the effects of a blow on the head, inflicted with a bar of iron by a man named Rose?

(2.) Assuming that the Attorney General has noticed the case,—Is it true that the medical evidence taken at the Coroner's Inquest was to the effect that Dunn died from the effects of the blow above referred to, and that the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, stating as their reason for so doing that death was accelerated by Dunn's habits of intemperance?

(3.) Has the Attorney General resolved upon any further action in this case?

*Mr. Innes* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Attorney General directed, some days ago, that Rose should be prosecuted at the Police Office. He has since been committed for trial, and the Attorney General has directed him to be indicted and tried for manslaughter.

- (3.) Equity Proceedings:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the fact that His Honor the Primary Judge in Equity has complained to the Government, or otherwise, of the unnecessary delay and expense to suitors in Equity Proceedings, by reason of evidence prior to the hearing being taken by the Master in Equity instead of by His Honor the Primary Judge?

(2.) Is it true that His Honor never sees the witnesses in Equity Proceedings, but has to decide cases upon depositions taken before the Master in Equity?

(3.)

(3.) Has His Honor the Primary Judge expressed his desire to take the evidence of witnesses in Equity Proceedings, in order that he might be able to judge of the quality of evidence given, of the demeanour of witnesses, and of their general conduct while under examination by Counsel, cross-examination, and re-examination?

(4.) Will the Honorable the Attorney General authorize any necessary change in this respect without delay?

*Mr. Innes* answered,—

(1.) The Attorney General is informed that no complaint on the subject mentioned in the first question has been made by His Honor to the Government. He believes His Honor has made complaints from the Bench.

(2.) His Honor does not see the witnesses except when a trial takes place before a jury.

(3.) The Attorney General is not aware whether or not His Honor has expressed such a desire.

(4.) The Attorney General has not power to authorize such a change. This cannot be done without an amendment in the existing law.

(4.) *Moruya Silver Mine*:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Will he state whether the Lessces of the *Moruya Silver Mine* paid, within the prescribed time, the rent that was due for the last year; and if they did not, what time elapsed before the required payment of rent was made?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—The rent was not paid within the time prescribed, but as the leases had not been formally cancelled (the necessary report as to the non-payment of rent not having been furnished by the Treasury) they were allowed to pay up the rent on applying to do so. Payment for two of the leases referred to was made on the 18th December, and for a third on the 28th May last.

(5.) *Court House, Grenfell*:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the building used at Grenfell as a Court House is most unsuitable and defective in respect to the accommodation it affords to the Magistrates and to the public?

(2.) Do the Government propose providing a better Court House at Grenfell, either by putting the building lately erected into such condition that it may be fit for use, or else, to cause a new building to be constructed.

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) The Government are aware that the present Court House at Grenfell does not afford sufficient accommodation, and consequently instructions have been given to have it converted into a Post and Telegraph Office.

(2.) The Government propose to invite Tenders for the erection of a New Court House as soon as the Colonial Architect has the plans and specifications ready.

(6.) *Customs Seizures*:—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—What goods have been seized during the last thirty days to current date, the amount the Government benefit, and what the officers so seizing derive from these forced seizures?

*Mr. Piddington* answered,—Two crates lampware; one case vestas; one tapestry carpet; one trunk, containing drapery, wearing apparel, and jewellery. If the goods should be sold, the proceeds will be divided between the Government and the seizing officer, as the law directs.

(7.) *Passenger Accommodation at Macquarie Plains*:—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—What passenger accommodation there is at Macquarie Plains, and especially for ladies?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—A waiting shed has been provided, which is the only accommodation considered to be necessary at the present time.

(8.) *Claim of Mr. Thomas Chalmers*:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Has Mr. Thomas Chalmers, of Richmond, made any claim upon the Railway authorities for compensation in respect of certain goods destroyed in the train between Sydney and Richmond?

(2.) Has any decision been arrived at in respect of such claim?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) Mr. Chalmers has made such a claim.

(2.) No; the matter is under reference to the Crown Solicitor, as to the Commissioner's liability for the loss sustained.

(9.) *Petition of Mr. Emery*:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the Petition (and papers connected therewith) of Mr. Emery, claiming compensation in the case of *Emery versus Bartlett*, and arising out of a free selection of land at or near Good Dog, in the Shoalhaven District?

(2.) Is it intended to take such Petition into consideration; and, if so, when?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—

(1.) The matter has not been under the consideration of the present Government.

(2.) Until I have had time to look through the very voluminous correspondence that has taken place with regard to the matter, I am unable to say whether the Government will re-open the case.

## 2. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—

(1.) *Mr. Stephen Brown* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England at Newtown, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received, and, on motion of *Mr. Stephen Brown*, referred to the Committee on the Bill.

(2.) *Mr. Single* presented a Petition from *William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons*, *Richard Hutchinson Roberts*, *Thomas Broughton*, and *Thomas McCulloch*, Esquires, the Committee of the Estate of *Mackenzie Bowman*, a person of unsound mind,—praying to be heard by Counsel in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received, and, on motion of *Mr. Single*, referred to the Committee on the Bill.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Burns moved, *without previous notice*, That the Petition from Mr. David Chrystal, relative to the Tararie and Windomal Stations, presented to this House on 16th February, and ordered to be printed on 17th February, 1871, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the "Administration of the Land Law."  
Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) Report on the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, being for the year 1871.  
(2.) Report of the Astronomer on the Government Observatory, Sydney, being for the year 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Waverly, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
6. LODER'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th June, 1872, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Lackey then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 19th July.
7. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th July, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th July, 1872.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 7 and 8. Omit "of the Peace" insert "enabling."  
" clause 2, line 14. Omit the figure "(1.)"  
" " " Omit "as one of several" insert "a."  
" " " Omit the letter "s" in "ratepayers."  
" " line 15. Omit the figure "(2.)"  
" " " Omit "as."  
" " " Omit "other."  
" " line 16. Before "others" omit "the."  
" " line 21. After "will go" add "Provided always that no Justice being a Mayor  
" Alderman or Officer of a Municipality shall act as aforesaid in any case affecting such Municipi-  
" pality or touching any matter in which the Municipality shall as such be directly or indirectly  
" interested."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Driver, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Sutherland, on 10th July, from the Municipal Council of Paddington, be printed, and taken into consideration with the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, to which it refers.  
Question put and passed.
9. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE (Member of Legislative Council as a Witness):—On motion of Mr. Stewart, the following Message was ordered to be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "St. Andrew's College," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable S. D. Gordon, Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th July, 1872.

10. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION BILL:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 14.
Mr. Parkes, Mr. Butler, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Innes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hurley, ( <i>Central Cumberland</i> ) Mr. Grahame, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Hurley, ( <i>Narellan</i> ), Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Forster, Mr. Neale,	Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Wcarne, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Moses, Mr. Lee, Mr. Driver, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Taylor,  <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Burns, Mr. Creed.	Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. West, Mr. Hill, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Warden, Mr. Clarke, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Single, Mr. Lackey,  <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Booth, Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, *passed*.  
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make provision for free Commercial intercourse across and by way of the Boundaries between New South Wales and Victoria and between New South Wales and South Australia.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for free Commercial intercourse across and by way of the Boundaries between New South Wales and Victoria and between New South Wales and South Australia,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th July, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

11. ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE (Member of Legislative Council as a Witness):—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 11th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable S. D. Gordon, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "*St. Andrew's College,*" the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th July, 1872.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 12 JULY, 1872, A.M.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolutions be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1872, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,784 6s. 8d., to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.

(3.) *Resolved*,—That to enable the Government to recoup the several Funds from which advances were obtained to pay off the Treasury Bills issued under the Treasury Bills Act of 1871, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury, for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £343,200.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That the Colonial Treasurer may cause such Bills to be made out and issued from time to time by such instalments as he may think fit, provided that the aggregate amount of such instalments shall not exceed the amount of £343,200.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That all principal sums to be contained in any such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony; and that such Bills shall be made payable on the expiration of twelve calendar months from the date thereof.

(6.)



(6.) *Resolved*,—That all such Treasury Bills shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding £5 per centum per annum, in respect of the whole moneys contained therein; and that such interest shall be chargeable upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony and the growing produce thereof.

(7.) *Resolved*, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to, and form part of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time, and agreed to.

13. TREASURY BILLS BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive, to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.

(2.) Mr. Piddington having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 12 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Appeal Bill; second reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; second reading.
3. Day Workers Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
5. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
10. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
11. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
12. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
13. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Post and Telegraph Office, Burrowa; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
15. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
16. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.

18. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
- “(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
- “(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
- “(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
19. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
20. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
21. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. NEALE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
3. MR. STEPHEN BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 11th July, from certain Members of the Church of England, Newtown, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.
4. MR. SINGLE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 11th July, from Mr. Gibbons and others, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.
5. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, on 11th July, from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Waverley, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.
6. MR. WARDEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th July, from certain inhabitants of the Shoalhaven District, relative to clearing the bed of the Crookhaven Creek, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of infectious or contagious diseases amongst live stock.

## MONDAY, 15 JULY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

## Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, adjoining the New School of Industry?
  - (2.) Does the Government intend to re-dedicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted?
  - (3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to re-dedicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is?

2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
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2. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Gaol at Orange; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a Gaol at Orange.
4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
5. Justices of the Peace Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- I. MR. STEWART to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
    - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
    - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
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New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 JULY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence preceding the holding of the Border Duties Conference of 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. De Salis moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trusts, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
4. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL (*"Formal" Motions*):—  
(1.) Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 11th July, from certain Members of the Church of England, Newtown, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Single moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 11th July, from Mr. Gibbons and others, relative to the Petersham Church Grant Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
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Question put and passed.
6. CROOKHAVEN CREEK (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 10th July, from certain inhabitants of the Shoalhaven District, relative to clearing the bed of the Crookhaven Creek, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
7. LIVE STOCK DISEASES PREVENTION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of infectious or contagious diseases amongst live stock.  
Question put and passed.

8. GOLD FIELDS APPEAL BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Creed,  
Mr. Lackey,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Innes,  
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Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Burns,  
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Mr. Moses,  
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Mr. Onks,  
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Mr. Single,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Stephen Brown,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. West,  
Mr. Combes.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Butler moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

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Noes, 3.

Mr. Buchanan,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Torry,  
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. DAY WORKERS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons working by the day,—having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Stewart the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Butler, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Innes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Teece, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Wearne,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes after Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, 15 JULY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will he be prepared to state what steps the Government intend taking with regard to the widening of the Newtown Road, at its junction with Parramatta-street?
2. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When will the Trustees for the various Roads near the Town of Richmond receive the amounts annually paid to them for the repair of such roads?
  - (2.) Have the Trustees of other roads received any moneys on account of the repairs thereof for the present year?
  - (3.) Has any money been paid to the Trustees of the various Roads near the Town of Richmond during the present year?

GOVERNMENT



## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Bill ; second reading.
3. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Live Stock.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.

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1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th July, from the Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trusts, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.
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(1.) That in order to open up the rich land in the South-western portion of our territory, and make it more easily available for settlement, and also with a view to afford greater facilities for trade between that portion of the Colony and the metropolis, and thus remove to some extent the difficulties which now surround the Border Duties question, this House is of opinion that a line of Railway from Goulburn to some point to be hereafter determined, on or near to the Murrumbidgee, should be constructed forthwith.  
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1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.
2. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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13. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
14. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
15. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to  
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17. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
18. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Customs Seizure of five cases of Hats, *ex* "Ascalon," from London, consigned to Messrs. Charles Moore and Co., of this city.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Watson, Mr. Greville, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Combes, and the Mover.

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  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
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THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

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1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

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  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.

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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

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No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 15 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Newtown Road:—*Mr. Hurley (Central Cumberland)* on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will he be prepared to state what steps the Government intend taking with regard to the widening of the Newtown Road, at its junction with Parramatta-street?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—A small waiting room has been placed, on sufferance, upon one of the footpaths, but not on any authority from the Government. The road has been laid out at a width of ninety feet, and there is no intention of any further widening. The width at which the roadway has been formed, and its state of repair, are not matters in the hands of the Government; they rest with the City Council.

- (2.) Roads near Richmond:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) When will the Trustees for the various Roads near the Town of Richmond receive the amounts annually paid to them for the repair of such roads?

(2.) Have the Trustees of other roads received any moneys on account of the repairs thereof for the present year?

(3.) Has any money been paid to the Trustees of the various Roads near the Town of Richmond during the present year?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) When the Estimates shall have passed the Legislature.

(2.) Only in exceptional cases, where special applications have been made.

(3.) It was not considered advisable, nor is it usual, to pay moneys to Trustees before the Schedule showing the distribution of the Minor Roads Vote has been approved, and the vote for the whole year has been passed by the Legislature.

2. TELEGRAPHY:—*Mr. Robertson* presented a Petition from certain Bankers, Merchants, and others, praying that the charges on the Telegraphic Lines may be reduced and amended.  
Petition received.
3. PAPER:—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table the Sixteenth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, GRENFELL:—*Mr. Parkes* moved, *without previous Notice*, That the Return to Order in reference to "Roman Catholic Denominational School, Grenfell," laid upon the Table of this House on 2nd May, 1872, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
5. PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—*Mr. Stephen Brown* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England at Newtown, in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received, and, on motion of *Mr. Brown*, referred to the Committee on the Bill.

6. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—  
 (1.) Mr. Driver presented a Petition from certain resident Ratepayers of the Borough of Woollahra, in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
 Petition received.  
 (2.) "*Formal*" Motion:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, No. 1,—That the Petition presented by him on 12th July, from the Commissioners of the South Head Roads Trusts, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, as follows:—  
 No. 1, to follow after No. 4.  
 No. 2, to follow after No. 5.  
 No. 3, to follow after No. 2.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.
9. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir.
10. SUPPLY:—On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business further postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 1, by Mr. Piddington, to follow after No. 3.  
 No. 5, by Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.  
 No. 2, by Mr. Piddington, until Wednesday next.
12. LIVE STOCK DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Live Stock,—having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Farnell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Live Stock.  
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, that Report was adopted.
13. MOTIONS DROPPED:—  
 (1.) Mr. Neale not making the motion standing in his name No. 2, it dropped.  
 (2.) Mr. Robertson not making the motion standing in his name No. 3, it dropped.
14. STAMP DUTY ON RECEIPTS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871,—having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871.  
 On motion of Mr. Stewart, that Report was adopted.
15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 2, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday, 23rd July.  
 No. 3, by Mr. Parkes, until Friday next.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday next.  
 No. 5, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 16 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst, adjoining the New School of Industry?  
(2.) Does the Government intend to re-dedicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted?  
(3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to re-dedicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the present Government to take any steps to alter the system of Coroners Inquests, or to introduce any measure to amend the law relating thereto?  
(2.) If so, when?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the several returns and copies of documents, ordered or asked for by resolution of the Legislative Assembly, and specified below, as follows,—  
Public Worship—(Grants in aid of)—October 14, 1870.  
Supreme and District Courts—(Business of)—Travelling Expenses of Judges and Crown Prosecutors.—November 18, 1870.  
Necropolis at Haslem's Creek.—August 23, 1870.  
Members of Parliament—(Payments made to)—For services rendered to the Government.—November 8, 1870.  
Church and School Lands.—December 12, 1871.  
Church and School Lands—(Supplementary return)—December 14, 1871,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause these returns to be laid before the House?  
(2.) If so, when?
4. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether steps have been taken to supply the various public vaccinators with vaccine lymph, as it is reported there is none procurable?
5. MR. RAPHAEL to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—If the Government intend putting on more letter carriers for the more efficient delivery of letters in Sydney and suburbs?
6. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that an ex-Member of Parliament, who was formerly a Minister, travelled by a free ticket for himself, horse, and buggy, on or about the 23rd of May last, from Newcastle to Murrurundi; and if so, on whose authority?
7. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course has the Government taken, or does it intend taking, with reference to the application for a new line of Road through Mr. Ryan's farm at Harper's Hill?
8. MR. GRAHAME to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If the contractor for building the Cooma Gaol has finished the same, and when that establishment will be opened for the reception of prisoners?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to land selected by James Marshall on the Gyrar River, on the 21st October, 1869; and likewise, copies of all Reports and Proceedings in any arbitration cases between the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales and James Marshall, in connection with said land.
4. MR. COMBES to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.  
(2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.  
(3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.  
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.  
(2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

## 6. MR. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.

(2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.

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

## 7. MR. CREED to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that the Government should introduce a Bill to effect the following amendments in "The Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861":—

The omission of clause 22 of the said Act, and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"The Governor with the advice aforesaid may grant leases for purposes of mining for any metal or mineral excepting gold to any person of any Crown Lands not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for coal mining lots and not exceeding eighty acres for other mineral lots for any period not exceeding fourteen years and with a right of renewal for a further period not exceeding fourteen years upon the next following conditions on the breach of any of which by any lessee the lease may be cancelled by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council:—

"Condition 1.—Persons wishing to select on Crown Lands coal or other mineral lots other than gold under mineral lease shall do so by applying in writing to the Land Agent of the district in which the land is situated giving a description of the land applied for and may then take possession of such lots and hold them for any period as allowed by the first part of clause 22 of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 but the right shall be reserved to the Crown to determine the boundaries of any such lots and to make provision for reservation for water supply Provided that applications made prior to the passing of this Act may be accepted under it and shall take precedence in the order of their date.

"Condition 2.—The rent shall be five shillings per acre payable annually in advance to the local Land Agent who shall forward it to the Colonial Treasurer the first payment to be made on application to select and thereafter within the month of September for each ensuing year and leases shall in all cases terminate on the 31st day of December.

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7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
10. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Post and Telegraph Office, Burrowa; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
12. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
13. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
15. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - "(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordcaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - "(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
16. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
17. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
18. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Was any cash payment made by the Treasury for the building of the New School of Industry during the year 1871; if so, what amount?
2. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The amount divided amongst the Pilots at South Head during the last three years, and the separate amounts paid to such Pilots during the above period, and their names?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are there any officers employed by the Railway Department whose salaries or allowances are not voted by Parliament?
  - (2.) If so, what are the names of the persons engaged in the Public Service, in connection with the construction and management of the Railways, whose salaries or allowances do not come under the purview of Parliament when the Estimates are voted, and what is the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?
  - (3.) From what fund are the salaries and allowances of such persons paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What was the total amount of tonnage of goods or merchandize received at the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, during the six months ending January 31st, 1872, and the amount of cash received for the conveyance of such goods or merchandize forwarded by Railway to those Stations?
  - (2.) What was the total amount chargeable as freight for the conveyance of stock, produce, and merchandize forwarded from the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, for the six months ending 31st June, 1872?
  - (3.) How many persons are employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railway Department at the Picton and Mount Victoria Stations, respectively?
  - (4.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum was received for rent during the first half of this year at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?
  - (2.) What sum was received in fees for the same period?
  - (3.) What sum would have been received if fees had been paid by the persons who pay rent?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
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6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.

NOTICE

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    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
    - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
    - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

## \*GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land adjoining the New School of Industry:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Government resumed possession of that piece of land situated at Darlinghurst adjoining the New School of Industry?

(2.) Does the Government intend to rededicate it to the uses and purposes for which it was originally granted?

(3.) If it is not the intention of the Government to rededicate it, as indicated above, will the Minister for Lands inform the House if the Government has arrived at any decision as to the disposal of this land, and, if so, what that decision is?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Government have not actually resumed possession of the land, but they are in a position to do so at any moment, judgment having been signed some days ago.

(2.) The uses and purposes for which the land was originally granted do not, as disclosed by the terms of the grant, appear to be of a sectarian character; and the Government is considering the expediency of rededicating the land to such purposes,—namely, those of a Refuge for Destitute Females, not being of a sectarian character.

- (2.) Coroners Inquests:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the present Government to take any steps to alter the system of Coroners Inquests, or to introduce any measure to amend the law relating thereto?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The subject of the Honorable Member's question has not yet been under the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Returns ordered by the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—With reference to the several returns and copies of documents, ordered or asked for by resolution of the Legislative Assembly, and specified below, as follows,—

Public Worship—(Grants in aid of)—October 14, 1870.

Supreme and District Courts—(Business of)—Travelling Expenses of Judges and Crown Prosecutors.—November 18, 1870.

Necropolis at Haslem's Creek.—August 23, 1870.

Members of Parliament—(Payments made to)—For services rendered to the Government.—November 8, 1870.

Church and School Lands.—December 12, 1871.

Church and School Lands—(Supplementary return)—December 14, 1871,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause these returns to be laid before the House?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—With regard to the first Return asked for—Grants in aid of Public Worship—a Return has been laid upon the Table, and a further Return has been prepared, which I will lay upon the Table during this afternoon. With regard to the second Return, as I believe the Honorable Member is aware, a Return was laid upon the Table on the 22nd November, 1871, but I understand that the Honorable Member complains that this Return does not contain the particulars of the travelling expenses of the Judges of the Supreme Court: I will see that that information is given. With regard to the third Return, it has been prepared, and will be laid upon the Table this afternoon. The remaining portion of this Return, that is the Return upon the Necropolis, will be furnished so soon as the necessary information can be obtained from the books of the Necropolis office. With regard to Return 4—as to payments made to Members of Parliament—it is in course of preparation, and it is expected that it will be ready to be laid upon the Table before the close of the Session. With regard to Returns 5 and 6, it appears that these Returns were ordered by the House in December, 1871, and were laid upon the Table by the Secretary for Lands on the 3rd instant, and ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Vaccine Lymph:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether steps have been taken to supply the various public vaccinators with vaccine lymph, as it is reported there is none procurable?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The supply of lymph being very limited, a small supply of reliable lymph has been obtained from Victoria—all that can be spared at present; and the Medical Adviser to the Government has been instructed to obtain, and has taken measures to obtain with due precaution, a supply of pure lymph from a source within this Colony, so that no deficiency is anticipated. Vaccinators throughout the Colony have been desired to apply.

- (5.) Town Delivery of Letters:—Mr. Raphael asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If the Government intend putting on more letter carriers for the more efficient delivery of letters in Sydney and suburbs?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—There are only two ways of expediting the delivery to any appreciable extent, viz.:—either by appointing six additional letter carriers, or by reducing the number of deliveries in the outskirts of the City from three to two. The whole matter is now under consideration.

- (6.) Ex-Member of Parliament travelling free by Railway:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it true that an ex-Member of Parliament, who was formerly a Minister, travelled by a free ticket for himself, horse, and buggy, on or about the 23rd of May last, from Newcastle to Murrurundi; and if so, on whose authority?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The answer supplied to me from the Works Department is simply, No.

- (7.) Road through Mr. Ryan's Farm at Harper's Hill:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—What course has the Government taken, or does it intend taking, with reference to the application for a new line of Road through Mr. Ryan's farm at Harper's Hill?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The road has been proclaimed and confirmed, and will shortly be opened.

- (8.) Cooma Gaol:—Mr. Grahame asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—If the contractor for building the Cooma Gaol has finished the same, and when that establishment will be opened for the reception of prisoners?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The contractors reported the completion of the Cooma Gaol, but it was found on inspection that there were some small matters that required attention before the building could be taken off their hands. They now state that the delay in making good the deficiencies has arisen in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining the materials from Sydney; there is every reason to believe, however, that the Gaol will be fit for the reception of prisoners in the course of a month.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—Mr. Robertson moved, *without previous Notice*, That leave of absence for one week be granted to the Honorable Member for Camden, Thomas Garrett, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.

3. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 2.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Further and Final Return to an Address, in reference to "Grants in aid of Public Worship," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 14th October, 1870.

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, in reference to "Necropolis at Haslem's Creek," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 23rd August, 1870.

(3.) Return to an Order, in reference to "The Volunteers," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lackey, on 21st June, 1872.

(4.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Medical Officers of the Volunteer Force," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Creed, on 21st June, 1872.

(5.) Further Circular Despatch respecting the Transportation of Communist Prisoners from France.  
Ordered to be printed.

5. STAMP DUTY ON RECEIPTS BILL:—Mr. Stewart having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Amendment Act of 1871,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 23rd July.

6. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Rodd, on behalf of Mr. Baker, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Baker, No. 1.

7. LAND SELECTED BY JAMES MARSHALL, ON GYRAH RIVER ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to land selected by James Marshall on the Gyrah River, on the 21st October, 1869; and likewise, copies of all Reports and Proceedings in any arbitration cases between the Manager of the Bank of New South Wales and James Marshall, in connection with said land.  
Question put and passed.
8. CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF GOODS *ex* "ASCALON" ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Customs Seizure of five cases of Hats, *ex* "Ascalon," from London, consigned to Messrs. Charles Moore and Co., of this city.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Watson, Mr. Greville, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Combes, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
9. TELEGRAPHY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him on 15th July, from certain Bankers, Merchants, and others, relative to cheap Telegraphy, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
10. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th July, from certain ratepayers of Woollahra, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
11. RAILWAY RATES:—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," the charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.  
(2.) That the control and management of the Government Railways should be placed in the hands of an authority amenable only to Parliament.  
(3.) That the Government should in the meantime re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways.  
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "House," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“the maximum charges for the carriage of goods and passengers on the Government Railways should be fixed by law.”  
(2.) That the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways are “unequal, and in many cases excessive.”  
(3.) That it is expedient that such rates should be readjusted.  
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency “the Governor.”  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Jackey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Hurley, ( <i>Narellan</i> )	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Clarke,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Burns.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Single,
Mr. West,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Raphael,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Creed,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Grahamc,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Buchanan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Watson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Raphael,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. West,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley, ( <i>Narellan</i> )
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Grahamc,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Stewart,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

## 12. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:—

- (1.) Captain Onslow withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 5.
- (2.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6.
- (3.) Mr. Creed withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 7.

13. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Hoskins not making the Motion standing in his name No. 10, it dropped.
14. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan (after Debate) until Tuesday next.
15. **STEAM POSTAL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—  
 (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—having been read,—  
 Mr. Watson moved, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Resolutions.  
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Motion by leave withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Watson the Order of the Day was then postponed until Friday, 26th July.

16. **GAOL AT ORANGE**:—On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Order of the Day in reference to this subject discharged.
17. **POSTPONEMENT**:—On motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, the Order of the Day No. 4 postponed, until Tuesday next.
18. **JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Farnell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such consideration.  
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's Amendments,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the following Message was ordered to be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 17th July, 1872, A.M.

19. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,  
 Mr. Terry.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Watson,	Tellers.
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Scholey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

20. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the third reading of this Bill having been read,—  
 Mr. Butler moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Farnell,	Tellers.
Mr. Innes,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Nelson,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Terry,	Tellers.
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr.



Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Creed,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ferry,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Innes the adjourned Debate on the motion for the third reading of the Bill further adjourned (after Debate) until Friday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at nine minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Was any cash payment made by the Treasury for the building of the New School of Industry during the year 1871; if so, what amount?
2. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The amount divided amongst the Pilots at South Head during the last three years, and the separate amounts paid to such Pilots during the above period, and their names?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are there any officers employed by the Railway Department whose salaries or allowances are not voted by Parliament?
  - (2.) If so, what are the names of the persons engaged in the Public Service, in connection with the construction and management of the Railways, whose salaries or allowances do not come under the purview of Parliament when the Estimates are voted, and what is the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?
  - (3.) From what fund are the salaries and allowances of such persons paid?
4. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a passenger by the steamer "Jason," now in Quarantine, named Sutcliffe, died from small pox on Saturday last?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware whether any other of the passengers or crew have been attacked by this disease?
  - (3.) Are friends of those in Quarantine, and others, permitted to communicate with them?
  - (4.) If so, under what restrictions?
  - (5.) Is the Quarantine Station visited daily by the Health or other Medical Officer?
  - (6.) Are the Government in receipt of Reports from such officer; if so, how often are such Reports submitted?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto, respecting the case of John Larkins, recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 19th June last,—
  - (1.) Did the perjury, for which Larkins was committed, consist in swearing that a man named Aitken, the Postmaster at Shellharbour, had stolen a cheque belonging to Larkins?
  - (2.) Is it true that Aitken was convicted of this crime and sentenced to three years imprisonment?
  - (3.) Has the Government since liberated Aitken; and if so, on what grounds, and after how long an imprisonment?
  - (4.) Is it now the intention of the Attorney General to proceed in any way against Larkins for the perjury of which he was committed, and for which the Attorney General, at the time, did not think fit to put him on his trial?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Teachers in the Public Schools have been ordered to attend Military Drill?
  - (2.) If this is true, is this attendance of the Teachers at Military Drill compulsory, and irrespective of age?
  - (3.) By whose authority has this order, respecting the Drill of the Teachers in the Public Schools, been made, assuming that it has been made?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend for a time the deduction from the salaries of Public Officers on account of the Superannuation Fund.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend for a time the "Superannuation Act of 1864," in regard to the deduction from the salaries of persons in the Public Service.
3. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. The Office of Attorney General ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
4. Evidence Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Post and Telegraph Office, Burrowa ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
9. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - "(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - "(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
10. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
11. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What was the total amount of tonnage of goods or merchandize received at the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, during the six months ending January 31st, 1872, and the amount of cash received for the conveyance of such goods or merchandize forwarded by Railway to those Stations?
  - (2.) What was the total amount chargeable as freight for the conveyance of stock, produce, and merchandize forwarded from the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, for the six months ending 31st June, 1872?
  - (3.) How many persons are employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railway Department at the Picton and Mount Victoria Stations, respectively?
  - (4.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Great Western Railway be opened to Raglan?
3. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many complaints have been made against a Railway Station Master by various Ministers of Railways (named S. B. Gould, late of, or now at, Wallerawang), shewing in tabular list and having the name of each Minister who has threatened him with dismissal, and for what cause?
  - (2.) For what reason this person was removed from the office of Storekeeper at the Railway Station?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Was a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs of the Road between the Bulli Pass-road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra, forwarded or presented to the Government about six months ago?
  - (2.) If so, what course do the Government intend taking, or have they taken, in the matter?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum was received for rent during the first half of this year at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?
  - (2.) What sum was received in fees for the same period?
  - (3.) What sum would have been received if fees had been paid by the persons who pay rent?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
2. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.

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New South Wales.

No. 33.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY, 1872.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) New School of Industry :—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
Was any cash payment made by the Treasury for the building of the New School of Industry during the year 1871; if so, what amount?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The contract for this building was entered into in September, 1871, but no payment was made during that year. The first instalment on account of work done in 1871 was paid this year.

- (2.) Pilots at South Head :—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
The amount divided amongst the Pilots at South Head during the last three years, and the separate amounts paid to such Pilots during the above period, and their names?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The total amount paid to the Pilots at South Head during the last three years was £12,666 3s. 6d. The separate amounts paid to such Pilots were as follows :—

1869.			1870.			1871.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Jenkins .....	760	10 1	Jenkins .....	767	10 4	Jenkins .....	212	10 10
Fullarton ...	439	1 5	Fullarton ...	247	4 2	Gibson .....	180	5 8
Gibson .....	759	5 11	Jack .....	171	13 4	Jack .....	789	12 10
Cork .....	909	8 11	Gibson .....	670	19 8	Cork .....	790	9 2
Coutts .....	836	7 1	Cork .....	724	12 2	Coutts .....	796	11 0
Christison ...	803	16 9	Coutts .....	681	19 4	Christison ...	707	1 4
			Christison...	693	19 4	May .....	435	11 10
						Brown .....	287	12 4
	4,508	10 2		£3,957	18 4		£4,199	15 0

- (3.) Salaries of certain officers of the Railway Department :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Are there any officers employed by the Railway Department whose salaries or allowances are not voted by Parliament?

(2.) If so, what are the names of the persons engaged in the Public Service, in connection with the construction and management of the Railways, whose salaries or allowances do not come under the purview of Parliament when the Estimates are voted, and what is the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?

(3.) From what fund are the salaries and allowances of such persons paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The information asked for in these questions will be found in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(4.)

- (4.) Quarantine Regulations :—Mr. Lackey asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Is it true that a passenger by the steamer "Jason," now in Quarantine, named Sutcliffe, died from small pox on Saturday last?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware whether any other of the passengers or crew have been attacked by this disease?
  - (3.) Are friends of those in Quarantine, and others, permitted to communicate with them?
  - (4.) If so, under what restrictions?
  - (5.) Is the Quarantine Station visited daily by the Health or other Medical Officer?
  - (6.) Are the Government in receipt of Reports from such officer; if so, how often are such Reports submitted?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

- (1.) Yes, about 2 p.m. on Saturday.
  - (2.) The report received last night from the Medical Officer on board of the "Hero" is that, "The health of the passengers and crew of the vessel is in a perfectly satisfactory state. The Police Sergeant is suffering from severe cough and cold." There is, therefore, in the opinion of the Health Officer, Dr. Alleyne, no reason to suppose that any other of the passengers and crew have been attacked by small pox.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4.) When any one wishes to communicate with his friends on board, he is told to proceed to the jetty at the Quarantine Station, and to make known his wish to the policeman on guard there. On its being reported to the Superintendent in charge, he asks the Captain to send the person wanted on shore, and the friends are allowed to speak to each other at what is considered a safe distance, the Police having them under observation all the time.
  - (5.) The instruction to the Health Officer is that he shall make frequent visits to vessels in quarantine, in order to satisfy himself that the directions given in respect to the quarantine are being complied with, and in the case of the quarantine of the "Hero," the station has been visited daily, except on Friday last.
  - (6.) The practice is, that the Medical Officer in charge of sick on shore, or of vessels in quarantine, makes daily reports to the Health Officer, and the Health Officer is to report personally to the Minister as to the health of the people in quarantine, which personal report has hitherto been made every second day.
- (5.) The case of Larkins and Aitken :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto, respecting the case of John Larkins, recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 19th June last,—
- (1.) Did the perjury, for which Larkins was committed, consist in swearing that a man named Aitken, the Postmaster at Shellharbour, had stolen a cheque belonging to Larkins?
  - (2.) Is it true that Aitken was convicted of this crime and sentenced to three years imprisonment?
  - (3.) Has the Government since liberated Aitken; and if so, on what grounds, and after how long an imprisonment?
  - (4.) Is it now the intention of the Attorney General to proceed in any way against Larkins for the perjury of which he was committed, and for which the Attorney General, at the time, did not think fit to put him on his trial?

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) The alleged perjury for which Larkins was committed did consist, substantially, in swearing that Aitken had stolen a cheque belonging to Larkins, Aitken being at the time employed in the Post Office at Shellharbour.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Aitken was liberated by order of His Excellency the Governor, who remitted the rest of his sentence; he was liberated, after nearly ten months imprisonment, by His Excellency, upon my recommendation and upon the peculiar circumstances of the case.
  - (4.) It is not my intention to take proceedings against Larkins upon the charge of perjury, for which he was committed.
- (6.) Military Drill for Public School Teachers :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Teachers in the Public Schools have been ordered to attend Military Drill?
  - (2.) If this is true, is this attendance of the Teachers at Military Drill compulsory, and irrespective of age?
  - (3.) By whose authority has this order, respecting the Drill of the Teachers in the Public Schools, been made, assuming that it has been made?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) It is true that the Teachers of the Public and Denominational Schools in the Sydney District have been required to attend a course of instruction in the rudiments of Military Drill.
- (2.) The attendance of such Teachers at Drill is compulsory, but exemption, on the ground of age, is granted to those who apply for it.
- (3.) The order has been made by authority of the Council of Education.

2. MOTION WITHDRAWN :—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1.

3. PAPERS :—

- (1.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to Customs Seizure of Goods *ex* "Ascalon," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Macintosh, on 28th June, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table a Return showing the Names, Salaries, and Allowances of Officers in the Railway Department, whose Salaries are not voted on the Estimates, but are paid from the Votes for the Works or Services on which they are engaged.

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
- (1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Applications for Mineral Leases," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Greville, on 26th June, 1872.
  - (2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Alleged Encroachment on Mr. Close's Property," made by the Legislative Assembly, on the motion of Mr. Lee, on 7th December, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. LIVE STOCK DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Live Stock*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend for a time the "Superannuation Act of 1864," in regard to the deduction from the salaries of persons in the Public Service.  
Question put and passed.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 18 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 18 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) What was the total amount of tonnage of goods or merchandize received at the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, during the six months ending January 31st, 1872, and the amount of cash received for the conveyance of such goods or merchandize forwarded by Railway to those Stations?  
(2.) What was the total amount chargeable as freight for the conveyance of stock, produce, and merchandize forwarded from the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations, respectively, for the six months ending 31st June, 1872?  
(3.) How many persons are employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railway Department at the Picton and Mount Victoria Stations, respectively?  
(4.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Great Western Railway be opened to Raglan?
3. MR. RAPHAEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) How many complaints have been made against a Railway Station Master by various Ministers of Railways (named S. B. Gould, late of, or now at, Wallerawang), shewing in tabular list and having the name of each Minister who has threatened him with dismissal, and for what cause?  
(2.) For what reason this person was removed from the office of Storekeeper at the Railway Station?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Was a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs of the Road between the Bulli Pass-road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra, forwarded or presented to the Government about six months ago?  
(2.) If so, what course do the Government intend taking, or have they taken, in the matter?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume at once the land at Darlinghurst adjoining the New School of Industry,—Yes or No?

6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) Is it true that a piece of land near Orange, lately in possession of Mr. Connolly and party, and worked by them for mining purposes, has been taken from them by the Government and given to Mr. Nelson, the Member for Orange?

(2.) Did Mr. Nelson call repeatedly at the Lands Office in reference to this business, and is it true that when one of Mr. Connolly's party called to lay their view of the case before the Minister, he was informed that the case was already decided in favour of Mr. Nelson?

(3.) Will the Minister for Lands lay upon the Table of this House all the Papers bearing on this case?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
4. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

"(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
4. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Post and Telegraph Office, Burrowa; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
 

(1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
9. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.

"(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.

"(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
10. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
11. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.



FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum was received for rent during the first half of this year at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?
  - (2.) What sum was received in fees for the same period?
  - (3.) What sum would have been received if fees had been paid by the persons who pay rent?
2. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What sum has been expended, up to the 15th instant, in filling in the Blackwattle Swamp, including expenses of dredge, towage, labour, supervision, &c.?
  - (2.) What number of tons of silt has been deposited there, up to the 15th instant?
  - (3.) How many cubic feet is a ton of silt supposed to contain?
  - (4.) What has been the cost of the New Iron Bridge over Blackwattle Bay?
  - (5.) Under which branch of the Public Works Department has this work been done?
3. MR. HILL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If he is aware that a Bridge on the Parramatta Road, known as Battle Bridge, is in a dangerous state, from absolute decay; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to remedy the evil, by building a new bridge?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
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3. MR. RAPHAEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names of all officers in the Public Service, other than gaolers and messengers, who are provided with houses, quarters, fuel and light, at the Public expense.
  - (2.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who receive an allowance in lieu of quarters, the amount of such allowance, and from what vote paid.
  - (3.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who are allowed forage, or an allowance in lieu thereof.

MONDAY, 22 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

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5. MR. HOSKINS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council, relating to the removal of Mr. Deegan from the position of Station Master at Bowral Railway Station, together with the salary and allowance paid to that person when filling that position. Likewise any Minutes of the Executive Council or Correspondence relating to the subsequent appointment of Mr. Deegan to the position of porter and assistant-guard at the Rodfern Station, and the amount of salary and allowance now paid to that person for discharging the duties appertaining to that position.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
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4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 25 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much money has been collected at the Annandale Toll-gate from the 31st December, 1871, to the 1st instant; and during the same period how much money has been expended upon the undermentioned portions of road, viz. :—
  - (1.) On that portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the city boundary and the Five-mile stone :
  - (2.) That portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the Five-mile stone and the Ten-mile stone :
  - (3.) That portion of the Liverpool Road situated between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone ?

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1. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
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New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

*Mr. Hoskins not asking Question No. 1, it dropped.*

*Mr. Lucas not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

- (1.) Mr. S. B. Gould, Railway Station Master :—Mr. Raphael asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) How many complaints have been made against a Railway Station Master by various Ministers of Railways (named S. B. Gould, late of, or now at, Wallerawang), shewing in tabular list and having the name of each Minister who has threatened him with dismissal, and for what cause?

(2.) For what reason this person was removed from the office of Storekeeper at the Railway Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The answer to the Honorable Member's question will be found in the paper which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (2.) Illawarra Road :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Was a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs of the Road between the Bulli Pass-road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra, forwarded or presented to the Government about six months ago?

(2.) If so, what course do the Government intend taking, or have they taken, in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, was received, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs to the road between the Bulli Pass-road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra.

(2.) The Deputation that waited on the late Minister for Works was informed that any further endowment given by the Government to the Northern end of the Illawarra District should be conditional upon the establishment of a Municipality, as is the case already with the Southern and Central portions of the district.

- (3.) Land adjoining the New School of Industry :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume at once the land at Darlinghurst adjoining the New School of Industry,—Yes or No?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The answer of the Government was given on the 16th instant.

- (4.) Disputed Land near Orange :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Is it true that a piece of land near Orange, lately in possession of Mr. Connolly and party, and worked by them for mining purposes, has been taken from them by the Government and given to Mr. Nelson, the Member for Orange?

(2.) Did Mr. Nelson call repeatedly at the Lands Office in reference to this business, and is it true that when one of Mr. Connolly's party called to lay their view of the case before the Minister, he was informed that the case was already decided in favour of Mr. Nelson?

(3.)

(3.) Will the Minister for Lands lay upon the Table of this House all the Papers bearing on this case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There was a dispute between Messrs. Connolly and Nelson. The latter appealed against the ruling of the Local Commissioner; and the Commissioner in charge of the District, Mr. Johnson, sent in his report in favour of Mr. Nelson's claim, which report was approved by me, and a lease will be granted accordingly.

(2.) I cannot say; if any person did, after my decision, no doubt he was apprised of it.

(3.) No objection whatever, if the House should so order.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table a Return shewing the complaints made at various times against Mr. S. B. Gould, Railway Station Master.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.

4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Wearne moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "it is the opinion of this House that in preparing the Estimates for next year for the Permanent Military Force, the Government ought to provide for only two Batteries of Artillery, with the Officers necessary to the command of two Batteries of Artillery only, together with the requisite contingencies."

*Point of Order*:—Mr. Forster requested the ruling of the Speaker whether the proposed amendment is in order, as involving the expenditure of money, and therefore requiring the sanction of a Committee of the Whole House.

Debate ensued.

The Speaker said that if it is intended by the amendment to direct an expenditure of money, it is objectionable.

Mr. Wearne then moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "it is the opinion of this House that in preparing the Estimates for next year for the Permanent Military Force, the Government ought to provide for Artillery only, with the Officers necessary to the command of the same, together with the requisite contingencies."

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. West,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Single,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Neale,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That it is the opinion of this House that, in preparing the Estimates for next year for the Permanent Military Force, the Government ought to provide for Artillery only, with the Officers necessary to the command of the same, together with the requisite contingencies,—put and passed.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of Supply. Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Piddington, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

5. MESSAGES:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Bathurst Gas Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Newlands Wark to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th July, 1872.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.)

## (2.) Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited)*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly,

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th July, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (LIMITED).

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18 July, 1872.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 3, line 13, at the end of clause *after* "time being" *add* "Provided always that no clause in the Deed of Settlement or any by-law made in pursuance of the said Deed or of this Act shall be taken to affect any person who has not executed the said Deed or the *cestui que* trust of any share in the said Company."

Page 3, clause 7, line 49. *Omit* "against every shareholder" *insert* "on the Company."

Page 10, clause 32, line 42. *After* "Act" *Omit* "shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act and shall be taken judicial notice of as such by the Judges of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and by all other Judges Justices and others within the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies without being specially pleaded and the same whenever cited shall be sufficiently described" *insert* "may be cited."

Examined,—

E. C. WEEKES,  
Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at fourteen minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

FRIDAY, 19 JULY.

Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum was received for rent during the first half of this year at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?
  - (2.) What sum was received in fees for the same period?
  - (3.) What sum would have been received if fees had been paid by the persons who pay rent?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What sum has been expended, up to the 15th instant, in filling in the Blackwattle Swamp, including expenses of dredge, towage, labour, supervision, &c.?
  - (2.) What number of tons of silt has been deposited there, up to the 15th instant?
  - (3.) How many cubic feet is a ton of silt supposed to contain?
  - (4.) What has been the cost of the New Iron Bridge over Blackwattle Bay?
  - (5.) Under which branch of the Public Works Department has this work been done?
3. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If he is aware that a Bridge on the Parramatta Road, known as Battle Bridge, is in a dangerous state, from absolute decay; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to remedy the evil, by building a new bridge?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Will the Attorney General lay the Report of the Judge in Aitken's case upon the Table of the House?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Miners at Gulgong have taken possession of, what is called, Mr. Rouse's Paddock, near Guntawang, and pegged it out for mining purposes?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Miners allege that Mr. Rouse has no title to the land in question, and that they have taken possession of it as Waste Lands of the Crown?
  - (3.) If this is the case, will the Government proclaim the land in question as a Gold Field, without delay?
6. MR. JACOB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has a person of the name of Michael Mulqueeny forfeited a free-selection in the District of Raymond Terrace, and his deposit been returned to him?
  - (2.) If so, has the forfeited selection been rented to any person, and to whom, as part of a Run?

GENERAL

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Smelting at the Sydney Mint; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.
  - (2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time."
10. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
11. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
12. The Office of Attorney General; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - "(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.
  - "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question.
13. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Post and Telegraph Office, Burrowa; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.
15. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
16. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
18. Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the health and safety of the large population within the City and Suburbs of Sydney are greatly endangered by the want of a reliable and plentiful water supply, and that it is the duty of the Government to guard against the risks and dangers to which the health and lives of the people are exposed from such a cause, by taking immediate measures to secure a more reliable and more abundant supply, and thus avert the terrible consequences that must inevitably attend the first dry summer to which we shall be subjected, unless a more reliable supply of water be provided.
  - "(2.) That the gravitation scheme of water supply from the Nepean, the Cordeaux, and the Cataract Rivers, recommended by the Water Commission in its Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st day of October, 1869, is one that is capable of furnishing such an unlimited and constant supply of water as would meet all the requirements of our population, and would remove all grounds of apprehension in the future, and is therefore a scheme that ought to be carried out with as little delay as possible.
  - "(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
19. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
20. Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates of the present year a sum not exceeding £1,200, for the erection of a Bridge over Dingo Creek, Manning River.

21. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, printed documents ought not to be punctuated.
  - (2.) That all printed documents issuing from the Government Printing Office ought to be unpunctuated, as Bills and Acts are.
  - (3.) That all punctuation of printed matter in books and newspapers ought to be prohibited by law.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
3. MR. RAPHAEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names of all officers in the Public Service, other than gaolers and messengers, who are provided with houses, quarters, fuel and light, at the Public expense.
  - (2.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who receive an allowance in lieu of quarters, the amount of such allowance, and from what vote paid.
  - (3.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who are allowed forage, or an allowance in lieu thereof.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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MONDAY, 22 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many miles are completed of the Telegraph Line from Narrabri to Fort Bourke; how many miles of poles erected not yet wired, and how many miles are required to be completed to finish the contract?
  - (2.) When did the contract time cease for the erection of this work; has a renewal of time been granted; and, if so, for how long, and on what grounds?
  - (3.) Has a second application for extension of time been made by the Contractor; has the same been granted, or will it be; and, if so, on what grounds?
  - (4.) Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all the Papers connected with the above contract?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

5. Mr. Hoskins to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council, relating to the removal of Mr. Deegan from the position of Station Master at Bowral Railway Station, together with the salary and allowance paid to that person when filling that position. Likewise any Minutes of the Executive Council or Correspondence relating to the subsequent appointment of Mr. Deegan to the position of porter and assistant-guard at the Redfern Station, and the amount of salary and allowance now paid to that person for discharging the duties appertaining to that position.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 25 JULY.

Question :—

1. Mr. Lucas to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much money has been collected at the Annandale Toll-gate from the 31st December, 1871, to the 1st instant; and during the same period how much money has been expended upon the undermentioned portions of road, viz. :—
  - (1.) On that portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the city boundary and the Five-mile stone:
  - (2.) That portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the Five-mile stone and the Ten-mile stone:
  - (3.) That portion of the Liverpool Road situated between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone?

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FRIDAY, 26 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.



New South Wales.

No. 35..

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) What sum was received for rent during the first half of this year at the Glebe Island Abattoirs?

(2.) What sum was received in fees for the same period?

(3.) What sum would have been received if fees had been paid by the persons who pay rent?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) £707 18s. 4d.

(2.) £769 6s. 5d.

(3.) £1,966 19s. 6d.

- (2.) Blackwattle Swamp:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What sum has been expended, up to the 15th instant, in filling in the Blackwattle Swamp, including expenses of dredge, towage, labour, supervision, &c.?

(2.) What number of tons of silt has been deposited there, up to the 15th instant?

(3.) How many cubic feet is a ton of silt supposed to contain?

(4.) What has been the cost of the New Iron Bridge over Blackwattle Bay?

(5.) Under which branch of the Public Works Department has this work been done?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The sum expended in filling in the Blackwattle Swamp, including expenses of dredge, towage, labour, supervision, &c., to 15th instant, was £1,479 9s. 9d.

(2.) 23,471 tons of silt were deposited there, up to the 15th instant.

(3.) A ton of silt is supposed to contain 20 cubic feet.

(4.) The cost of the New Bridge over Blackwattle Bay is £974 18s. 9d.

(5.) The work has been done under the Harbour and River Branch of the Public Works Department.

- (3.) Battle Bridge:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If he is aware that a Bridge on the Parramatta Road, known as Battle Bridge, is in a dangerous state, from absolute decay; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to remedy the evil, by building a new bridge?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government are aware that Battle Bridge is in a decayed state, and likely to become dangerous. The propriety of putting a sum on the Estimates for its reconstruction will be considered when the Estimates of 1873 are being prepared.

(4.)

- (4.) **Aitken's Case**:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Will the Attorney General lay the Report of the Judge in Aitken's case upon the Table of the House?  
Mr. Butler answered,—I have in my hand the Report referred to, in the handwriting of Mr. Macfarland, the District Court Judge, which I will presently lay upon the Table.
- (5.) **Mining on Mr. Rouse's Paddock at Gulgong**:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
(1.) Is it true that the Miners at Gulgong have taken possession of, what is called, Mr. Rouse's Paddock, near Guntawang, and pegged it out for mining purposes?  
(2.) Is it true that the Miners allege that Mr. Rouse has no title to the land in question, and that they have taken possession of it as Waste Lands of the Crown?  
(3.) If this is the case, will the Government proclaim the land in question as a Gold Field, without delay?  
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government have no official information whatever on the subject.
- (6.) **Mulqueeny's Free-selection at Raymond Terrace**:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
(1.) Has a person of the name of Michael Mulqueeny forfeited a free-selection in the District of Raymond Terrace, and his deposit been returned to him?  
(2.) If so, has the forfeited selection been rented to any person, and to whom, as part of a Run?  
Mr. Farnell answered,—  
(1.) The selection of 40 acres made by Michael Mulqueeny, at Raymond Terrace, on the 7th July, 1864, was cancelled, and deposit refunded at his request, as the land was not surveyed within twelve months.  
(2.) About one-half of the above comes within J. Flinor's auction lease.
2. **PAPERS**:—  
(1.) Mr. Butler laid upon the Table the Report of the District Court Judge in "Aitken's" case.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.  
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.  
(3.) Return to an Order in reference to "Claim of Mr. Scholey," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cunneen, on 5th July, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
4. **OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL**:—Mr. Hill presented a Petition from the Mayor of the Municipal Council of Randwick, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
5. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
6. **PETITIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**:—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., respecting the form of the Prayer required to Petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly.  
Petition received.
7. **GOLD SMELTING AT THE SYDNEY MINT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the amount of gold remaining behind after the smelting process which takes place at the Mint, should be ascertained for each year since 1851, and the aggregate amount, whatever it may be, expended on the different Gold Fields for the purpose of establishing commodious Hospitals, or other charitable purposes.  
(2.) That as this money belongs to the diggers, the sum allotted to each Gold Field should be looked on, as in fact it is, a subscription of the gold miners, and that the Government, following the usual custom in this respect, should supply an equivalent sum from the Consolidated Revenue.  
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Buchanan the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL**:—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The Debate on this Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Lucas, and ordered to stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, until this day week:—  
No. 3, by Mr. Buchanan.  
No. 4, by Mr. Lackey.  
Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. Buchanan.  
No. 7, by Mr. Stewart.  
No. 8, by Mr. Forster,—until Friday, 2nd August.
10. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL**:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time,"—resumed.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Forster,	Tellers.
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. West,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Innes,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Macintosh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Buchanan then moved that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 19th July, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 10 and 11 postponed, until this day week:—

No. 10, by Mr. Stewart.

No. 11, by Mr. Watson.

12. THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

"(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Attorney General, and also that of Solicitor General, should be non-political, and that neither of the persons filling those offices should be members of the Cabinet.

"(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Butler had moved the Previous Question,—having been read, and the Debate not being resumed,—

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

The House divided,

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Buchanan.

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Wearne.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. West,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Watson,	Tellers.
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. M'Laurin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day of General Business No. 13 postponed, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Tuesday next.

14. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, BURROWA:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That considering the large amount of Revenue hitherto derived from the district of Burrowa, without any corresponding expenditure of public money, and also the importance of the town of Burrowa as the centre of a large agricultural and squatting district, and the additional importance which must attach to the district by the close proximity of the extension of the Great Southern Railway, it is desirable that suitable buildings for the proper carrying on of the business of the Post and Telegraph Office should be erected at Burrowa with as little delay as possible.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1872 the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution,—having been read,—

Mr. Watson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Order of the Day discharged.

15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of General Business postponed, until this day week:—  
     No. 15, by Mr. Wearne.  
     No. 16, by Mr. Stewart.  
     No. 17, by Mr. R. B. Smith.
16. **WATER SUPPLY TO SYDNEY AND SUBURBS**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Macintosh, discharged.
17. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day of General Business No. 19 postponed, on motion of Mr. Bennett, until Tuesday next.
18. **BRIDGE OVER DINGO CREEK, MANNING RIVER**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, discharged.
19. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries, having been read,—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*, That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
 On motion of Mr. Forster that report was adopted.
20. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Stewart withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1.
21. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Robertson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2, it dropped.
22. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to regulate Cemeteries*",—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday 2nd August.
23. **MOTIONS POSTPONED**:—  
 (1.) *Mr. Booth*, on behalf of Mr. Raphael, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Raphael No. 3, until Tuesday next.  
 (2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Captain Onslow, until Tuesday next.
24. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—  
     No. 1, by Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.  
     Nos. 2 and 3, by Mr. Piddington, until Wednesday next.  
 The House adjourned, at five minutes after Nine o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, 22 JULY.

### Questions:—

1. **MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Do the Government rent the land at St. Leonards used as a Volunteer Rifle Range; if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table a copy of the lease or agreement by which the land is held?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—  
 (1.) Are the parties still in possession of that piece of land, situated at Darlinghurst, next the New School of Industry, against whom judgment was given in certain legal proceedings, raised at the instance of the Government?  
 (2.) If the parties are still in possession of the land in question, notwithstanding the decision of a Court of Law that they were illegally there, are they still in possession by the will and consent of the Government?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow things to remain as they are, or is it their intention to give effect to the judgment delivered in their favour?  
 (4.) Whatever may be the intention of the Government as to the ultimate dedication of this piece of land, do they intend any longer to leave it in possession of parties whom they have just ousted, by the decision of a Court of Law, and as to whom the Minister for Lands has more than once informed this House that they were in illegal possession?
3. **MR. CUNNEEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—  
 (1.) In the event of applications for Mineral Leases being refused, either from there being more than one application for the same ground, or from any other cause, are the amounts paid as deposit money returned to the unsuccessful applicants?  
 (2.) If not, what is the practice of the Government with regard to refund of money deposited by unsuccessful applicants for Mineral Leases?  
 (3.) Does the same rule apply to the refund of moneys paid for unsuccessful applications for Mineral as for Pastoral Leases?

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. FORSTER to move (*by way of amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), With reference to the questions, and the answers thereto, specified on the Business Paper of Thursday, 18th July, as follows :—

“(2.) Illawarra Road :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice “No. 4,—

“(1.) Was a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs of the Road between the Bulli Pass Road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra, forwarded or presented to the Government about six months ago ?

“(2.) If so, what course do the Government intend taking, or have they taken, in the matter ?

“Mr. Sutherland answered,—

“(1.) Yes ; a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, was received, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs to the road between the Bulli Pass Road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra.

“(2.) The Deputation that waited on the late Minister for Works was informed that any further endowment given by the Government to the Northern end of the Illawarra District should be conditional upon the establishment of a Municipality, as is the case already with the Southern and “Central portions of the district”,—

That this House is of opinion that the answer is unsatisfactory, because it lays down a rule of distinction between certain classes and localities of the Electoral District of Illawarra, in regard to public expenditure and Municipal Incorporation, which is not applied to other classes and localities in the same Electoral District, or in other Electoral Districts.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HILL to move, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from the Mayor of the Municipal Council of Randwick, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## TUESDAY, 23 JULY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. DANGAL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many miles are completed of the Telegraph Line from Narrabri to Fort Bourke ; how many miles of poles erected not yet wired, and how many miles are required to be completed to finish the contract ?
  - (2.) When did the contract time cease for the erection of this work ; has a renewal of time been granted ; and, if so, for how long, and on what grounds ?
  - (3.) Has a second application for extension of time been made by the Contractor ; has the same been granted, or will it be ; and, if so, on what grounds ?
  - (4.) Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all the Papers connected with the above contract ?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That in the opinion of this House the honors of a public funeral ought to be accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth on their arrival in the Colony for interment.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
3. MR. BAKER to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty on Gold is an impolitic and unjust impost, and should be abolished.
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. HOSKINS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council, relating to the removal of Mr. Deegan from the position of Station Master at Bowral Railway Station, together with the salary and allowance paid to that person when filling that position. Likewise any Minutes of the Executive Council or Correspondence relating to the subsequent appointment of Mr. Deegan to the position of porter and assistant-guard at the Redfern Station, and the amount of salary and allowance now paid to that person for discharging the duties appertaining to that position.

6. MR. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from Commander Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
7. MR. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from Commander Sadleir, R.N., relative to the formality of Petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly, be printed.
8. MR. RAPHAEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names of all officers in the Public Service, other than gaolers and messengers, who are provided with houses, quarters, fuel and light, at the Public expense.
  - (2.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who receive an allowance in lieu of quarters, the amount of such allowance, and from what vote paid.
  - (3.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who are allowed forage, or an allowance in lieu thereof.
9. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
 

“ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.

“ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.

“ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.

“ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill ; second reading.
5. Evidence Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill ; second reading.
2. Treasury Bills Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 25 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much money has been collected at the Annandale Toll-gate from the 31st December, 1871, to the 1st instant; and during the same period how much money has been expended upon the undermentioned portions of road, viz :—
  - (1.) On that portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the city boundary and the Five-mile stone :
  - (2.) That portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the Five-mile stone and the Ten-mile stone :
  - (3.) That portion of the Liverpool Road situated between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 26 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill ; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
9. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
10. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; second reading.
11. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

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FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.





New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 22 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Volunteer Rifle Range, St. Leonards :—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Do the Government rent the land at St. Leonards used as a Volunteer Rifle Range; if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table a copy of the lease or agreement by which the land is held?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have not been able to obtain any information in my office on this subject, and I infer that the Company privately lease this land, but I will make inquiry, and inform the Honorable Gentleman.

- (2.) Land adjoining the New School of Industry :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Are the parties still in possession of that piece of land, situated at Darlinghurst, next the New School of Industry, against whom judgment was given in certain legal proceedings, raised at the instance of the Government?

(2.) If the parties are still in possession of the land in question, notwithstanding the decision of a Court of Law that they were illegally there, are they still in possession by the will and consent of the Government?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow things to remain as they are, or is it their intention to give effect to the judgment delivered in their favour?

(4.) Whatever may be the intention of the Government as to the ultimate dedication of this piece of land, do they intend any longer to leave it in possession of parties whom they have just ousted, by the decision of a Court of Law, and as to whom the Minister for Lands has more than once informed this House that they were in illegal possession?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The parties are still in possession.

(2.) Answered by answer to the first question.

(3.) It is not the intention of the Government to allow things to remain as they are.

(4.) The Government has not come to any final decision in the matter.

- (3.) Applications for Mineral Leases :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) In the event of applications for Mineral Leases being refused, either from there being more than one application for the same ground, or from any other cause, are the amounts paid as deposit money returned to the unsuccessful applicants?

(2.) If not, what is the practice of the Government with regard to refund of money deposited by unsuccessful applicants for Mineral Leases?

(3.) Does the same rule apply to the refund of moneys paid for unsuccessful applications for Mineral as for Pastoral Leases?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No amounts are paid as deposit money. The amount of rent on the area to be applied for is paid prior to the applicant obtaining authority to select, and is not refunded. Leases are granted according to priority of selection, and unsuccessful or speculative selectors can exercise their authority to select for a period of twelve months from the date thereof.

(2.) There is no practice as to refund of rent for Mineral Lands, but there is a practice that the Treasury Receipt for the first year's rent must accompany the application to the Lands Department for authority to select.

(3.) There is no rule. The regulations relating to the Leasing of Runs do not apply to Mineral Leases.

2. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Residents and Ratepayers of the Borough of Paddington, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received
3. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Forster withdrew the *Contingent Motion* standing in his name.
4. WILLIAM HENRY BEDELL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from William Henry Bedell, alleging that he has for the past ten years been subjected to great losses and disabilities, by the rejection of his testimony in Courts of Justice, on the ground of his being a non-believer in a state of future rewards and punishments; and praying that such an alteration may be made in the law as may be deemed fitting in the premises.  
Petition received.
5. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL (“*Formal Motion*”):—Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from the Mayor of the Municipal Council of Randwick, relative to the Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—and Mr. Forster having withdrawn the *Contingent Motion* standing in his name,—Mr. Piddington moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at seven minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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9. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Papers in reference to a piece of land near Orange, originally in the possession of Messrs. Connolly and party, but now, by a decision of the Commissioner, taken from them, and adjudged to belong to Mr. Nelson, the Member for Orange.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Depositions in the case of a man named Larkins, committed for trial on a charge of perjury, and against whom the Attorney General declines to proceed farther in this matter; also, copies of all Petitions, Affidavits, and Papers, addressed either to the Government or to His Excellency the Governor, in reference to the release of a man named Aitken, convicted at the Wollongong Quarter Sessions, and sentenced to three years imprisonment; also, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council bearing on this subject.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Committee of the Sydney Infirmary, in prohibiting the convalescent patients from the great benefit and advantage of walking out on the front verandah, is unwise, inasmuch as it deprives them of air and exercise on this spacious verandah, where, from its exposure to the sun, such air and exercise can be enjoyed by the patients with safety and comfort.
  - (2.) That the Committee of the Infirmary can offer no good reason for thus depriving the unfortunate inmates of that institution of so great a boon, if they can only allege that they do so at the instance of the people living opposite, and that, under the circumstances, in the opinion of this House, the Government should inquire into the subject, in the interest of the patients and their friends, as well as of the general public.
13. MR. MACINTOSH to move, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd July, from certain residents and ratepayers of the Borough of Paddington, praying that the Old and New South Head Roads, now vested in Trustees, be not transferred from them to the Municipal Council of Woollahra, be printed.
14. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
15. MR. MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the letter from Mr. Baylis, Police Magistrate, Wagga Wagga, to the Colonial Secretary, in explanation of some questions asked in this House by Mr. Greville, on the 26th of last month.
16. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd July, from William Henry Bedell, relative to the law excluding an unbeliever from giving evidence in a Court of Law, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
4. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
5. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.
  2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
  3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
  4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 25 JULY.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much money has been collected at the Annandale Toll-gate from the 31st December, 1871, to the 1st instant; and during the same period how much money has been expended upon the undermentioned portions of road, viz. :—
  - (1.) On that portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the city boundary and the Five-mile stone :
  - (2.) That portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the Five-mile stone and the Ten-mile stone :
  - (3.) That portion of the Liverpool Road situated between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone ?
2. MR. DE SALIS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How much money has been voted for improving the road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, *via* Tarago, since it became a first-class road ?
  - (2.) How many miles is that portion of the said road between Goulburn Municipality and the junction of the Braidwood road with this road near Tarago ?
  - (3.) How much public money had been spent on the said portion before the Goulburn and Queanbeyan road was made first-class ?
  - (4.) How much public money has been spent on such portion since that time ?
  - (5.) How many turnpikes are there on such portion ?
  - (6.) What is the estimated annual return from these turnpikes ?
  - (7.) What was the estimated annual return from the turnpike recently closed nearer Braidwood on the Braidwood continuation of this road ?
  - (8.) Have any tenders been called for in anticipation of the vote about to be granted for this year on the whole road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, and of the money expected from the turnpikes ?
  - (9.) If so, what will be the amount, or estimated amount, of these contracts in each of the three following portions of the whole road, specifying also the number of miles in each, viz. :—
    - From Goulburn Municipality to Tarago junction ?
    - From Tarago junction to Bungendore ?
    - From Bungendore to Queanbeyan ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 26 JULY.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has he received a Petition from the inhabitants of Brewarrina and surrounding Districts, relative to the outgoing Mails of Walgett ?
  - (2.) Is it within his knowledge that under the present Mail arrangements the people of Walgett cannot get replies to their Sydney correspondence in less than three weeks, although the Mails are nominally bi-weekly ?
  - (3.) Whether any, and, if any, what steps will be taken for the improvement of the Mail arrangements of the districts referred to ?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill ; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
9. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
10. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; second reading.
11. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.

(2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

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FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
  2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegraph Line from Narrabri to Fort Bourke:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many miles are completed of the Telegraph Line from Narrabri to Fort Bourke; how many miles of poles erected not yet wired, and how many miles are required to be completed to finish the contract?

(2.) When did the contract time cease for the erection of this work; has a renewal of time been granted; and, if so, for how long, and on what grounds?

(3.) Has a second application for extension of time been made by the Contractor; has the same been granted, or will it be; and, if so, on what grounds?

(4.) Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all the Papers connected with the above contract?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The total distance from Narrabri to Fort Bourke is estimated at 270 miles, of which  $81\frac{1}{2}$  miles have been completed, and, of the remaining distance, 132 miles of poles have been erected, but not yet wired; thus shewing that 188 $\frac{1}{2}$  are yet to be completed to finish the contract.

(2.) The contract time for this work ceased on 6th April, 1872, but an extension was applied for on the 11th April last, and granted for three months.

(3.) A second application was made on 16th June last, and a further extension of time granted for two months, as the Contractor stated his inability to procure insulators.

(4.) The Government will have no objection to lay the Papers upon the Table of the House, if required to do so.

- (2.) Illawarra Road:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to the questions, and the answers thereto, specified on the Business Paper of Thursday, 18th July, as follows:—

- (2.) Illawarra Road:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Was a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs of the Road between the Bulli Pass Road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra, forwarded or presented to the Government about six months ago?

(2.) If so, what course do the Government intend taking, or have they taken, in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, resident at North Bulli, was received, praying for a grant of money to complete the repairs to the road between the Bulli Pass Road and Coal Cliff, Illawarra.

(2.) The Deputation that waited on the late Minister for Works was informed that any further endowment given by the Government to the Northern end of the Illawarra District should be conditional upon the establishment of a Municipality, as is the case already with the Southern and Central portions of the district,—

What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr.

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I find upon inquiry that £300 was a short time ago granted for this particular work; that two officers of the Department have at different times reported against any further expenditure upon it, because it appears to be a small portion of the only part of the district which is not incorporated. The present Government have sent an officer specially to inquire and report upon the necessity for further expenditure.

2. PAPERS:—

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

(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to the "Case of *R. Myers*," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Jacob*, on 21st June, 1872.

(2.) Returns under the Real Property Act, for 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) *Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Conditional Purchases in District of Liverpool Plains," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Bennett*, on 18th June, 1872.

3. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—*Sir James Martin* withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1.

4. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Stewart* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from *Commander Sadleir, R.N.*, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

5. PETITIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Stewart* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 19th July, from *Commander Sadleir, R.N.*, relative to the formality of Petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

6. DISPUTED LAND NEAR ORANGE ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Papers in reference to a piece of land near Orange, originally in the possession of *Messrs. Connolly and party*, but now, by a decision of the Commissioner, taken from them, and adjudged to belong to *Mr. Nelson*, the Member for Orange.  
Question put and passed.

7. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Macintosh* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd July, from certain residents and ratepayers of the Borough of Paddington, praying that the Old and New South Head Roads, now vested in Trustees, be not transferred from them to the Municipal Council of Woollahra, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

8. *MR. BAYLIS, POLICE MAGISTRATE, WAGGA WAGGA* ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Macleay* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the letter from *Mr. Baylis, Police Magistrate, Wagga Wagga*, to the Colonial Secretary, in explanation of some questions asked in this House by *Mr. Greville*, on the 26th of last month.  
Question put and passed.

9. *WILLIAM HENRY BEDELL* ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd July, from *William Henry Bedell*, relative to the law excluding an unbeliever from giving evidence in a Court of Law, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

10. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Macleay* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

11. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

*MR. SPEAKER,*

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned*,"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd July, 1872.*

*T. A. MURRAY,  
President.*

SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1872.

*JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.*

Page 3, clause 3, line 22. At the end of clause after "Colony" add "Provided always that no clause in the Deed of Settlement or any by-law made in pursuance of the said deed or of this Act shall be taken to affect any person who has not executed the said deed or to affect the *cestui que* trust of any share in the Company."

Page 4, clause 7. Omit clause 7 insert new clause 7,—

"7. It shall be lawful for the Directors from time to time as they shall see fit in the manner specified in the deed of settlement to make accept and endorse such promissory notes or bills of exchange on behalf of the Company for any purposes connected with the affairs and business of  
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" the Company and the making accepting and endorsing of any such promissory notes or bills of exchange by the Chairman of the Company and at least one other Director authorized in that behalf by the Directors for and on behalf of the Company shall be binding on the Company And it shall be also lawful for the Directors on behalf of the Company to procure advances and to borrow money and to pay off and discharge such advances in the manner for the purposes and subject to the restrictions specified in the said deed of settlement."

Page 4, clause 11. Omit clause 11 insert new clause 11,—

" 11. Each shareholder in the said Company for the time being shall be liable to contribute to the assets of the Company or to meet its liabilities to an amount not exceeding the amount of the shares held by him or her and to a further sum of equal amount and no shareholder shall at any time be liable with respect to the transactions or liabilities of the Company beyond such amount." Liability of shareholders.

Page 6, clause, 21. Omit clause 21 insert new clause 21,—

" 21. If any execution either at law or in equity shall be or shall have been issued against the property or effects of the Company and if there cannot be found after due diligence sufficient whereon to levy such execution then such execution may subject to the provisions of the twenty-third section of this Act be issued against any of the shareholders for the time-being or any former shareholder until such execution shall be fully satisfied Provided that no such execution shall be issued against any shareholder or former shareholder for any amount beyond the sum due by such shareholder in respect of the amount subscribed for and unpaid by him and a further sum equal to the amount so subscribed for Provided always that no such execution shall issue against any such shareholder or former shareholder except upon an order of the Court in which the action suit or other proceeding shall have been brought or instituted made upon motion in open Court after sufficient notice in writing to the person sought to be charged And upon such motion such Court may order execution to issue accordingly Provided further that in case of execution against any former shareholder it shall be shown that such former shareholder was a shareholder of the Company at the time when the contract or engagement was entered into for breach of which contract or engagement such execution shall have issued or became a shareholder during the time such contract or engagement was unexecuted or unsatisfied or was a shareholder at the time the judgment or decree was obtained upon which judgment or decree such execution shall have issued Provided also that in no case shall such execution be issued against the person property or effects of any former shareholder after the expiration of one year after the person sought to be charged shall have ceased to be a shareholder of the Company." Execution against shareholders.

Examined,—

E. C. WEEKES,  
Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

12. SEA-WALL AT COOGEE BAY:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property. Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Statement of the Names and Occupations of the Employés in the Railway Department, not shown on Estimates, with former and present rates of pay, together with reports thereon.
14. EXPORT DUTY ON GOLD:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That, in the opinion of this House, the Export Duty on Gold is an "impolitic and" unjust impost, and should be abolished. Debate ensued.  
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the words "impolitic and."  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Combes,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Grahamc,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Burns,

Tellers.

Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Baker.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Hurley (Navellan),
Mr. Butler,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Moses,	Tellers.
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. M'Laurin,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Forster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Main Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Export Duty on Gold is an unjust impost, and should be abolished.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Innes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Haunell,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Combes.	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	
Mr. Raphael,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Stewart.	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 4.

16. MR. DEEGAN, LATE STATION MASTER AT BOWRAL RAILWAY STATION:—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice No 5, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council, relating to the removal of Mr. Deegan from the position of Station Master at Bowral Railway Station, together with the salary and allowance paid to that person when filling that position. Likewise any Minutes of the Executive Council or Correspondence relating to the subsequent appointment of Mr. Deegan to the position of porter and assistant-guard at the Redfern Station, and the amount of salary and allowance now paid to that person for discharging the duties appertaining to that position.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

17. QUARTERS, &c., FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS:—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—

(1.) The names of all officers in the Public Service, other than gaolers and messengers, who are provided with houses, quarters, fuel and light, at the Public expense.

(2.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who receive an allowance in lieu of quarters, the amount of such allowance, and from what vote paid.

(3.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who are allowed forage, or an allowance in lieu thereof.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the third paragraph thereof. Debate continued.

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

Main Question then put,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—

(1.) The names of all officers in the Public Service, other than gaolers and messengers, who are provided with houses, quarters, fuel and light, at the Public expense.

(2.) The names of all officers in the Public Service who receive an allowance in lieu of quarters, the amount of such allowance, and from what vote paid.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. M'Laurin,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Narellan</i> ),	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Innes,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Raphael,	
Mr. W. C. Browne.	

Noes, 12.

Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Stewart.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

18. DISMISSAL AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the dismissal and re-appointment of Thomas Parkes, William Elyard, George Davis, and Gould, of the Railway Department.

Question put and passed.

19. THE CASE OF LARKINS AND AITKEN:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*),—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Depositions in the case of a man named Larkins, committed for trial on a charge of perjury, and against whom the Attorney General declines to proceed farther in this matter; and also copies of the Depositions in the case of a man named Aitken, charged with, and convicted of, stealing a cheque; also, copies of all Petitions, Affidavits, and Papers, addressed either to the Government or to His Excellency the Governor, in reference to the release of a man named Aitken, convicted at the Wollongong Quarter Sessions, and sentenced to three years imprisonment; also; copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council bearing on this subject.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 12.
21. **THE AGENT GENERAL OF THE COLONY** :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1872, A.M.

Mr. Raphael moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hurley ( <i>Wardellan</i> ),	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangur,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Raphael.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Innes,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Scholey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

22. **ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk proceeding to read the Bill,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Butler, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Innes, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, and Mr. Stewart,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at seven minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY.

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1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
    - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
    - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
  2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
    - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.
    - (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
  3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
    - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
    - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
    - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
  4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Committee of the Sydney Infirmary, in prohibiting the convalescent patients from the great benefit and advantage of walking out on the front verandah, is unwise, inasmuch as it deprives them of air and exercise on this spacious verandah, where, from its exposure to the sun, such air and exercise can be enjoyed by the patients with safety and comfort.
    - (2.) That the Committee of the Infirmary can offer no good reason for thus depriving the unfortunate inmates of that institution of so great a boon, if they can only allege that they do so at the instance of the people living opposite, and that, under the circumstances, in the opinion of this House, the Government should inquire into the subject, in the interest of the patients and their friends, as well as of the general public.

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1872.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraph Station Master, Wollombi:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has a Buggy and Harness been purchased at the public cost for the Telegraph Station Master at Wollombi?

(2.) If so, was Ministerial authority obtained for the expenditure, before made?

(3.) Under what vote of Parliament was the money so expended (if any) granted?

Mr. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, in 1866.

(3.) "Repairs generally."

(2.) Road from Mulbring to Milfield:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the road from Mulbring to Milfield be finally opened to the public?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Portions of the road have been opened from time to time, and it is not contemplated to take further action in the matter at present.

(3.) Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What was the total amount of tonnage of goods or merchandize received at the Picton and Mount Victoria Railway Stations respectively, during the six months ending June 31st, 1872, and the amount of cash received for the conveyance of such goods or merchandize forwarded by Railway to those Stations?

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(4.) What are the names of the persons so employed, and the amount of their respective salaries and allowances?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Picton—356 tons. 

	£	s.	d.
Receipts for the same	352	18	7
Mount Victoria—1,681 tons.			
Receipts for the same	451	16	1

(2.) Picton—Produce and merchandize ... .. 483 12 1

Stock ... .. 102 0 10

Mount Victoria—Produce and merchandize ... .. 2,022 16 3

Stock ... .. 68 17 5

(3.) Picton, 7; Mount Victoria, 4. (4.)

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Thomas Gibling, Station Master, £190 a year, with £25 a year as Inspector, and £50 a year, in lieu of house rent.  
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 Elias Baker, porter, 6s. 6d. a day, no allowances.  
 Alexr. Barnett, gate-keeper, 30s. a week, no allowances.  
 John Porter, night-watchman, 5s. 9d. a day, no allowances.

## Mount Victoria :—

Jno. Norman, Station Master, £166 a year, with £25 a year as Inspector, and house.  
 D. U. Riley, clerk, 6s. 6d. a day, no allowances.  
 Thos. Brown, shunter, 7s. 6d. a day, no allowances.  
 Robt. Bassett, pointsman, 5s. 9d. a day, no allowances.

(4.) Railway Revenue :—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What was the Revenue for Railways for the first six months of 1870, and also for the last six months of 1870 ?

(2.) What was the Revenue for these respective periods during the year 1871 ?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

	£	s.	d.
(1.) The Railway earnings for the first six months of 1870 were	141,568	12	5
For the last six months	165,573	11	5
Making a total of	307,142	3	10
(2.) The railway earnings for the first six months of 1871 were	168,400	16	3
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Making a total of	£355,321	17	0

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPER :—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Mr. Baylis, Police Magistrate, Wagga Wagga," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Macleay*, on 23rd July, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DISTRICT OF TRUNKY ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount received for Mineral Leases, Publicans Licenses, Wholesale Wine and Spirit, and Business Licenses, and Miners Rights, for the District of Trunkay, during the last three years.

Question put and passed.

## 5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, until to-morrow :—

No. 1, by *Mr. Farnell*.

Nos. 2 and 3, by *Mr. Piddington*.

6. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
 On motion of *Mr. Piddington* the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of *Mr. Parkes*, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

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  - (3.) That there is no one responsible for the Punt, &c. ; of the three Trustees, Mr. Holt has resigned, Mr. St. Julian has left the Colony, and Mr. Tompson declines to act?
  - (4.) That there is no scale of fees fixed ; that the puntman makes his own charges, and takes persons across at discretion?
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FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
  2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
  3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
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New South Wales.

No. 39.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1872.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Annandale Toll-gate:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—How much money has been collected at the Annandale Toll-gate from the 31st December, 1871, to the 1st instant; and during the same period how much money has been expended upon the undermentioned portions of road, viz.:—

- (1.) On that portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the city boundary and the Five-mile stone:
- (2.) That portion of the Parramatta Road situated between the Five-mile stone and the Ten-mile stone:
- (3.) That portion of the Liverpool Road situated between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—From 1st January to 30th June, the amount collected

	£	s.	d.
at the Annandale Toll-bar, is	1,073	6	11
And the cost of collection ...	74	16	6

Leaving a net amount of	998	10	5
(1.) The amount expended on that portion of the Parramatta Road between city boundary and the Fifth mile-stone, is	1,594	8	5
(2.) The amount expended between the Fifth and Tenth mile-stone ...	222	0	0
(3.) And the amount expended on that portion of the Liverpool Road between its junction with the Parramatta Road and the Fourteenth mile-stone, is...	533	1	6

- (2.) Road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan:—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) How much money has been voted for improving the road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, *via* Tarago, since it became a first-class road?
- (2.) How many miles is that portion of the said road between Goulburn Municipality and the junction of the Braidwood road with this road near Tarago?
- (3.) How much public money had been spent on the said portion before the Goulburn and Queanbeyan road was made first-class?
- (4.) How much public money has been spent on such portion since that time?
- (5.) How many turnpikes are there on such portion?
- (6.) What is the estimated annual return from these turnpikes?
- (7.) What was the estimated annual return from the turnpike recently closed nearer Braidwood on the Braidwood continuation of this road?
- (8.) Have any tenders been called for in anticipation of the vote about to be granted for this year on the whole road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, and of the money expected from the turnpikes?
- (9.) If so, what will be the amount, or estimated amount, of these contracts in each of the three following portions of the whole road, specifying also the number of miles in each, viz.:—
  - From Goulburn Municipality to Tarago junction?
  - From Tarago junction to Bungendore?
  - From Bungendore to Queanbeyan?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £10,500 has been voted for the road between Goulburn and Queanbeyan, *via* Tarago, since it became a first-class road.
  - (2.) The length from Goulburn Municipality to junction of this road with Braidwood road is 18 miles.
  - (3.) The amount expended on this portion before the Goulburn and Queanbeyan road was made a first-class road is, as nearly as can be ascertained, £1,924.
  - (4.) The amount expended on same length since the road has been a first-class road is, as nearly as can be ascertained, £4,488.
  - (5.) There are two turnpikes on this road.
  - (6.) The estimated annual return from these turnpikes is £831.
  - (7.) The actual collections at the turnpike recently closed near Braidwood were at the rate of £102 per annum, the traffic having gone by way of Larbert.
  - (8.) Tenders have been called for in anticipation of the vote about to be granted for this year on the whole road—Goulburn to Queanbeyan.
  - (9.) The estimated amount of cost of these contracts, and the number of miles, are as follows:—  
 Goulburn Municipality to Tarago deviation, (18 miles) £397 5s.  
 Tarago junction to Bungendore, (19½ miles) £373 15s.  
 Bungendore to Queanbeyan, (15½ miles) £165 15s.
- (3.) Proposed Incorporation of Bega:—Mr. Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Did the Colonial Secretary receive a Petition, dated 2nd May, 1871, signed by fifty-three householders and landed proprietors, asking that Bega might be erected into a Municipality?
  - (2.) Did the Colonial Secretary receive a counter-Petition, signed by sixty-eight persons, against the formation of such Municipality?
  - (3.) Did the Colonial Secretary receive a letter from two householders, objecting to certain signatures to the counter-Petition?
  - (4.) What steps did the Colonial Secretary take to ascertain the validity of these objections?
  - (5.) As it is of importance to the inhabitants of Bega to ascertain the ultimate intentions of the Government in this matter, will the Colonial Secretary state what steps will be taken?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A Petition, dated 4th April, 1871, was received on the 11th of that month, signed by 53 householders and others, praying that Bega might be constituted a Municipality, the substance and prayer of which were published in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of 2nd May, 1871, and local newspapers.
  - (2.) Yes; the substance and prayer of which were also published in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of 16th August, 1871, and local newspapers.
  - (3.) Yes.
  - (4 and 5.) The householders were called upon to name the persons whose signatures they objected to. They did so name them; and a reference was then made to the counter-Petitioners, who stated that the objections were totally unfounded, and fully explained their reasons why incorporation as applied for should not be established. The Government, having fully considered the matter in all its bearings, arrived at the conclusion that, as the allegations of the two householders had been fully answered, and the counter-Petitioners were greater in number than the Petitioners for incorporation, no further steps should be taken to promote the object of the original Petition. The interested parties were informed.
- (4.) Permanent Military Force:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) What course do the Government intend taking with reference to the Resolution of this House, of July 18th, having reference to the Permanent Military Force?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Permanent Military Force, consisting only of Artillery?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to discontinue the Infantry?
  - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Defence Force, consisting only of Volunteers?
  - (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Militia only?
  - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Militia in connection with a Volunteer Force?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but as yet no mature decision has been arrived at, which could be communicated to Parliament.

2. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 20th June, 1872, together with Appendix.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Allen then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd August.  
 Question put and passed.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
 (1.) Subordinate Roads under Roads Department,—Classification and proposed Distribution, for 1872.  
 (2.) Subordinate Roads under Trustees,—Classification and proposed Distribution for 1872.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill intituled “A Bill to suspend for a time the Superannuation Act of 1864 in regard to any deduction from the Salaries of persons in the Public Service,”—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Combes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
6. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Parkes withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
7. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill, which lapsed on the 24th July, 1872, A.M., by reason of the House having been counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, until Monday next:—  
Nos. 1, 2, and 3, by Mr. Farnell.  
Nos. 4 and 5, by Mr. Piddington.
9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 2nd August.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at six minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 26 JULY.

### Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—  
(1.) Has he received a Petition from the inhabitants of Brewarrina and surrounding Districts, relative to the outgoing Mails of Walgett?  
(2.) Is it within his knowledge that under the present Mail arrangements the people of Walgett cannot get replies to their Sydney correspondence in less than three weeks, although the Mails are nominally bi-weekly?  
(3.) Whether any, and, if any, what steps will be taken for the improvement of the Mail arrangements of the districts referred to?
2. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has the new line of road along the ridges from Gunnedah to Breeza, surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Dewhurst, been proclaimed; if so, when will it be opened for public use?  
(2.) Do the Government intend to survey the old road from Willow-tree to Gunnedah, along the Plains, or has it been surveyed?
3. MR. HILL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) If he is aware that the Punt across George's River, at Tom Ugly's Point, connecting the new line of Road to the Illawarra District, is not under lease?  
(2.) That the Punt has just been thoroughly repaired, and partially coppered, at a large cost; a new ferry-boat provided; a new chain for part of the river supplied; and a new approach, adjoining the old one, made on the South side; the whole having been done at a large cost on the public purse?  
(3.) That there is no one responsible for the Punt, &c.; of the three Trustees, Mr. Holt has resigned, Mr. St. Julian has left the Colony, and Mr. Tompson declines to act?  
(4.) That there is no scale of fees fixed; that the puntman makes his own charges, and takes persons across at discretion?  
(5.) Is it not desirable that steps should be taken to declare the Ferry a public one (if not already done), fix scale of charges, and submit the same to lease by auction, as in all other cases?  
(6.) That several persons are ready to give a fair rental for the same, at least £20 per annum?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to a Return relating to expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue on, or for the purpose of, the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, laid upon the Table of this House on July 16th, 1872,—  
(1.) Is there any prospect of reimbursing the Consolidated Revenue from the revenue of the Necropolis to the amount of £25,232 7s. 3d., shewn by the said Return to have been so expended?  
(2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to obtain such reimbursement?

5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) How much land did Mr. George Booty, of Obley, lease for mining purposes, on the 10th of June last, at Lower Ticbix, Buckinbah Creek?  
 (2.) Did Mr. Booty make any selection or lease any land since that date, south of his old lease, and on what date?  
 (3.) Did Mr. John Robards and James Wykes lease any land for mining purposes adjoining Mr. Booty's first lease of 20 acres?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Is the Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Grenfell also Correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*; if this is unknown to the Postmaster General will he inform himself on the subject?  
 (2.) If, on inquiry, the Postmaster General finds that the Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Grenfell is also Correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, will the Postmaster General take steps to put an end to this state of things?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is he aware of the unsafe state of the Bridge crossing the Billabong Creek at Fields, near the Great Gold Field at the Currajong?  
 (2.) If he is not aware of this, will he order a survey of the Bridge to be made and report sent in, with a view to the construction of a new Bridge, so that the large traffic to and from the Currajong Gold Fields may pass in safety?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions,—  
 (1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
9. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
10. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
11. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
13. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
14. The Agent General of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
15. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.
16. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—  
 " (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged " by Government.  
 " (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons " resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and " slightest.  
 " (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through " the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
 " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
17. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
18. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
19. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
20. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Coroners Inquests throughout the Colony during the last three years, shewing the total cost each year, including permanent salaries, and the total cost in each Coroner's District each year, and specifying in each case the total cost of the Inquest, the Coroner before whom it was held, the cause, and other particulars of the same, and the cost of Medical evidence or examination.



MONDAY, 29 JULY.

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. TUNKS to move, (*by way of amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply.*) That it is the opinion of this House that in preparing the Estimates of Expenditure for next year for the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, respectively, provision should be made for remodelling or amalgamating these institutions.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions, namely:—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting to His Excellency the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That Parliament was dissolved, and an appeal made to the people, in February last, on the question,—Whether or not the Customs Duties should be actually collected on the Boundary between this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia; and that the First Minister who advised the dissolution put this issue, and this issue alone, to the electors.
  - (2.) That a large majority of Members were returned to this House in support of the policy of accepting a specific sum from the adjoining Colonies in lieu of the actual collection of the Duties.
  - (3.) That a Bill to give effect to this policy was read a second time in this House by a majority of 37 to 17, and a third time by a majority of 29 to 14, and was duly transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
  - (4.) That the said Bill, embodying the policy approved by the late and the present Legislative Assembly, and confirmed by the collective vote of the constituencies, has been defeated in the Legislative Council, in disregard of the expressed will of the people and their Representatives in Parliament, by a majority of 9 to 8 out of the thirty-one Members forming that House.
  - (5.) That this House is of opinion that the circumstances of this conjuncture justify the Government in proceeding without delay to make an agreement with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, or with either of those Governments, for securing the payment of a specific sum, fairly ascertained as the approximate amount of revenue to which this Colony is entitled, in lieu of the actual collection of the Border Duties, such agreement to be subject to ratification by Parliament in this or the next following Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.
4. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

*Question:—*

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—The number of proclaimed Reserves, from Willow-tree to Gunnedah, for the use of travelling stock; stating where situated, and extent of each?

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## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

## 1. MR. PARKES to move,—

(1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.

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

## FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
4. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Walgett Mails :—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) Has he received a Petition from the inhabitants of Brewarrina and surrounding Districts, relative to the outgoing Mails of Walgett?
  - (2.) Is it within his knowledge that under the present Mail arrangements the people of Walgett cannot get replies to their Sydney correspondence in less than three weeks, although the Mails are nominally bi-weekly?
  - (3.) Whether any, and, if any, what steps will be taken for the improvement of the Mail arrangements of the districts referred to?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) A Petition was received in May, 1871, but the proposals of Petitioners were found impracticable, and they were informed accordingly.
  - (2.) No. The residents of Walgett can get replies to their Sydney correspondence in eleven days. No complaint has been made by the Walgett people on this subject.
  - (3.) It is intended on the 1st proximo to bring the Mails into Walgett two-and-a-half hours earlier than at present.
- (2.) Roads near Gunnedah :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Has the new line of road along the ridges from Gunnedah to Breeza, surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Dewhurst, been proclaimed; if so, when will it be opened for public use?
  - (2.) Do the Government intend to survey the old road from Willow-tree to Gunnedah, along the Plains, or has it been surveyed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It has not been proclaimed. There has been no unnecessary delay. After action has been completed on questions of reservations, which have arisen since the date of survey, it will be proclaimed; but at what date it will be opened to the public cannot be stated, as it may never be confirmed.
  - (2.) Mr. Surveyor Dewhurst has been instructed to lay out the road as soon as previous instructions have been carried out.
- (3.) Punt at Tom Ugly's Point, George's River :—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) If he is aware that the Punt across George's River, at Tom Ugly's Point, connecting the new line of Road to the Illawarra District, is not under lease?
  - (2.) That the Punt has just been thoroughly repaired, and partially coppered, at a large cost; a new ferry-boat provided; a new chain for part of the river supplied; and a new approach, adjoining the old one, made on the South side; the whole having been done at a large cost on the public purse?
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- (4.) That there is no scale of fees fixed; that the puntman makes his own charges, and takes persons across at discretion?
- (5.) Is it not desirable that steps should be taken to declare the Ferry a public one (if not already done), fix scale of charges, and submit the same to lease by auction, as in all other cases?
- (6.) That several persons are ready to give a fair rental for the same, at least £20 per annum?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) I am aware that the Punt across George's River, at Tom Ugly's Point, connecting the new line of Road to the Mlawarra District is not under lease.
- (2.) I am aware that the Punt has been thoroughly repaired and partially coppered; that a new ferry-boat has been provided; a new chain for part of the river supplied; and a new approach, adjoining the old one, made on the South side.
- (3.) I am aware that the Hon. Thomas Holt resigned as a Trustee, and that Mr. St. Julian has left the Colony; but Mr. Tompson has never, to my knowledge, either officially or personally declined to act. The Punt is understood to be in charge of a man appointed by the Trustees.
- (4.) The Ferry does not appear to have ever been proclaimed, and therefore no scale of fees has been fixed. I was not aware that the present puntman was in the habit of making unreasonable charges.
- (5.) With the view to declare this a Public Ferry, a letter was, on the 4th April last, addressed to Messrs. St. Julian and Tompson, requesting them to state what arrangements they contemplated in reference to the future management of the Punt, &c.; and also inviting their opinion and suggestions as to the advisability of proclaiming Ferry, and the scale of dues; but as no notice has been taken of such letter, and a Punt-house would have to be provided for the lessee, nothing further has been done. The necessary inquiries will, however, be made, and such steps as may appear best taken in the matter.
- (6.) I am not aware that there are several persons ready to give a fair rental for this ferry.
- (4.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek:—*Mr. Forster* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4—With reference to a Return relating to expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue on, or for the purpose of, the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, laid upon the Table of this House on July 16th, 1872,—
- (1.) Is there any prospect of reimbursing the Consolidated Revenue from the revenue of the Necropolis to the amount of £25,232 7s. 3d., shewn by the said Return to have been so expended?
- (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to obtain such reimbursement?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) My present impression is, that there is no prospect of reimbursing the Consolidated Revenue.
- (2.) The Government have not taken any steps, but I will take the matter into consideration as soon as possible.
- (5.) Land leased by Mr. Booty at Buckinbah Creek:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) How much land did Mr. George Booty, of Obley, lease for mining purposes, on the 10th of June last, at Lower Tibix, Buckinbah Creek?
- (2.) Did Mr. Booty make any selection or lease any land since that date, south of his old lease, and on what date?
- (3.) Did Mr. John Robards and James Wykes lease any land for mining purposes adjoining Mr. Booty's first lease of 20 acres?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Booty selected 20 acres at a place called Timbeg, on the date specified.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) They selected 20 acres each on the 18th July instant, but there is nothing in their descriptions to show that they adjoin Booty's Lease.
- (6.) Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Grenfell:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Is the Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Grenfell also Correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*; if this is unknown to the Postmaster General will he inform himself on the subject?
- (2.) If, on inquiry, the Postmaster General finds that the Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Grenfell is also Correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, will the Postmaster General take steps to put an end to this state of things?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd* answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware that the Telegraph Master at Grenfell is Correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*.
- (2.) Yes; if I find on inquiry that he is a paid Correspondent.
- (7.) Bridge over the Billabong Creek:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the unsafe state of the Bridge crossing the Billabong Creek at Fields, near the Great Gold Field at the Currajong?
- (2.) If he is not aware of this, will he order a survey of the Bridge to be made and report sent in, with a view to the construction of a new Bridge, so that the large traffic to and from the Currajong Gold Fields may pass in safety?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) No representation of the unsafe state of any Bridge in this vicinity has been received by the Department of Public Works.
- (2.) The Road Superintendent has been this day instructed to examine and report.

2. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from Charles Tompson, formerly Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, praying that this Bill may not pass. And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table a Report on Timber Reserves in the Clarence River District.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT:—Mr. M'Laurin presented a Petition from certain Residents of Albury and the surrounding Districts, praying for the repeal of this Act.  
Petition received.
5. CORONERS INQUESTS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Coroners Inquests throughout the Colony during the last three years, shewing the total cost each year, including permanent salaries, and the total cost in each Coroner's District each year, and specifying in each case the total cost of the Inquest, the Coroner before whom it was held, the cause, and other particulars of the same, and the cost of Medical evidence or examination.  
Question put and passed.
6. STEAM POSTAL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Watson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution:—  
(1.) That it is desirable to take the necessary steps to establish a monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 27 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Watson, that the reception of the said Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at ten minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, 29 JULY.

*Question:—*

1. MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Has the Council of Education received an application for the establishment of a Public School at Brewarrina?  
(2.) Will the Council of Education take the necessary steps for the establishment of a Public School at that place; if so, when?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. TUNKS to move (*by way of amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That it is the opinion of this House that in preparing the Estimates of Expenditure for next year for the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, respectively, provision should be made for remodelling or amalgamating these institutions.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions, namely:—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting to His Excellency the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That Parliament was dissolved, and an appeal made to the people, in February last, on the question,—Whether or not the Customs Duties should be actually collected on the Boundary between this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia; and that the First Minister who advised the dissolution put this issue, and this issue alone, to the electors.  
(2.) That a large majority of Members were returned to this House in support of the policy of accepting a specific sum from the adjoining Colonies in lieu of the actual collection of the Duties.

(3.)

- (3.) That a Bill to give effect to this policy was read a second time in this House by a majority of 37 to 17, and a third time by a majority of 29 to 14, and was duly transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- (4.) That the said Bill, embodying the policy approved by the late and the present Legislative Assembly, and confirmed by the collective vote of the constituencies, has been defeated in the Legislative Council, in disregard of the expressed will of the people and their Representatives in Parliament, by a majority of 9 to 8 out of the thirty-one Members forming that House.
- (5.) That this House is of opinion that the circumstances of this conjuncture justify the Government in proceeding without delay to make an agreement with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, or with either of those Governments, for securing the payment of a specific sum, fairly ascertained as the approximate amount of revenue to which this Colony is entitled, in lieu of the actual collection of the Border Duties, such agreement to be subject to ratification by Parliament in this or the next following Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill ; second reading.
3. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill ; second reading.
4. Treasury Bills Bill ; second reading.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from Charles Tompson, Esq., against the Superannuation Act Suspension Bill, be printed.
2. MR. M'LAURIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from certain residents of Albury and the surrounding Districts, relative to the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Loder's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
4. Custody of Infants Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill ; second reading.
6. Married Women's Property Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
8. Telegrams Copyright Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; second reading.
10. Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading.
12. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
13. The Agent General of the Colony ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
14. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill ; second reading.
15. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
16. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill ; second reading.
17. Evidence Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
18. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
19. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY.

## Questions :—

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—The number of proclaimed Reserves, from Willow-tree to Gunnedah, for the use of travelling stock ; stating where situated, and extent of each ?
2. MR. BOOTH to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to enclose Flag-staff Hill, at the north end of the City, and form it into a recreation ground for the public ?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.
  - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871–2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.
  - (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Committee of the Sydney Infirmary, in prohibiting the convalescent patients from the great benefit and advantage of walking out on the front verandah, is unwise, inasmuch as it deprives them of air and exercise on this spacious verandah, where, from its exposure to the sun, such air and exercise can be enjoyed by the patients with safety and comfort.
  - (2.) That the Committee of the Infirmary can offer no good reason for thus depriving the unfortunate inmates of that institution of so great a boon, if they can only allege that they do so at the instance of the people living opposite, and that, under the circumstances, in the opinion of this House, the Government should inquire into the subject, in the interest of the patients and their friends, as well as of the general public.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sca-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
4. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; second reading.
6. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.





New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 29 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTION:—

Public School, Brewarrina:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Council of Education received an application for the establishment of a Public School at Brewarrina?

(2.) Will the Council of Education take the necessary steps for the establishment of a Public School at that place; if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Council will deal with the application so soon as the necessary inquiries have been made by the Inspector to whom the application has been referred.

2. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 of General Business, That the Petition presented by Mr. Piddington on 26th July, from Charles Tompson, Esq., against the Superannuation Act Suspension Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
3. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. M'Laurin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from certain residents of Albury and the surrounding Districts, relative to the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act, be printed.  
Question put and passed.
4. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Parkes withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, as follows:—  
Nos. 1 and 2, until Wednesday next.  
No. 3, to follow after No. 6.  
Nos. 4 and 5, until Wednesday next.
6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
Mr. Parkes moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "it is the opinion of this House that in preparing the Estimates of Expenditure for next year for the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, respectively, provision should be made for remodelling or amalgamating these institutions."  
Debate ensued.  
Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question then put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1872, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Police were indebted to Mr. Moss, Pawnbroker, for information which led to the apprehension of the murderers Nichols and Lester?
  - (2.) If this is the case, is it the intention of the Government to give Mr. Moss any portion of the reward offered for the apprehension of Nichols and Lester?

### GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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20. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY.

## Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) How many times have persons been fined ten pounds for giving an unstamped receipt?
  - (2.) How many persons have been fined for this offence?
  - (3.) How many were females?
  - (4.) How many of these fines have been remitted, or returned?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Coroner at Gulgong held an Inquest, on the 22nd of this month, on the body of a child, prematurely born, aged twelve days?
  - (2.) Did the Coroner on that occasion refuse to allow the legal adviser of the accused to appear?
  - (3.) Did the Coroner refuse to allow either the accused or his legal adviser, on the occasion referred to, to put any questions to the witnesses?
  - (4.) Was the accused committed to take his trial for wilful murder?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong permit persons not admitted as Barristers or Attorneys to practise before them?
  - (2.) Have any objections been taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Gulgong to the allowing of unqualified persons to practise in the Court of Petty Sessions?
  - (3.) Were these objections overruled by the Bench?
  - (4.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong allows the Sergeant of Police stationed there to conduct prosecutions when the informations are filed by private individuals?
4. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Municipal Councils of Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, or either of them, are charged by the Railway authorities a higher rate than is paid by the City Council for the carriage of street metal from Penrith to the respective Municipalities?
  - (2.) If so, by what regulation is the longer distance charged the lower rate?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions, namely :—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting to His Excellency the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That Parliament was dissolved, and an appeal made to the people, in February last, on the question,—Whether or not the Customs Duties should be actually collected on the Boundary between this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia; and that the First Minister who advised the dissolution put this issue, and this issue alone, to the electors.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
4. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill; second reading.
6. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserves for Travelling Stock:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—The number of proclaimed Reserves, from Willowtree to Gunnedah, for the use of travelling stock; stating where situated, and extent of each?

Mr. Farnell answered,—If the Willowtree at the crossing of the Warrah and Wallabadah Road over Borambil Creek is intended, *via* Borambil Creek and Breeza to Gunnedah, no land has been withdrawn from lease and proclaimed as reserved for travelling stock.

*Mr. Booth not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

- (2.) Reward for apprehension of Nichols and Lester:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it true that the Police were indebted to Mr. Moss, Pawnbroker, for information which led to the apprehension of the murderers Nichols and Lester?

(2.) If this is the case, is it the intention of the Government to give Mr. Moss any portion of the reward offered for the apprehension of Nichols and Lester?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I expected to have special information to enable me to answer this question, but from some mischance it has not reached me. In the meantime, I can state that an application was made by Mr. Moss to participate in the reward for the discovery of the murderers of the late Mr. Walker. That application was referred by me to the Inspector General of Police, who reported that in his judgment Mr. Moss was not entitled to any part of that reward.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to the case of Mr. S. Levy, made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 12th June, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for Persons and Papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the organization of the Civil Service, and the promotions and appointments under the same.

(2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1871-2 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk having laid upon the Table the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., referred to above,—Captain Onslow, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without notice, that the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, &c., on the subject of the "Civil Service," just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Committee now appointed on that subject.

Question put and passed.

4. MOTIONS WITHDRAWN:—

(1.) *Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of Sir James Martin, withdrew the Motion No. 2 standing in the name of Sir James Martin.

(2.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 2.

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## 5. SYDNEY INFIRMARY:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Committee of the Sydney Infirmary, in prohibiting the convalescent patients from the great benefit and advantage of walking out on the front verandah, is unwise, inasmuch as it deprives them of air and exercise on this spacious verandah, where, from its exposure to the sun, such air and exercise can be enjoyed by the patients with safety and comfort.

(2.) That the Committee of the Infirmary can offer no good reason for thus depriving the unfortunate inmates of that institution of so great a boon, if they can only allege that they do so at the instance of the people living opposite, and that, under the circumstances, in the opinion of this House, the Government should inquire into the subject, in the interest of the patients and their friends, as well as of the general public.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers for the Ayes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the negative.

6. CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF GOODS *ex* "ASCALON":—Mr. Macintosh, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without notice, That the Return to Order relative to this subject, ordered to be printed on 17th July, 1872, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting thereon.

Question put and passed.

## 7. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL,—on motion of Mr. Stewart, read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Stewart, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

## 8. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,  
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Scholey,

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Baker,

Tellers.

Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Innes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. R. B. Smith,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Wearne,

Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Lucas,

Tellers.

Mr. Stephen Brown,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. Teece,  
Mr. Single,

Tellers.

Mr. W. C. Browne,  
Mr. Lackey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Stewart then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such consideration.

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

## 9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 3 postponed, on motion of Mr. Baker, until Friday next.

## 10. LODER'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Butler, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Innes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Single, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wearne,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

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

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) How many times have persons been fined ten pounds for giving an unstamped receipt?
  - (2.) How many persons have been fined for this offence?
  - (3.) How many were females?
  - (4.) How many of these fines have been remitted, or returned?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Coroner at Gulgong held an Inquest, on the 22nd of this month, on the body of a child, prematurely born, aged twelve days?
  - (2.) Did the Coroner on that occasion refuse to allow the legal adviser of the accused to appear?
  - (3.) Did the Coroner refuse to allow either the accused or his legal adviser, on the occasion referred to, to put any questions to the witnesses?
  - (4.) Was the accused committed to take his trial for wilful murder?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong permit persons not admitted as Barristers or Attorneys to practise before them?
  - (2.) Have any objections been taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Gulgong to the allowing of unqualified persons to practise in the Court of Petty Sessions?
  - (3.) Were these objections overruled by the Bench?
  - (4.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong allow the Sergeant of Police stationed there to conduct prosecutions when the informations are filed by private individuals?
4. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Municipal Councils of Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, or either of them, are charged by the Railway authorities a higher rate than is paid by the City Council for the carriage of street metal from Penrith to the respective Municipalities?
  - (2.) If so, by what regulation is the longer distance charged the lower rate?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Mrs. Lynch, the wife of Private Lynch of the Artillery, sued her husband for maintenance, and that the Magistrates decided they had no jurisdiction, although expressing themselves as sorry they were not allowed to award maintenance?
  - (2.) Has Mrs. Lynch since made application to the Colonel Commanding, with the view to obtain such maintenance from her husband as she is entitled to?
  - (3.) If so, what answer did the Colonel Commanding give her?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was Private Carroll, of the Permanent Military Force of New South Wales, sworn in by a Commissioned Officer?
  - (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary name the Commissioned Officer by whom Private Carroll was sworn in?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a private of the Permanent Military Force, named Cunningham, received a sentence of twenty-seven days imprisonment for being drunk and absent without leave?
  - (2.) Has Private Cunningham since his imprisonment been taken out for exercise; if so, how often, and for how long a period each time?
  - (3.) Has Private Cunningham a bed to lie upon at night where he is imprisoned, and has he had a bed every night during the whole time of his imprisonment?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions, namely :—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting to His Excellency the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That Parliament was dissolved, and an appeal made to the people, in February last, on the question,—Whether or not the Customs Duties should be actually collected on the Boundary between this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia; and that the First Minister who advised the dissolution put this issue, and this issue alone, to the electors.
  - (2.) That a large majority of Members were returned to this House in support of the policy of accepting a specific sum from the adjoining Colonies in lieu of the actual collection of the Duties.
  - (3.) That a Bill to give effect to this policy was read a second time in this House by a majority of 37 to 17, and a third time by a majority of 29 to 14, and was duly transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
  - (4.) That the said Bill, embodying the policy approved by the late and the present Legislative Assembly, and confirmed by the collective vote of the constituencies, has been defeated in the Legislative Council, in disregard of the expressed will of the people and their Representatives in Parliament, by a majority of 9 to 8 out of the thirty-one Members forming that House.
  - (5.) That this House is of opinion that the circumstances of this conjuncture justify the Government in proceeding without delay to make an agreement with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, or with either of those Governments, for securing the payment of a specific sum, fairly ascertained as the approximate amount of revenue to which this Colony is entitled, in lieu of the actual collection of the Border Duties, such agreement to be subject to ratification by Parliament in this or the next following Session.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill; third reading.
2. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
4. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
6. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
10. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
11. The Agent General of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
12. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.
13. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
14. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
15. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
16. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
17. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## Questions:—

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any application has been received from the Trustees of the Narrabri Common for an enlargement of the permanent and temporary Commons; if so, have there been, or will there be, any steps taken in the matter?
2. MR. DANGAR to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the whole of the district comprised between Boogabilla and Yetman, on the Macintyre River, is without any Police protection whatever?
  - (2.) That innumerable offences have been committed there, and the offenders escape punishment in almost every instance?
  - (3.) Whether any steps will be taken to afford Police protection to Yetman and the surrounding district?



## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Sea-Wall at Coogee Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property.
4. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; second reading.
6. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
7. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.

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TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, or other Documents, dated since October, 1871, having reference to any application by Charles A. Williamson, or by Williamson and party, or by Edward White, or by White and party, or by Charles De Boos, or by De Boos and party, for a Quartz Claim upon the Turon River ; or to any dispute or litigation between any of the said persons or parties about the said claim, or any adjacent claim.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.
  - (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Unstamped Receipts :—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) How many times have persons been fined ten pounds for giving an unstamped receipt?
- (2.) How many persons have been fined for this offence?
- (3.) How many were females?
- (4.) How many of these fines have been remitted, or returned?

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) Twenty.
- (2.) Seventeen.
- (3.) Five.
- (4.) Seven.

(2.) Coroner at Gulgong :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Coroner at Gulgong held an Inquest, on the 22nd of this month, on the body of a child, prematurely born, aged twelve days?
- (2.) Did the Coroner on that occasion refuse to allow the legal adviser of the accused to appear?
- (3.) Did the Coroner refuse to allow either the accused or his legal adviser, on the occasion referred to, to put any questions to the witnesses?
- (4.) Was the accused committed to take his trial for wilful murder?

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There is nothing on the proceedings to indicate such refusal, but I understand the fact is so.
- (3.) The Coroner, I am informed by the legal adviser of the accused, refused to allow such legal adviser to put questions to the witnesses, but I do not know whether he refused to allow the accused to put such questions.
- (4.) Yes.

(3.) Bench of Magistrates, Gulgong :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong permit persons not admitted as Barristers or Attorneys to practise before them?
- (2.) Have any objections been taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Gulgong to the allowing of unqualified persons to practise in the Court of Petty Sessions?
- (3.) Were these objections overruled by the Bench?
- (4.) Is it true that the Bench at Gulgong allow the Sergeant of Police stationed there to conduct prosecutions when the informations are filed by private individuals?

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) Yes, they permit Clerks to Attorneys.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.

Mr. Lucas withdrew Question No. 4.

(4.)

- (4.) Private Lynch, Artillery:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is it true that Mrs. Lynch, the wife of Private Lynch of the Artillery, sued her husband for maintenance, and that the Magistrates decided they had no jurisdiction, although expressing themselves as sorry they were not allowed to award maintenance?
  - (2.) Has Mrs. Lynch since made application to the Colonel Commanding, with the view to obtain such maintenance from her husband as she is entitled to?
  - (3.) If so, what answer did the Colonel Commanding give her?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) It is true that Mrs. Lynch, the wife of Private Lynch of the Artillery, sued her husband for maintenance, and that the Magistrates decided they had no jurisdiction.
  - (2.) It is also true that Mrs. Lynch has since made application to the Colonel Commanding, with the view to obtain such maintenance from her husband as she considered herself entitled to.
  - (3.) The Colonel Commanding informed Mrs. Lynch, I am given to understand, that he was afraid he could not do anything for her, but that he would see Major Airey in the matter.
- (5.) Private Carroll, Permanent Military Force:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Was Private Carroll, of the Permanent Military Force of New South Wales, sworn in by a Commissioned Officer?
  - (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary name the Commissioned Officer by whom Private Carroll was sworn in?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) There are two Privates Carroll, both sworn in by a Commissioned Officer.
  - (2.) Lieutenant Underwood, of the New South Wales Infantry.

- (6.) Private Cunningham, Permanent Military Force:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) Is it true that a Private of the Permanent Military Force, named Cunningham, received a sentence of twenty-seven days imprisonment for being drunk and absent without leave?
  - (2.) Has Private Cunningham since his imprisonment been taken out for exercise; if so, how often, and for how long a period each time?
  - (3.) Has Private Cunningham a bed to lie upon at night where he is imprisoned, and has he had a bed every night during the whole time of his imprisonment?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No. A Private named Cunningham received a sentence of 126 days imprisonment for being drunk and absent, and for violently resisting an escort ordered to take him into confinement in the street.
  - (2.) Yes, he is employed outside the prison door every day, excepting meal hours.
  - (3.) Deprived of his bed the first seven days, and every third night after, during his imprisonment, in accordance with the Queen's Regulations.
2. WOLLONBA RIVER:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Wollomba River, alleging that they suffer much inconvenience from the navigation of this river being impeded by shoals; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.  
Petition received.

3. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stewart, read a third time and passed.  
Mr. Stewart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street in the City of Sydney granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church to sell the said land and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church in Castlereagh-street Sydney aforesaid being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia.*"  
Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street in the City of Sydney granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church to sell the said land and to apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church in Castlereagh-street Sydney aforesaid being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st July, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

4. MOTION DROPPED:—Mr. Parkes not making the Motion standing in his name, it dropped.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Parkes made a certain Ministerial Statement.
6. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, until To-morrow.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1872, A.M.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolutions be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1871 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1870 and previous Years.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Gaols, Country districts, 1870,—being £5 for Acting Gaoler, Windsor, from 1st October, at £20 per annum; and £8 16s. 6d. for Acting Gaoler, Grafton, from 23rd July, at £20 per annum.
- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,000, to defray supplementary charge for Council of Education, 1867,—being Balance of Amount voted for Public Instruction under 30 Vict. No. 22, for the year 1867, which was returned to the Treasury in March, 1868.
- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £141 4s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School for Girls, Newcastle, 1870.
- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £938 7s., to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances, 1870,—being £438 7s. for the support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals, further sum; and £500 in aid of erection of Hospital, Hay, in lieu of a similar amount voted for 1868, written off.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Petty Sessions, 1870,—being for Travelling Expenses of Police Magistrates, further sum.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,176 15s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services,—being £700 1s. 11d. for Postage of Public Departments, 1870, further sum; £1 11s. 6d. for Advertising for the Public Service, 1869, further sum; £1 8s. 6d. for Advertising for the Public Service, 1870, further sum; £362 13s. 7d. for Interest on Advances by the London Branch of the Bank of New South Wales, to 31st December, 1870, pending the realisation of Debentures; and £110 19s. 8d. for cost of photographing Public Buildings, &c., 1870, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26 13s. 6d.; to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, &c., 1870, further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109 16s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and Rivers Navigation,—being £14 10s. for Ulladulla Wharf, 1864-6-7, further sum; £77 1s. 5d. for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, 1867-8, further sum; £3 for Steam Dredge "Samson," 1868, further sum; £10 2s. for Preliminary Harbour Surveys, 1869, further sum; and £5 2s. 8d. for Steam Dredge "Samson," 1870, further sum.
- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £212 1s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings,—being Alterations to Post and Telegraph Stations, 1869, further sum.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,169 1s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges, 1870,—to cover expenditure on account of the following Services temporarily charged to the Appropriations of 1871, viz., £188 0s. 4d., for Main Northern Road, further sum; £1,865 11s. 6d. for Main Southern Road, further sum; £2,417 4s. 7d. for Main Western Road, further sum; £77 2s. for Mudgee Road, further sum; £613 3s. 5d. for Minor Roads, Southern District, further sum; and £8 for repairs of Toll-bars, further sum.

No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £330 10s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain *via* Suva, 1870, further sum.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,559 4s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Appropriations which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act, to be revoked,—being to provide for the following Services on account of which claims to the extent undermentioned have since been presented, viz.:—£125 for Schedule C., Church of England, 1870; £300 for Volunteers—Capitation Allowance, 1870; £1 2s. 6d. for Gaols generally, 1869; £19 15s. for Colonial Agent, Office Expenses, 1869; £6 0s. 6d. for Preparing Ground and Planting at Public Buildings, 1870; £7 3s. for Travelling Expenses, Colonial Architect's Department, 1870; £280 for Subordinate Roads, Southern Districts, 1869; £23 3s. 4d. towards the erection of School of

of Arts, Grafton, 1869; £82 10s. 3d. for Araluen Hospital, 1870; £100 in aid of the maintenance of the Deniliquin Mechanics Institute and School of Arts, 1868; £20 for fencing Public Cemeteries, 1870; £4 for Preservation of Caves, Fish River, 1870; £233 1s. 6d. for Enclosing, Reclaiming, and Improving the Land attached to the Hospital, Newcastle, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, 1868; £30 for District Courts, Salaries, Western District, 1870; £29 14s., Registrar General, Contingencies, 1870; £259 for Wharf at Albury, 1870; £4 2s. for Employment of Prisoners in Gaol, 1868; and £29 8s. for Fencing Road from the Punch-bowl Road through the Brighton and Canterbury Estates to the Liverpool Road, where it passes through Mr. John Alexander's enclosed land, 1868.

#### Services of 1871.

##### No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray supplementary charge for Police,—being for Guard at Government House, from 1st July to 14th September.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge for Gaols, Country Districts,—being for Salaries of Acting Gaolers at Forbes, Hay, Narrabri, Wentworth, and Young, at £10 each per annum, from 1st January.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58, to defray supplementary charge for Auditor General, being for difference between the salary of £370 voted for the Examiner of Expenditure Accounts, and £428, the salary to which that officer was promoted in 1870 in consequence of the death of the Inspector of Revenue Accounts, whose office was abolished.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Registrar General, being for difference of salary of Compiler of General Statistics, in consequence of alteration in the arrangement of the Department.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60 5s. 5d., to defray supplementary charges for Colonial Agent, being for Salary of W. C. Mayne, from 1st to 22nd May, at £1,000 per annum.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131 8s., to defray supplementary charge for Grants in aid of Public Institutions,—being £15 in aid of the Milton (Ulladulla) School of Arts, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions; and £116 8s. in aid of the Building Fund of the Newcastle School of Arts, on same condition.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £345 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River, Provisions, &c., further sum.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £475 10s. 5d., to defray supplementary charges for Miscellaneous Services,—being £300 in aid of the Expedition to observe the Total Eclipse of the Sun, 12th December, 1871; £143 6s. 6d. for Fees for examining Lunatics, further sum; and £32 3s. 11d. for Copying and Printing the Electoral Lists, further sum.

##### No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77 10s., to defray supplementary charges for District Courts,—being £20 16s. 8d. for Deputy Registrar, Goulburn, at £50 per annum, from 1st January to 31st May; £20 16s. 8d. do., Albury—do.; £20 16s. 8d. do., Armidale—do.; and £15 for Bailiff, Muswellbrook,—difference between salary of £25 and £40 per annum.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150 19s., to defray supplementary charges for Petty Sessions,—being £47 0s. 8d. for Gulgong Clerk of Petty Sessions, at £166 per annum, from 19th September; £27 13s. 4d. for Gundagai Clerk of Petty Sessions, at £166 per annum, from 1st May to 30th June; and £76 5s. for Mudgee Police Magistrate—Extra Services on Gold Fields.

##### No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,501 18s. 2d., to defray supplementary charges for Customs,—being £167 18s. 8d. for salary of Mr. Samuel Levy, 6th Landing-waiter, during the period he was under suspension; and £1,333 19s. 6d., Allowances to Extra Tide-waiters and for occasional Clerical Assistance.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £230 15s., to defray supplementary charges for Stamp Duties,—being £220 for Cost of providing new Plates for Duty Stamps; and £10 15s. for Extra Press for impressing Penny Stamps.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,482 3s. 7d., to defray supplementary charges for Stores and Stationery,—being £3,346 0s. 10d. for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; and £136 2s. 9d. for Conveyance of Stores, &c., further sum.
- (28.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70 16s., to defray supplementary charges for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department,—being £27 6s. for Fees to Surveyors at Out-ports, further sum; and £43 10s. for Fees to Shipwright Surveyor, Sydney, further sum.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,565 15s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services,—being £107 12s. 11d. for Public Telegrams, further sum; £2,050 17s. 9d., Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony, further sum; £898 16s. 11d., Interest on Advances by the London Branch of the Bank of New South Wales, pending the realisation of Debentures; £8 7s. 10d., Duty Stamps for the Public Service generally, further sum; and £500, Postage of Public Departments, further sum.

##### No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £379 0s. 5d., to defray supplementary charges for Miscellaneous Services,—being £233 2s. 9d. for forming and metalling the

the Footpaths and Carriage-drive, and cost of tiling a certain portion of the Footpath, from the Principal Entrance Gate to Government House; £125 6s. for Fencing part of the Road from Pomeroy to Collector where it passes through enclosed land; and £20 11s. 8d. for Allowance to the Land Agent at Albury, for Clerical Assistance.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,851 0s. 9d., to defray supplementary charges for Roads and Bridges,—being £294 for Rent of the Toll-bar on the Mudbank and Bunnerong Road, from 19th November, 1870, to 18th December, 1871, to be refunded to the Trustees to enable them to keep the Road in repair; £191 13s. 4d. for Rent of the Windsor Ferry, from 1st January to 13th December, 1871, to be refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep the Approaches and Works connected therewith in order; and for Tolls collected in excess of amounts estimated for 1871—on Southern Road £378 2s. 3d., on Northern Road £987 5s. 2d.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £202 4s., to defray supplementary charges for Harbours and Rivers Navigation,—being £5 2s. for Steam Dredge "Vulcan"; £8 2s. for Steam Dredge "Fitz Roy"; £150 for Bell Buoy, Big Ben Rock, further sum; and £39 for Expense of Special Services by the Steamer "Thetis."

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,407 15s. 10d., to defray supplementary charges for Public Works,—being £24 15s. 1d. for Ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally, further sum; £260 for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £376 10s. 8d. for Repairs and Alterations to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; and £746 10s. 1d. for Repairs and Alterations to Asylum for Imbeciles and Idiots, Newcastle.

NO. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,307 13s. 10d., to defray supplementary charges for Post Office,—being for Expense of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain *via* San Francisco, further sum, being instalments due for the months of May and June, 1871.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,495 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charges for Electric Telegraphs,—being £26 for Operator at Port Stephens, from 1st January; £21 13s. 4d. for Operator at Hill End, from 1st August, at £52 per annum; £47 13s. 4d. for Operator at Nimitybelle, from 1st February, at £52 per annum; and £1,400 for Additional Amount required to supplement Votes for Working Expenses, Instruments, &c., and for Repairs generally.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time and agreed to.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twelve minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has the Contractor who contracted to build a Court House at Cowra performed his contract?
  - (2.) If the Contractor has not performed his contract, has there been any other Contractor employed; and if so, were tenders called for?
2. MR. J. S. SMITH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hill End?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that much inconvenience exists, and much delay occurs, in consequence of the Police Magistrate having to take all depositions himself?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
9. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
10. The Agent General of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
11. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.
12. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
13. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
14. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
15. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
16. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST.

## Questions:—

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any application has been received from the Trustees of the Narrabri Common for an enlargement of the permanent and temporary Commons; if so, have there been, or will there be, any steps taken in the matter?
2. MR. DANGAR to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the whole of the district comprised between Boogabilla and Yetman, on the Macintyre River, is without any Police protection whatever?
  - (2.) That innumerable offences have been committed there, and the offenders escape punishment in almost every instance?
  - (3.) Whether any steps will be taken to afford Police protection to Yetman and the surrounding district?
3. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Municipal Councils of Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, or either of them, are charged by the Railway authorities a higher rate than is paid by the City Council for the carriage of street metal from Penrith to the respective Municipalities?
  - (2.) If so, by what regulation is the longer distance charged the lower rate?



## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
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4. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; second reading.
6. Steam Postal Service *via* San Francisco ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
7. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.
2. MR. R. B. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Residents of Wollomba River, (which forms the Southern Boundary of the Hastings Electorate) relative to the navigation of that River, be printed.

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 TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, or other Documents, dated since October, 1871, having reference to any application by Charles A. Williamson, or by Williamson and party, or by Edward White, or by White and party, or by Charles De Boos, or by De Boos and party, for a Quartz Claim upon the Turon River ; or to any dispute or litigation between any of the said persons or parties about the said claim, or any adjacent claim.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.
  - (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
  - (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.
  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1872.

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court House at Cowra:—*Mr. Combes*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Contractor who contracted to build a Court House at Cowra performed his contract?

(2.) If the Contractor has not performed his contract, has there been any other Contractor employed; and if so, were tenders called for?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—

(1.) The Contractor for building the Court House at Cowra was unable to complete his contract.

(2.) Tenders were not called for, but the Contractor was allowed to transfer the completion of the work to his creditors, and the work is now nearly completed.

(2.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hill End:—*Mr. J. S. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hill End?

(2.) Is the Government aware that much inconvenience exists, and much delay occurs, in consequence of the Police Magistrate having to take all depositions himself?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate of Tambaroora, *Mr. J. M. Lees*, who is also Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions for Tambaroora, Hargraves, and Hill End, was authorized by letter, dated the 22nd of May last, to hire a room and hold a Court at Hill End twice a week. Hill End is only three miles from Tambaroora.

(2.) The Police Magistrate takes all depositions in virtue of his appointment as Clerk of Petty Sessions also; the Government is not aware that delay or inconvenience has been experienced in consequence.

3. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1872:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Piddington*, and read by the Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 4.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1872.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 1st August, 1872.*

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
 (1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Boat Harbour at Raymond Terrace," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Jacob, on 13th June, 1872.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Additional Regulations for Gold Mining upon Crown Lands, dated 23rd July, 1872.
5. BORDER CUSTOMS DUTIES:—Mr. M'Laurin presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Albury and its neighbourhood, praying that the House will empower the Executive Government to make immediate arrangements with the Victorian Government for the just and equitable settlement of this question.  
 Petition received.
6. MOTION WITHDRAWN:—Mr. Parkes withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 1, by Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.  
 No. 2, by Mr. Farnell, to follow after No. 5. —  
 No. 3, by Mr. Piddington, until Monday next.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Piddington, to follow next after No. 5.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1872, A.M.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.  
 The Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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GENERAL

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading.
3. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; second reading.

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MONDAY, 5 AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
  2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to enclose Fagstaff Hill, at the north end of the city, and form it into a Recreation Ground for the use of the public?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, or other Documents, dated since October, 1871, having reference to any application by Charles A. Williamson, or by Williamson and party, or by Edward White, or by White and party, or by Charles De Boos, or by De Boos and party, for a Quartz Claim upon the Turon River; or to any dispute or litigation between any of the said persons or parties about the said claim, or any adjacent claim.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.
  - (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
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  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.
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  - (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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  - (1.) The Despatch received about four years ago from the Right Honorable the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore, then Governor of this Colony, referring to appointments of Members of the Legislative Council, made by Lord Belmore, on the advice of a Government that had previously held office in this Colony.
  - (2.) The reply of Lord Belmore to that Despatch, and the Minute on the subject, and relating generally to appointments to the Legislative Council, and the Appendices thereto, submitted by the then Colonial Secretary (Mr. Robertson), to Lord Belmore, and forwarded by His Lordship to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
  - (3.) The Despatch to Lord Belmore, by way of rejoinder, forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Lord Belmore.
  - (4.) All subsequent Correspondence on the subject of Appointments to the Legislative Council, between the Governor, or Acting Governor, of this Colony and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
5. MR. FITZPATRICK to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Evidence relating to a charge brought by the Reverend P. Slattery against the Teacher of the Public School at Eden, on or about the 15th January last.
6. MR. M'LAURIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 1st August, from the Inhabitants of Albury and neighbourhood, relative to an arrangement of the Border Customs, be printed.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?
  - (2.) The amount expended per year during the same period for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, and materials?

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Narrabri Common :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether any application has been received from the Trustees of the Narrabri Common for an enlargement of the permanent and temporary Commons; if so, have there been, or will there be, any steps taken in the matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes. The Government are not prepared, however, to take any steps in the matter—at any rate not without further inquiry—as the area already granted is considered quite sufficient, having regard to the population.

- (2.) Police Protection at Yetman :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is he aware that the whole of the district comprised between Boogabilla and Yetman, on the Macintyre River, is without any Police protection whatever?

(2.) That innumerable offences have been committed there, and the offenders escape punishment in almost every instance?

(3.) Whether any steps will be taken to afford Police protection to Yetman and the surrounding district?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The district referred to has only the protection afforded by the Police of the nearest stations.

(2.) The Superintendent of Police in charge of the district states that no report of crime has reached him from the portion of the district referred to for a long period, and that it has never been more free from crime than at the present time.

(3.) The Inspector General, however, considers a Police Station is required at Yetman, and when he is in a position to establish one the requirement will not be overlooked.

- (3.) Railway Rates for Street Metal :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it true that the Municipal Councils of Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown, or either of them, are charged by the Railway authorities a higher rate than is paid by the City Council for the carriage of street metal from Penrith to the respective Municipalities?

(2.) If so, by what regulation is the longer distance charged the lower rate?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No; but the Municipality of Newtown pays a higher rate than is charged to Mr. Ryan under contract.

(2.) There is no regulation, but a contract has been made with Mr. Ryan to load a large quantity of stone per annum from Penrith to Sydney at 3s. per ton. The Municipality of Newtown has entered into no contract of the kind, and is charged 3s. 3d. per ton.

- (4.) Bridge over the Hunter, near Lochinvar :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether the Government intend to make provision in the Supplementary Estimates for the present year for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter, near Lochinvar?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A sum for the work indicated by the Honorable Member's question will be placed on the Estimates for next year.

2. THE CIVIL SERVICE:—*Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, (Chairman of the Committee), brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred, together with Appendix.

3. WOLLONBA RIVER ("Hornet" Motion):—*Mr. H. B. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Residents of Wollonba River (which forms the Southern Boundary of the Hastings Electorate), relative to the navigation of that River, be printed.

4. VOUCHERS ADMISSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, (after Debate) and Bill withdrawn, on motion of *Mr. Forster*.

5. CERTIFICATE RECAPITULATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of *Mr. Forster*.

6. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Parkes*, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Justices of the Peace Enabling Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
Governor.

A Bill intitled "An Act to remove disqualifications of Justices of the Peace in certain cases," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
Governor.

(2.) Bathurst Gas Bill:—

Sydney, 26th July, 1872.

Government House,

A Bill intitled "An Act to enable John Newlands Wake to construct Gas Works within the City and Suburbs of Bathurst," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

7. SEA-WALL AT COOGER BAY:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,475 to construct a Sea-wall at Coogee Bay, which is necessary to prevent the destruction of valuable public property,—having been read,—

*Mr. Lucas* moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Noes, 19.

*Tellers.*  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Farwell,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Allen,  
Mr. Combes,  
Mr. Luckey,

*Tellers.*  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Hannell.

Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Stephen Brown,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Bennett,

Mr. Scholey,  
Mr. McLaurin,  
Mr. Tunke,  
Mr. Cummins,  
Mr. Hurley (Central  
Cumberland),  
Mr. Abbott,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Booth,  
Mr. Raphael.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Petersham Church Grant Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Allen*, until this day week.

9. STAKE DUTY ON RECEIPTS BILL:—on motion of *Mr. Stewart*, read a second time. Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Stewart*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments, and with the Title amended.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Stewart*, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

10. STEAM POSTAL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO:—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole the following Resolution:—

(1.) That it is desirable that the Government should arrange for the establishment of a Monthly line of Mail Steamers between Sydney and San Francisco, securing the delivery of Mails at those ports within thirty days, and between Sydney and Liverpool within forty-eight days; such arrangement not to be carried into effect until ratified by Parliament.

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

Mr.



Mr. Stephen Brown (*on behalf of Mr. Watson*) moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. M'Laurin,	Mr. Moses.
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Baker,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Innes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Baker,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.

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

12. FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Butler, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Combes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Innes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. R. B. Smith,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The whole number of girls received into the Industrial School at Newcastle during its existence?
  - (2.) The number of such girls that were transferred to the Biloela Industrial School, distinguishing their ages?
  - (3.) The number of the girls that, during the existence of the Newcastle School, went into private service?
  - (4.) The number of such girls that were returned from any such private service for misconduct, or were otherwise punished for misconduct, after inquiry by any competent Court, distinguishing each of the last mentioned two classes of cases?
  - (5.) The period that the School existed at Newcastle?
  - (6.) The whole number of girls received into the Biloela Industrial School up to the 1st July last?
  - (7.) The number of girls in that School on the 1st July last, distinguishing their ages?
  - (8.) The number of the girls that have, since the establishment of the School, gone into private service?
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  - (1.) Is the Government aware that great interruption is being caused by Crown tenants in the passing of travelling stock from Wilcannia to Euston, Balranald, Booligal, and Oxley, in consequence of the Crown tenants trying to close old established roads?
  - (2.) When will the Government have these several roads surveyed and proclaimed?
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  - (1.) When do the Government intend to commence the construction of the approach to Balranald, over the flooded ground, about half-a-mile in extent, on the South bank of the Murrumbidgee River, for which the money was voted some two years ago, and for the want of which the traffic is interrupted six months in the year?
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
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1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill reported; adoption of Report.
3. Custody of Infants Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
5. Married Women's Property Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
7. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
12. The Agent General of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
13. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.

14. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—  
 “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.  
 “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.  
 “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
 “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
15. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; second reading.
16. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
18. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST.

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1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to enclose Flagstaff Hill, at the north end of the city, and form it into a Recreation Ground for the use of the public?
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 (1.) Is it true that the gentlemen who preside on the Bench at Dungog as Justices of the Peace are all related to each other, by marriage or otherwise?  
 (2.) If this is so, will the Colonial Secretary reform this abuse, not only at Dungog but everywhere else where it exists, so that the due and proper administration of Justice may not suffer?

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6. MR. M'LAURIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 1st August, from the Inhabitants of Albury and neighbourhood, relative to an arrangement of the Border Customs, be printed.
7. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of Loder's Estate Bill, which lapsed on the 30th July, by reason of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST.

Question :—

1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?
  - (2.) The amount expended per year during the same period for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, and materials?

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FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Industrial School for Girls:—Mr. Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The whole number of girls received into the Industrial School at Newcastle during its existence?

(2.) The number of such girls that were transferred to the Biloela Industrial School, distinguishing their ages?

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(8.) The number of the girls that have, since the establishment of the School, gone into private service?

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(10.) The period that the School at Biloela had existed up to 1st July last?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared, giving the Honorable Member the information he desires. I will lay this Return upon the Table in a day or two, and move that it be printed.

(2.) Travelling Stock from Wilcannia to Euston:—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Phelps, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that great interruption is being caused by Crown tenants in the passing of travelling stock from Wilcannia to Euston, Balranald, Booligal, and Oxley, in consequence of the Crown tenants trying to close old established roads?

(2.) When will the Government have these several roads surveyed and proclaimed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware that interruption exists, from the receipt of Petitions for the proclamation of roads across the country referred to. Such applications have been refused for the following reasons: that it is injudicious to lay out a portion of a through road, unless the best course for the whole has been ascertained, and the survey of such through roads would be very expensive, in some cases premature, and, in the present state of the law, would inflict great injury on the run-holders, as the Government has not the power to close or prevent tracks in the same direction.

(2.) When the two Houses of Parliament can agree in passing a Roads Bill.

(3.)

- (3.) Approach to Balranald :—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of *Mr. Phelps*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) When do the Government intend to commence the construction of the approach to Balranald, over the flooded ground, about half-a-mile in extent, on the South bank of the Murrumbidgee River, for which the money was voted some two years ago, and for the want of which the traffic is interrupted six months in the year ?
- (2.) Will the Government be prepared to construct said approach by 1st December, 1872, when the river is certain to be in a fit state for commencing operations ?
- (3.) Have contracts been called for ; and, if so, are they accepted or rejected ?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—I will answer the last question first. Contracts have not yet been called for. The present Government has decided to invite tenders, which will appear in the *Gazette* on Friday. The work will be undertaken by the time mentioned, that is, in December next.
2. SALARY OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Stewart* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, and of all other documents relating to any alterations of the salary of the Colonial Secretary during the years 1870, 1871, and 1872.  
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, until Wednesday next.
4. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of *Mr. Piddington* the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.  
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolutions be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1872.

## No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, a sum not exceeding £1,784 6s. 8d., to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, as follows, that is to say :—£200 to *Lady Forbes*, Widow of the late *Sir Francis Forbes*, Chief Justice ; £200 to *Lady Dowling*, Widow of the late *Sir James Dowling*, Chief Justice ; £200 to *Lady Mitchell*, Widow of the late *Sir Thomas Mitchell*, Surveyor General ; £100 to *Mrs. Anne Kinchela*, Widow of the late *Mr. Justice Kinchela* ; £100 to *Mrs. Anne Petrie*, Daughter of the late *Captain Flinders*, R.N. ; £133 6s. 8d. to *Edward Robert Stack*, late Master of the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney ; £100 to *Mrs. Catherine Lovett*, Widow of the late *J. Lovett*, Pilot, Newcastle ; £200 to *Mrs. Eliza Milford*, Widow of the late *Mr. Justice Milford* ; £200 to *Mrs. Maria Bate Wise*, Widow of the late *Mr. Justice Wise* ; £50 to *Mrs. Margaret Edwards*, Widow of the late *Pilot Edwards* ; £150 to *Mrs. Julia Robinson*, Widow of the late *Pilot Robinson* ; £75 to *Mrs. Jane Reader*, Widow of the late *Pilot Reader* ; £26 to *Mrs. Smyth*, late Assistant Court-keeper, Supreme Court ; and £50 to *Mrs. Shanks*, Widow of the late *Pilot Shanks*.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,523, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1872.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £699, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,448, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,926, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,328, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1872.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,397, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1872.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,141, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the maintenance of a Permanent Military Force, for the year 1872.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,827, to meet the expense of Artillery and Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the year 1872.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,018, to meet the expense of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1872.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £126,126, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1872,—being £2,171, for salaries for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment ; £91,356 for salaries of Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, and Trackers ; £2,549 for salaries of Detectives ; and £30,050 for allowances and contingencies.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,791, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1872.

- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,098, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prisons for the year 1872,—being £1,478 for Sydney Gaol; £746 for Parramatta Gaol; £393 for Bathurst Gaol; £405 for Maitland Gaol; £393 for Goulburn Gaol; £647 for Berrima Gaol; £157 for Albury Gaol; £157 for Braidwood Gaol; £157 for Mudjee Gaol; £157 for Wollongong Gaol; £157 for Armidale Gaol; £157 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £167 for Yass Gaol; £157 for Deniliquin Gaol; £483 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £217 for Cooma Gaol; £400 for Police Gaols, Country Districts; and £49,670 for Gaols generally.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,220, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1872,—being £350 for Board of Visitors; £15,161 for Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; £15,907 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £869, for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; £4,783 for Asylum for Imbeciles and Institution for Idiots, Newcastle; and £2,150 for Lunatic Patients.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1872.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,622, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1872.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,724, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1872.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,636, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £475 to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, for the year 1872.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,000 for the support of Public Instruction, under Act 30 Vic., No. 22, for the year 1872.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,604, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Free Public Library, for the year 1872.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,388, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1872,—being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £3 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£50 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Araluen Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Ballina School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £50 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Berrima School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £25 in aid of the Brauxton Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Bourke Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Bowling Alley Point School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Casino School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Dubbo Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Frederickton School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Forbes School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Glen Innes School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Grenfell School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Gundagai Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Hinton School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Inverell School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Kiama School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Lambton Mechanics' and Miners' Institute; £10 in aid of the Milton School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Monaro School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Mudjee School of Arts; £13 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Musclebrook School of Arts; £17 in aid of the Narrabri Mechanics' Institute (£16 13s. 4d.); £50 in aid of the Newcastle School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Petersham Working Men's Institute; £25 in aid of the Queanbeyan Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Ryde School of Arts; £50 in aid of the St. Leonards School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Scone School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Shoalhaven School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Ulladulla School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Ulmarra School of Arts; £50 in aid of Wallsend School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; £13 in aid of the Waratah School of Arts; £50 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; and £50 in aid of the Young School of Arts. In aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions on same conditions, viz.:—£100 in aid of the Milton School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Musclebrook School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Saint Mary's School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Tamworth School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Tenterfield School of Arts; and £35 in aid of the Ulladulla School of Arts.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,242, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools for the year 1872,—being £3,563 for salaries and contingencies of the Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; and £2,679 for salaries and contingencies for Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £382 to defray the salaries and contingencies for Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1872.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £575, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1872,—being £475 for salary of Inspector of Public Charities, and £100 for Travelling Expenses.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,197, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1872.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,936, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, for the year 1872.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,954, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1872,—being £430 for Sydney, £196 for Parramatta, £388 for Liverpool, and £11,940 for Messengers, Wardsmen, Cooks, Nurses, and Contingencies.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,253, to defray Charitable Allowances for the year 1872,—being £5,000 for the support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals; £482 for salaries of Lady Superintendent and five Nursing Sisters; £4,000 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £4,208 for the support of Women and Children in the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £500 in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society, Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by voluntary contributions; £4,000 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, on condition of £2,000 being raised by private contributions; £5,000 for the support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick; £450 in aid of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £200 in aid of the Temperance Alliance, in consideration of aid given to destitute persons, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions. In aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved officers, having the right of admission of patients, viz.:—£500 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society; £50 in aid of the Bega Hospital and Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Gundagai Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Maitland (West) Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital; £175 in aid of the Parramatta Benevolent Society; £250 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society; £75 in aid of the Tamworth Benevolent Society; and in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on same conditions, viz.:—£75 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Araluen; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England; £350 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood; £138 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Cooma; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin; £125 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Gulgong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Gundagai; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Hay; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Menindie; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle; £125 in aid of the Hospital, Orange; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Macquarie; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens; £50 in aid of the Hospital, Qucanbeyan; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga; £50 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Yass; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Young; £300 in aid of outfit for Maitland Hospital; £200 in aid of the erection of Hospital at Scone; £100 in aid of the Scone Hospital, on condition of £1 for every £2 being raised by private contributions; and £200 in aid of the erection of Hospital at Gulgong, on condition that £400 is raised by private contributions.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,027, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1872,—being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £47 for Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates; £6,000 for defraying expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts; £600 for expense of copying and printing the Electoral Lists; £1,000 for expense of compiling and printing Electoral Lists and Electoral Rolls; £30 for Newspapers and Almanacs; £300 for burial of destitute Persons, in cases where inquests are not held; £200 for maintenance of deserted Children, Paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, &c.; £200 for Fees for examining Lunatics; £500 for Rewards for apprehension of Offenders; £500 for Rent of furnished House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station; £50 towards the publication of the sixth volume of Bentham's Work on the Flora of Australia; £250 as a further sum to cover the expense incurred for Exhibits at the London Exhibition of 1871; £374 for moiety of the expenses of Special Audit, Borough of Newcastle; £150 as gratuity and compensation for loss of office to James Green, late Gaoler at Bathurst; £776 for expense of the Expedition for the recovery of missing persons wrecked in the "Maria," whilst on a voyage to New Guinea; and £50 to cover the expense of fencing to protect Trees which it is intended to plant round the margin of the waters of Cockatoo Island.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,093, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1872.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,723, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1872.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,902, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1872.

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- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,283, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1872.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,401, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments for the year 1872,—being £3,056 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,145 for the Southern District; £815 for the South-Western District; £640 for the Western District; £845 for the Northern District; and £2,900 for Contingencies.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,126, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,599, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1872.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,757, to defray Miscellaneous Services,—being £1,445 for Mrs. Mary Fogg—money taken under confiscation of her husband's property, but forming part of her separate estate, according to Report of a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly; and £312 for balance of law expenses due to Messrs. Oliverson, Peachy, Denby, & Peachy, solicitors, London, in cases of appeal to the Privy Council.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,426, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,834, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1872.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,211, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1872.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,773, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1872,—being for Receivers at Goulburn, Orange, Mudgee, Gulgong, Gundagai, Tamworth, Cooma, Yass, Araluen, Forbes, Tumut, Armidale, Scone, Adelong, Tumberumba, Stony Creek, Young, Sofala, Hargraves, Uralla, Nundle, Tambaroora, Braidwood, and Grenfell, and two new Gold Fields at £10 each, and one at Bathurst at £15.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,550, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1872.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,467, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the Year 1872.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,606, to defray the salaries and contingencies, and cost of Stores and Stationery for Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,726, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Military Store and Gunpowder Magazines, for the year 1872.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £786, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1872.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £492, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,505, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1872.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £996, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,200, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, for the year 1872,—being £150 for Superintendent of Pilots, Light-houses, and Harbours; £2,175 for the Marine Board; £249 for Steam Navigation and Pilot Boards; £1,692 for Harbour Masters; £3,159 for Colonial Light-houses; £7,560 for Sea and River Pilots; £7,504 for Boatmen; £657 for Telegraph Stations; £1,000 for Australian Coast Light-houses; and £1,054 for Contingencies.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, Sydney and Newcastle, for the year 1872.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,854, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1872,—being £6,500 for Postage of Public Departments; £4,000, Advertising for the Public Service; £5,000 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages; £500 for Duty Stamps for the Public Service; £3,500 for one-half per cent. commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents, on (say) £700,000; £2,500 for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony; £200 to provide for a Queen's Plate to be run for annually on Randwick Racecourse, under the auspices of the Australian Jockey Club (Resolution of Assembly); £1,500 to meet the expense of carrying on the Inner Waters and Coast Surveys; £190 to meet the expense of lithographing plans in connection with such Surveys; £1,900, Allowances for Postage and Stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £30 for Provisions to be left on Booby Island, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £30 for Provisions to be left at Somerset, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £466 as Gratuity to the Widow of the late Pilot Jenkins, being at the average of one month's pay for each year of his service; £90 for balance due to the Imperial Government for Warlike Stores; £1,048 for the purchase of Ball Cartridges for Henry Rifles and for 10 Hydrosopes, &c.; £1,400 for the purchase of Shrapnel Shells and Shot for the Breech-loading 40-pounder Armstrong Guns; and £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,000, to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers and others and on account of other Governments—The whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st Dec., 1873.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,710, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1872.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92,772, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1872.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £380, for rent of Branch Office, Macquarie-place (Occupation and Survey), for the year 1872.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray the Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1872.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,568, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1872.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,660, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Gold Fields, for the year 1872.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,768, to defray charges for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1872.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £302, to defray charges for Inspection of Cattle, for the year 1872.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray charge for Imported Stock, for the year 1872.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Coal Fields, for the year 1872.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,815 to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1872.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,811, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1872.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,300, to defray the charge for Minor Roads for the year 1872,—being £300 for Alignment Posts for Towns, and £4,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,131, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1872,—being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £25 for preservation of Wombeyan Caves; £1,000 for fencing Public Cemeteries; £100 for Parramatta Park; £125 for Fees to Commissioners of the Court of Claims for hearing and reporting on claims to Grants of land in terms of the Act 5 Wm. IV No. 21; £25 for appraised compensation to John Thomas Saunders, for loss of auction selection made by him at Musclebrook on 13th November, 1868, also for loss of improvements erected thereon; £300 for half-cost of widening Enmore Road, on condition of the remaining half, viz., £300, being paid by the Borough Councils of Newtown and Marrickville; £115 as compensation to Mr. Tait for loss of land taken for widening the road from Randwick to Coogee; £17 as compensation to John Bain in respect of severance of his land by Main Southern Road; £50 as compensation to Peter Starkie for land conditionally purchased by him, subsequently sold by auction to R. M'G. M'Laurin; £549 for refund of fees to the Trustees of the Necropolis, Haslem's Creek, paid into Treasury by the Secretary of the Necropolis in error; £150 to meet costs of legal expenses incurred in cases of ejection of illegal occupants from Crown Lands, sold or about to be sold; £632 as compensation to Mr. Hannan for land sold to him which was the property of Mr. Barber; £1,526 for half-cost of survey of the boundary-line between New South Wales and South Australia; £842 for refund to Messrs. Wentworth and Richardson of rent and assessment paid in error on certain runs, the tenures of which have been cancelled; £100 for refund to Trustees of Hawkesbury Benevolent Society—Rent paid on Mooki West Run for the years 1870 and 1871; £5,448 as compensation to Messrs. Buckland & Northwood for their frontage to Woolloomooloo Bay, resumed by the Crown, in the reclamation of the mud flats in that bay (including taxed costs); £150 as compensation to Mr. M. J. Peden for loss of 4 acres of land taken for railway purposes; £1,000 for road from the Bogan to the Lachlan, water-tanks, &c.; £10 for compensation to J. G. Renateau, for the cancellation of his purchase of certain land at Tambaroora; £17 for amount of appraisement of runs due to A. M. Fletcher for the year 1868 £12 5s., and 1870 £4 15s.; £15 to Thomas Slater, claim for compensation for costs incurred by him on the cancellation of two selections at Gundagai, on 26th June last; £300 for reward to John Thomas Saunders and Joseph Deitz for the discovery of the Gulgong Gold Fields; £100 for clerk in the Office of the Land Agent, Albury; and £285 for expenses of the Board (including Secretary's Fees) appointed to revise the Gold Fields Regulations.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,020, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1872.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,325, 13s. 4d., to defray the charge for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1872.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,105, to defray the charge for Railway Branch, "Works in Progress," for the year 1872.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £198,521, to defray the charge for Railways, "Traffic Branch," for the year 1872.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,100, for Miscellaneous Services, being £2,000 to cover temporary payments on account of Contractors and others, vote to be recouped as advances are recovered; and £100 compensation to the widow of Mr. Farris who was accidentally killed at the Railway Works, Redfern.

(114.)

(114.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,140, to defray the charge for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1872,—being £2,876 for Engineer's Department; £1,067 for Fitz Roy Dock; £3,685 for Steam Dredge "Hunter"; £5,961 for Steam Dredge "Hercules"; £2,450 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"; £6,138 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," Newcastle; £5,037 for Steam Dredge "Samson"; £5,576 for Steam Dredge "Fitz Roy"; and £1,850 for small Dredge for Coast Lakes and Lagoons, and to defray expenses during the occasional employment of the "Thetis" on Special Services in connection with Dredging.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,533, to defray the expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1872,—being £750 for Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys; £2,000 for Landing Silt from Dredge, and forming Ground; £1,500 for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £100 for Repairs to Glebe Island Road; £350 towards the erection of a Public Wharf at Blue's Point, on condition of an equal amount being subscribed by the Borough of Victoria; £750 for repairing and enlarging Tathra Wharf; £300 for clearing Richmond River, at Casino; £350 for Wharf at Gladstone, Macleay River; £200 for Boat Harbour, Raymond Terrace; £250 for Boat Harbour, Newcastle; £1,000 for completion of repairs to Newcastle Wharf; £1,500 for concreting face of Wollongong Pier; £2,000 for continuation of Sea-wall from Botanic Gardens towards Fort Macquarie; £233 for Cottage for Light-house Keeper, Ulladulla; and £200 for Fencing Sand Hills, Newcastle.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,876, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1872.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82,935, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings for the year 1872,—being £12,000 for ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally; £3,000 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £1,500 for Repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings; £200 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £700 for lighting Government Lamps in Streets of Sydney and Domain; £6,500 to provide Building and other Materials for completion or Repair of Gaols and other Public Buildings, by the labour of Prisoners in Gaol; £2,000 for Additions, Sydney Gaol; £3,000 for Police Buildings; £12,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £150 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £1,000 for Furniture for, and Repair of Telegraph Stations; £500 for Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £1,000 for Additions and Materials to the New Gaol at Maitland; £50 for Repairs to Workshops and Officers' Quarters, Cockatoo Island; £500 for Repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School; £150 for preparing Ground and Planting at Public Buildings; £5,000 for Additions and Alterations to Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool; £2,000 for Additions and Alterations to Benevolent Asylum, Parramatta; £5,000 for Additions to Hospital for Insane, Gladsville; £6,000 for Additions to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £500 for erection of Quarters for Custom House Officer at Ballina; £6,000 for Furniture, internal Fittings, and other Works at New General Post Office; £900 for erection of a Court House at Hill End; £500 for erection of a Court House and Telegraph Station at Ten-mile Creek; £4,535 for Alterations and Repairs to Parliamentary Buildings; £1,800 for erection of a Portico at Government House; £1,000 for Additions to the Gaol at Mudgee; £1,000 for erection of Police Buildings at Albury; £750 for erection of Police Buildings at Orange; £750 for erection of Police Buildings at Grafton; £750 for erection of Police Buildings at Hay; and £2,200 for erection of a Telegraph and Post Office at Hill End.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,551, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1872.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,511, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges Superintendence, for the year 1872.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £181,053, to defray the expenses for construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1872,—being £13,497 for Main Northern Road; £19,025 for Main Southern Road; £13,097 for Main Western Road; £93,596 for other Roads and Bridges, viz.:—£5,000 for Main Road, Grafton to Glen Innes, 100 miles, at £50; £1,000 for Road Armidale to Grafton; £500 for Road Merriwa to Scone; £3,750 for Main Road, Wallerawang to Mudgee, 75 miles, at £50; £3,000 for Main Road, Goulburn to Queanbeyan, *via* Tarago and Bungendore, 60 miles, at £50 per mile; £926 for Main Road, Goulburn to Queanbeyan (Tolls); £1,800 for Main Road, Tarago to Braidwood, 36 miles, at £50 per mile; £30 for Main Road from Tarago to Braidwood (Tolls); £3,100 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra, 62 miles, at £50; £1,100 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra (Tolls); £6,000 for Road, Tambaroora to Hill End; £500 towards completing the Metalling of the Road from Campbelltown to Narellan; £44,321 for Minor Roads as per Schedule; £1,750 for Bridges on Road, Dubbo to Warren; £4,000 for Contingent Works on Minor Roads not in Schedule, on Punts and Approaches, and on Approaches to Railway Stations, &c.; £3,000 for Repair of and Painting Bridges; £1,000 for constructing and repairing Toll-bars; £900 for estimated amount of Tolls to be collected at Grafton Punt, to be expended in maintenance and repair of same and Approaches; £200 for Bridge at Goonoo Goonoo; £800 for Bridge at Wallabadah; £700 for Bridge at Haslem's Creek, near Parramatta; £500 for Bridge, Winburndale Creek Road, Bathurst to Peel; £500 for Bridge at Talbragar River, Cobbora; £300 for Bridge at Back Creek, Cowra to Forbes; £350 for Bridge at Kangaroo Creek, between Cowra and Forbes; £650 for Bridge at Billabong Creek, at Walbundry; £1,200 for Bridge at Inverloch; £800 for Bridge at Urana; £650 for Bridge between Ten-mile Creek and Wagga; £1,000 for Bridge at Canonbar; £800 for Bridge over the Bogan; £400 for Tighe's Bridge, near Newcastle; £500 for Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek; £336 for additional Approaches to Wellington Bridge; £600 for Bridge over Alumny Creek, near Grafton; £300 for Punt at Paterson River; £400 for Punt at Breewarrina; £60 for Repairs to the Punt at Tinonee; £750 for Repayment of Fines on Contracts '69 and '70, remitted in consequence of the heavy Floods; £123 for Rent of the Toll-bar on the Mudbank and Bunnerong Road, from 19th December, 1871, to 18th June, 1872, to be refunded to the Trustees to enable them to keep

keep the Road in repair; and £41,838 for Roads under Trustees; being £300 for Clerk; £34,728 for Roads under Trustees, as per Schedule, Minor Roads (Resolution of Assembly); £410 for completion of Minnamurra Bridge and Approaches; £6,000 for Unclassified Roads; and £400 for cost of obtaining Reports and other Contingent Expenses.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70, to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1872,—being for attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings.

#### TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £137,257 for Railways,—being £60,000 for Rolling Stock manufactured in the Colony; £257 for Station Master's House, Newtown, further sum; £2,000 for Stations' Buildings at West Maitland; and £75,000 for the purchase of Railway Stores and Materials, which cannot properly be charged to the appropriations of Parliament until actually issued for use—the Vote to be recouped as issues take place.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £55,397, to defray the Expenses for Public Works of the Department of Harbours and Rivers Navigation,—being £3,000 for removing Obstructions and improving the Navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling, further sum; £4,397 for Additional Siding, Purchase of Land required for Approach, &c., Coal Staiths, Newcastle; £10,000 for purchase of Blackwattle Bridge and Causeway, and Pymont Bridge Company's Roads, between Pymont Bridge and Camperdown; £18,000 for Dredge, Tug, and Punts for Clarence River; £2,000 for Improving the Navigation of the Edward River, further sum; and £18,000 for completion of Dredge, Tug, and Punts for Newcastle, further sum.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray the expenses for Public Works of the Department of Public Works and Buildings,—being for the completion of new General Post Office.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £40,000, to defray the expenses for Public Works of the Department of Roads and Bridges,—being £2,000 for completion of the Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Windsor, and approaches thereto; £5,000 for Bridge at Warri, Shoalhaven; £5,000 for Bridge at Casino; £2,000 for approaches and addition to height of Hay Bridge; £4,000 for approaches and addition to height of Nimboy Bridge; and £22,000 to metal where required on Mudgee Road, in anticipation of Annual Votes of £50 per mile.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £22,580, to defray expenses under the head Electric Telegraphs,—being £3,000 for Telegraph Line to the Manning River, Tinonce, on the guarantee principle; £350 for erection of Line and Telegraph Station, Gulgong; £4,000 for Iron Poles, Singleton to Murrurundi; £3,600 for Extra Wire, West Maitland to Armidale; £1,050 for Railway Line, Singleton to Murrurundi; £500 for Line, Parramatta Junction to Campbelltown; £1,830 for Second Wire, Sydney to Newcastle; £2,000 for Second Wire, Armidale to Tenterfield; £750 for Second Wire, Bathurst to Hill End; and £5,000 for Extension of Telegraph Lines generally.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1872, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £200,000, to meet the following Public Works Debentures maturing in 1872 and 1873, under the head "Repayment of Loans," viz.:—£50,000 for first instalment of the Loan of £300,000, under 29 Vic. No. 5, falling due 31st December, 1872; £100,000 for Debentures issued under 20 Vic. No. 33, due 1st January, 1873; £20,000 for Debentures issued under 16 Vic. No. 39, due 28th February, 1873; and £30,000 for Debentures issued under 16 Vic. No. 39, due 21st October, 1873.

#### NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109,893, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1872.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,647, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1872.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,887, to defray the salaries, allowances, contingencies, and working expenses of the Establishment of the Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1872.

#### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1872.

##### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £537 17s. 6d. to defray the salaries, &c., Petty Sessions, for the year 1872,—being £326 17s. 6d. for the Police Magistrate, Dubbo, from 20th February to 31st December, 1872, at £380 per annum; and £211 for Police Magistrate, Tuena, visiting Trunkey, and acting as Gold Commissioner, a further sum, so as to make salary equal to £261 per annum.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £3 raised by private contributions, being £25 for Braidwood Literary Institute, further sum; £25 for Bega School of Arts, further sum; £100 for Corowa School of Arts; £100 for Guntawang School of Arts; £50 for Queanbeyan Literary Institute, further sum; and £300 in aid of the erection of Building for Educational Institution, on same conditions, viz., Orange Mechanics' Institute.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,958, in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved Officers, having the right of admission of Patients, viz.:—£275 for Bourke, further sum; £150 for Cooma, further sum; £100 for Deniliquin, further sum; £150 for Goulburn, further sum; £300 for Gulgong, further

further sum ; £150 for Hill End ; £233 for Newcastle, further sum ; £50 for Qucanbeyan, further sum ; £150 for Wagga Wagga, further sum ; and in aid of the erection of Hospitals at the under-mentioned places, on condition of £1 for every £2 raised by private contributions :—£200, Gulgong, further sum ; and £200 Hill End.

No. V.—COLONIAL TREASURER.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,300, to defray the charge for New Silver Coin, for the year 1872.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £705, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1872,—being £325 to meet Services for Appraisements for 1871 ; £300 for additional Clerical Assistance in connection with Mineral Leases, and for the service of the Department generally ; and £80 compensation to J. G. Renateau, for the cancellation of his purchase of certain land at Tambaroora.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time, and agreed to.

5. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolutions be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

(8.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the Year 1871, and previous years, the sum of £42,818 15s. 9d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(9.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1872, the sum of £1,669,075 12s. 11d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(10.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £461,234, be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expense of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony, and for other purposes.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time, and agreed to.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means, Nos. 8 and 9, to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1872, and for the year 1871 and previous Years.

7. LOAN BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, No. 10, to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works and other purposes.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL :—Mr. Piddington having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1872 and for the Year 1871 and previous Years.*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

9. LOAN BILL :—Mr. Piddington having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works and other purposes.*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. LIVE STOCK DISEASES PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Grahame,  
Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. M'Laurin,

Mr. J. S. Smith,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. De Salis,  
*Tellers.*

Mr. Jacob,  
Mr. Burns.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Moses,  
Mr. Onkes,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Terry,

Mr. Hurley (*Central  
Cumberland*),  
Mr. Abbott,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Single,  
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

11. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL :—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word “now,” with a view of adding at the end thereof the words “this day six months.”  
Debate continued.  
On motion of Mr. Tunks, Debate adjourned, and its resumption ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
12. STAMP DUTY ON RECEIPTS BILL :—On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill adopted.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stewart, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
13. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL :—Mr. Stewart moved, That the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Tunks,	

Noes, 11.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Hill,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Mr. Stewart then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for “To-morrow.”

Sir James Martin moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word “To-morrow,” with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this day fortnight.”

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

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Single,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

14. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
And the Debate not being resumed,—  
Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
And Division called for,—  
But there being no Tellers for the Ayes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the negative.
15. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day No. 4 of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
16. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—resumed.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Terry,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bonnett,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 20.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Tunks,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Dangar.

And so it passed in the negative.

17. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7 postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, as follows :—  
No. 6, until To-morrow.  
No. 7, until Friday next.

18. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Tunks.
19. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 9 and 10 postponed, as follows:—  
No. 9, by Mr. Combes, until Friday next.  
No. 10, by Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.
20. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Garrett the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's Amendments,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, that Report was adopted.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Garrett, the following Message was ordered to be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th August, 1872.*
21. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 12 postponed, on motion of Mr. Lackey, until To-morrow.
22. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
Sir James Martin moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.  
On motion of Mr. Driver, the Order of the Day postponed until To-morrow.
23. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 14 postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until To-morrow.
24. JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOLS BILL,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, read a second time.  
Mr. Nelson then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill,—and that *Mr. Garrett* do take the Chair in Committee for the remainder of this day.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
*Mr. Garrett* having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Nelson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
25. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 16 postponed, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.
26. COMMONS REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.  
*Mr. Garrett* reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.  
The Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Butler, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Tunks,—the Speaker adjourned the House at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to enclose Flagstaff Hill, at the north end of the city, and form it into a Recreation Ground for the use of the public?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the gentlemen who preside on the Bench at Dungog as Justices of the Peace are all related to each other, by marriage or otherwise?
  - (2.) If this is so, will the Colonial Secretary reform this abuse, not only at Dungog but everywhere else where it exists, so that the due and proper administration of Justice may not suffer?
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the total amount of the additional expenditure for the present year, caused by the increase by the present Government of the salaries and wages of the various persons employed in the Railway Department?
  - (2.) When did such increase take effect?
  - (3.) What is the amount of increase, per diem made in the wages of the labourers and mechanics respectively?
  - (4.) Can a detailed statement of these increases be laid upon the Table of the House To-morrow?
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of cash at the credit of the General Account of the Government, in the Bank of New South Wales, at the close of business on the 5th instant?
  - (2.) What was the amount of cash in the Bank at the credit of the Loan Fund, under the Act 35 Vict., No. 5, at the same time?
5. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) How much was received by the Government in respect of the Murray River Border Duties during the month of July, from the 1st to the 31st, both days inclusive?
  - (2.) What was the stock in bond at the various Bonded Warehouses on the River Murray on the 5th instant?
6. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What extensions of Railway lines are now in progress?
  - (2.) How much of the sum of £230,000, appropriated by the Act 35 Vic., No. 5, to the completion of the lines already sanctioned, remained unexpended on the 5th instant?
  - (3.) What Railway stores (if any) have been imported into the Colony since the 1st of January last, distinguishing the vessels by which such stores arrived, their dates of arrival, and the nature, quantity, and value of the stores imported in each vessel respectively?
  - (4.) What Railway stores (if any) have been purchased in the Colony since the 1st of January last, and the names of the persons from whom such purchases were made, with the quantities and value?
  - (5.) What Railway stores have yet to be supplied by the Government to complete the extensions already sanctioned, showing the nature, quantity, and value of such stores?
  - (6.) Whether the cost of such stores, for completing extensions, is not a charge upon the balance of the £230,000 still in hand, under the Act 35 Vic., No. 5?
  - (7.) How much time was occupied in taking the stock of the Railway Stores on the 1st January last, and who took it?
  - (8.) Who directed that stock should not be taken of such stores a second time this year, and when, and in what terms, oral or written, were such directions given?
  - (9.) Can a list of the Railway stores used, or delivered out for use, between the 14th May and the 31st July last, be laid upon the Table of this House To-morrow?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Did Mr. John Colter apply for a lease of twenty acres of land, for mining purposes, at Garrah, near Molong; did he receive authority to select; and did he send a full description of the land he wanted to select to the Lands Office when he sent the money?
  - (2.) Did any other person lay claim to this land; and, if so, who was that person, and under what circumstances did he claim?
  - (3.) Did Mr. Bensusan claim this land as having been selected by him three years ago?
  - (4.) Did Mr. W. H. Bennett also select the land since Mr. Colter has had possession of it?
  - (5.) Has the Government sustained Mr. Colter in the possession of the land in question?
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did the Government advise His Excellency the Governor to add to the number of Members of the Upper House?
  - (2.) Was this advice refused by His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, or other Documents, dated since October, 1871, having reference to any application by Charles A. Williamson, or by Williamson and party, or by Edward White, or by White and party, or by Charles De Boos, or by De Boos and party, for a Quartz Claim upon the Turon River; or to any dispute or litigation between any of the said persons or parties about the said claim, or any adjacent claim.



2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.  
 (2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that the Electoral Law requires to be amended, and in particular with a view to a more equitable redistribution of the representation.  
 (2.) That it is expedient that a measure to effect such amendment should be introduced not later than next Session.  
 (3.) That the substance of the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers,—  
 (1.) The Despatch received about four years ago from the Right Honorable the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore, then Governor of this Colony, referring to appointments of Members of the Legislative Council, made by Lord Belmore, on the advice of a Government that had previously held office in this Colony.  
 (2.) The reply of Lord Belmore to that Despatch, and the Minute on the subject, and relating generally to appointments to the Legislative Council, and the Appendices thereto, submitted by the then Colonial Secretary (Mr. Robertson), to Lord Belmore, and forwarded by His Lordship to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
 (3.) The Despatch to Lord Belmore, by way of rejoinder, forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Lord Belmore.  
 (4.) All subsequent Correspondence on the subject of Appointments to the Legislative Council, between the Governor, or Acting Governor, of this Colony and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
5. MR. FITZPATRICK to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Evidence relating to a charge brought by the Reverend P. Slattery against the Teacher of the Public School at Eden, on or about the 15th January last.
6. MR. M'LAURIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 1st August, from the Inhabitants of Albury and neighbourhood, relative to an arrangement of the Border Customs, be printed.
7. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of Loder's Estate Bill, which lapsed on the 30th July, by reason of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
8. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum not exceeding £5,000, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves for the discovery of gold made by him in this Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill ; third reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. The Agent General of the Colony ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
4. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill ; second reading.
5. Postage on Newspapers ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—  
 " (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.  
 " (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.  
 " (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
 " (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
6. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill ; third reading.
7. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?

(2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—

(1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Loan Bill; second reading.
7. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time," upon which Mr. Robertson had moved the omission of the word "now," with a view of adding at the end the words "this day six months."

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—

(1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?

(2.) The amount expended per year during the same period for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, and materials?

2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money to provide for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Bingera?

3. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money sufficient to erect a Bridge over the Barwon River, at or near Walgett, the site for which has already been taken by direction of the Government?

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has any report been received on the application for reserves between Maitland and Wollombi; and, if so, to what effect?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
6. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

MONDAY, 19 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; third reading.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Flagstaff Hill :—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to enclose Flagstaff Hill, at the north end of the city, and form it into a Recreation Ground for the use of the public?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Secretary for Lands has not brought the matter under the consideration of the Government, but will do so at as early a period as possible.

(2.) Bench of Magistrates, Dungog :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that the gentlemen who preside on the Bench at Dungog as Justices of the Peace are all related to each other, by marriage or otherwise?

(2.) If this is so, will the Colonial Secretary reform this abuse, not only at Dungog but everywhere else where it exists, so that the due and proper administration of Justice may not suffer?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There is no information in the Colonial Secretary's Office on this subject; a communication has been opened with the Bench, in order to make inquiry.

(3.) Salaries and Wages of Railway Employés :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the additional expenditure for the present year, caused by the increase by the present Government of the salaries and wages of the various persons employed in the Railway Department?

(2.) When did such increase take effect?

(3.) What is the amount of increase per diem made in the wages of the labourers and mechanics respectively?

(4.) Can a detailed statement of these increases be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) £4,146 11s. 11d.

(2.) 1st July, 1872.

(3.) The manner in which the wages of the labourers and mechanics have been dealt with; will be found to be detailed in the Returns which will be laid upon the Table presently.

(4.) The detailed statement in question was laid upon the Table of the House on the 23rd July last.

(4.) Bank Balances—General and Loan Accounts :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What was the amount of cash at the credit of the General Account of the Government, in the Bank of New South Wales, at the close of business on the 5th instant?

(2.) What was the amount of cash in the Bank at the credit of the Loan Fund, under the Act 35 Vict., No. 5, at the same time?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) The amount of cash at the credit of the Public Account of the Government, in the Bank of New South Wales, at the close of business on the 5th instant, was £523,942 0s. 5d.

(2.) £69,925 18s. 8d.

(5.) Murray River Border Duties :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) How much was received by the Government in respect of the Murray River Border Duties during the month of July, from the 1st to the 31st, both days inclusive?

(2.) What was the stock in bond at the various Bonded Warehouses on the River Murray on the 5th instant?

Mr.

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) £6,882 3s. 11d., of which £6,149 0s. 5d. was on goods from Victoria, and £733 3s. 6d. on goods from South Australia.

(2.) The stock in bond represents Duties to the amount of £5,489 6s. 11d., on the 31st July, being the latest date of advice.

(6.) Railway Stores:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What extensions of Railway lines are now in progress?

(2.) How much of the sum of £230,000, appropriated by the Act 35 Vic., No. 5, to the completion of the lines already sanctioned, remained unexpended on the 5th instant?

(3.) What Railway stores (if any) have been imported into the Colony since the 1st of January last, distinguishing the vessels by which such stores arrived, their dates of arrival, and the nature, quantity, and value of the stores imported in each vessel respectively?

(4.) What Railway stores (if any) have been purchased in the Colony since the 1st of January last, and the names of the persons from whom such purchases were made, with the quantities and value?

(5.) What Railway stores have yet to be supplied by the Government to complete the extensions already sanctioned, shewing the nature, quantity, and value of such stores?

(6.) Whether the cost of such stores, for completing extensions, is not a charge upon the balance of the £230,000 still in hand, under the Act 35 Vic., No. 5?

(7.) How much time was occupied in taking the stock of the Railway Stores on the 1st January last, and who took it?

(8.) Who directed that stock should not be taken of such stores a second time this year, and when, and in what terms, oral or written, were such directions given?

(9.) Can a list of the Railway stores used, or delivered out for use, between the 14th May and the 31st July last, be laid upon the Table of this House to-morrow?

Mr. Piddington answered,—The preparation of answers to these Questions has given the Railway Department to-day an immense amount of trouble. Nearly all the officials connected with the Traffic, the Stores, and the Chief Clerk's Department, have been engaged on it during the whole day; but I believe the answers will be found to be strictly correct. They require an immense number of details; but I will read them to the House:—

(1.) Macquarie Plains to Kelso—about 8½ miles.

(2.) £47,909 18s. 6d.

(3.) This information will be found in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

(4.) This information will be found in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

(5.) Rails, chairs, fish-plates, bolts and nuts, spikes and keys for 3½ miles	... £4,875
11 Switches	... .. 200
16 Crossings	... .. 300
2 Signals	... .. 90

Total	... .. £5,465
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(6.) Yes, when issued from store.

(7.) The stores were closed for the purpose of taking stock for twelve days on the South and West lines, and for eleven days on the Northern line; the calculations of the values and book balances, with Reports thereon, occupied about two months. The Traffic Auditor, in accordance with the Regulations, took the stock.

(8.) Mr. Secretary Sutherland, who, in April, 1870, directed the stock to be taken twice a year, approved, on the 28th June last, of an annual stock-taking, upon the written recommendation of the Traffic Auditor, which is as follows:—

“ With respect to the first paragraph under head of ‘ Railway Store Accounts,’ issued to me on the 8th April, 1870, and which requires arrangements to be made for taking a complete inventory of all goods (not including rolling stock) on hand at the Redfern and Newcastle Stores, at the 30th June and 31st December, respectively, in each year, I have to submit for the consideration of the Commissioner the expediency of taking stock annually. Once a year will, I consider, be frequent enough, and I find it difficult to accomplish the semi-annual stock-taking. It causes also too great an interruption and delay in the book-keeping at the stores. I have also to propose, that the date for stock taking be the 30th September, and not the 31st December. The close of a year always brings its own additional clerical work, and on that account, as well as the occurrence of holidays, it is a most awkward time to take stock, and entails, of necessity, the book-keeping getting temporarily into arrear. The result will be more satisfactory in every way if we substitute the 30th September for 31st December.

“ (Signed) D. VERNON.—17/6/72.”

(9.) A list of the stores issued during the period mentioned would take some considerable time to prepare, and could not be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow. The information, however, contained in the Returns which I will presently lay upon the Table, shewing the value, the general character, and the appropriation of the stores, issued from 1st May to 30th June, may serve the Honorable Member's purpose. The store issues for the month of July are not yet compiled in a complete shape.

(7.) Land selected by Mr. Colter, at Garrah:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

1.) Did Mr. John Colter apply for a lease of twenty acres of land, for mining purposes, at Garrah, near Molong; did he receive authority to select; and did he send a full description of the land he wanted to select to the Lands Office when he sent the money?

(2.)

- (2.) Did any other person lay claim to this land; and, if so, who was that person, and under what circumstances did he claim?  
 (3.) Did Mr. Bensusan claim this land as having been selected by him three years ago?  
 (4.) Did Mr. W. H. Bennett also select the land since Mr. Colter has had possession of it?  
 (5.) Has the Government sustained Mr. Colter in the possession of the land in question?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Other persons may have sent in applications, intended to be for the same land, but it cannot be ascertained from the descriptions furnished whether such is the case.  
 (3.) Mr. Bensusan recently applied to pay the overdue rent on a lease taken up by him in July, 1869, but in consequence of the number of selections lately taken up in the same locality, which might clash with it, he was informed that his request could not be complied with until receipt of the Surveyor's report.  
 (4.) Apparently not.  
 (5.) The question of any conflicting claims has not yet arisen.

(8.) Appointments to the Legislative Council:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

- (1.) Did the Government advise His Excellency the Governor to add to the number of Members of the Upper House?  
 (2.) Was this advice refused by His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I might easily answer this question by a single word, but I believe it is a question which ought not to be asked of any Government, and, entertaining that belief, I decline to give any answer.

2. PAPERS:—

(1.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Return of Railway Stores imported into the Colony since the 1st January, 1872, distinguishing the vessels by which such stores arrived, their dates of arrival, and the nature, [quantity, and value of the Stores imported in each vessel respectively.  
 (2.) Return of Railway Stores purchased in the Colony since the 1st January, 1872, and the names of the persons from whom such purchases were made, with the quantities and value.  
 (3.) Return shewing the value, general character, and appropriation of the Stores for Railway purposes, issued from 1st May to 30th June, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Salary of the Colonial Secretary," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Stewart, on 5th August, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Address, in reference to "The Case of Larkins and Aitken," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 23rd July, 1872.

3. ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BILL:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Land in Harrington-street in the City of Sydney granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church to sell the said land and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church in Castlereagh-street Sydney aforesaid being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 6th August, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
 President.

4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Cunneen, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 5th July, 1872, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:—Mr. Parkes moved, *without previous Notice*, That the Statement laid upon the Table by him on 23rd July last, relative to certain Officers of the Railway Department, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER, EDEN ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Evidence relating to a charge brought by the Reverend P. Slattery against the Teacher of the Public School at Eden, on or about the 15th January last.

Question put and passed.

8. BORDER CUSTOMS DUTIES ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. M'Laurin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 1st August, from the Inhabitants of Albury and neighbourhood, relative to an arrangement of the Border Customs, be printed.

Question put and passed.

9. **QUARTZ CLAIM ON TURON RIVER**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, or other Documents, dated since October, 1871, having reference to any application by Charles A. Williamson, or by Williamson and party, or by Edward White, or by White and party, or by Charles De Boos, or by De Boos and party, for a Quartz Lease or other Claim upon the Turon River; or to any dispute or litigation between any of the said persons or parties about the said claim, or any adjacent claim.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. **THE LATE WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH**:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) That this House is of opinion, that in order to manifest its deep sense of the eminent public services of the late William Charles Wentworth, the honours of a public funeral ought to be accorded to his remains, as soon after their arrival in the Colony as suitable arrangements can be made for the purpose.  
(2.) That Mr. Speaker transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to Mr. Wentworth's widow, with a request that she will inform the House, through him, whether she and her family approve the intended honour.  
Mr. Parkes seconded the Motion.  
And Mr. Stewart and Mr. Driver having respectively addressed the House,—  
Question put, and agreed to unanimously,—the House standing while the Speaker put the Question.
11. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Forster not making the Motion standing in his name No. 3, it dropped.
12. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, "copies of" the following Papers:—  
(1.) The Despatch received about four years ago from the Right Honorable the then Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore, then Governor of this Colony, referring to appointments of Members of the Legislative Council, made by Lord Belmore on the advice of a Government that had previously held office in this Colony.  
(2.) The reply of Lord Belmore to that Despatch, and the Minute on the subject, and relating generally to appointments to the Legislative Council, and the Appendices thereto, submitted by the then Colonial Secretary (Mr. Robertson), to Lord Belmore, and forwarded by His Lordship to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
(3.) The Despatch to Lord Belmore, by way of rejoinder, forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Lord Belmore.  
(4.) All subsequent Correspondence on the subject of appointments to the Legislative Council, between the Governor, or Acting Governor, of this Colony and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.  
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the words "copies of," in the third line, with a view to inserting in their place the words "all Despatches (not confidential) from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State to the Governor of this Colony; and of all Despatches (not confidential) from the Governor to the Secretary of State; and also copies of all Minutes, Letters, or other written Documents, by the Responsible Advisers of the Crown, having reference to Appointments to the Legislative Council, from the year 1861 to the present date, inclusive."  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Main Question then,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Despatches (not confidential) from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State to the Governor of this Colony; and of all Despatches (not confidential) from the Governor to the Secretary of State; and also copies of all Minutes, Letters, or other written Documents, by the Responsible Advisers of the Crown, having reference to Appointments to the Legislative Council, from the year 1861 to the present date, inclusive,—proposed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. **MOTION DROPPED**:—Mr. Lackey not making the Motion standing in his name No. 7, it dropped.
14. **MR. E. H. HARGRAVES**:—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum not exceeding £5,000, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in this Colony.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.  
Debate continued.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Butler, Mr. Combes, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scholey, and Mr. J. S. Smith,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

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

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?  
(2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?
2. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What was the amount to the Debit or Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the close of business on the 6th instant?
3. MR. HURLEY (*Narellan*) *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) If he is aware that the person in charge of the Public School, Appin, is one of the Road Trustees in that District?  
(2.) Whether the duties of a Public Schoolmaster admit of his supervising the expenditure of public moneys on roads?
4. MR. W. C. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Government intend to erect a Gaol at Singleton, and to place a sum for the purpose on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—  
(1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1872, and for the year 1871 and previous years, passing through its remaining stages in one day.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works, and other purposes, passing through its remaining stages in one day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Loan Bill; second reading.
7. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time," upon which Mr. Robertson had moved the omission of the word "now," with a view of adding at the end the words "this day six months."

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duty on Receipts Bill; third reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. The Agent General of the Colony; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.
4. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.
5. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—  
" (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.  
" (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.  
" (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.  
" (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
6. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill; third reading.
7. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST.

Questions :—

1. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?
  - (2.) The amount expended per year during the same period for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, and materials?
2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money to provide for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Bingera?
3. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money sufficient to erect a Bridge over the Barwon River, at or near Walgett, the site for which has already been taken by direction of the Government?
4. MR. M'LAURIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—For a Return of entire receipts and expenditure for the District of The Hume, from January, 1861, to January, 1872?
5. MR. M'LAURIN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How many pounds per mile have been expended on the Southern Road from Mundarlo to Albury, from January, 1865, to January, 1871?
6. MR. M'LAURIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—For a Return of entire receipts and expenditure from 1861 to 1871, for the Electoral Districts of The Hume, Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Balranald?
7. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—On whose authority has the old line of road leading from Attunga Creek, *via* Burdekin's Springs, to the main road to Manilla Township, been closed?
8. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Was a man named Joseph Dooley sentenced, on or about June 20th, 1871, to eighteen months imprisonment, and imprisoned accordingly in Braidwood Gaol, for assault with intent to commit murder upon the person of a man named Crenan, or for any similar offence?
  - (2.) Has the said Joseph Dooley been since liberated, namely, on or about June 19th, 1872, or at any time before his sentence had expired?
  - (3.) If so, under what circumstances, by what authority, and upon what recommendation, was such liberation effected?
  - (4.) Was the Judge who tried the said prisoner applied to, and what was his opinion or recommendation, with reference to such liberation, and to the sentence passed upon the said prisoner, as compared with the offence?
  - (5.) Was another man named Henry Ebsery tried at the same time, and for the same offence as Joseph Dooley, or in connection therewith?
  - (6.) If so, has Henry Ebsery been also liberated?
  - (7.) Is there any such difference between the offences of the two prisoners abovenamed as to justify any great difference in their treatment by the Executive Government?

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has any report been received on the application for reserves between Maitland and Wollombi; and, if so, to what effect?
2. MR. DE SALTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the surveyed extension of Railway beyond Goulburn will pass through a mountainous and comparatively sterile country, can be of no use to the extensive and rich Districts of Monaro and Queanbeyan, and of little use to the Town of Yass?
  - (2.) Is he aware that, in preference, a comparatively level line, passing through the rich and populous country of Collector, Gundaroo, and Yass River, of about the same length as the surveyed line, has been recommended on its own merits by Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson, Mr. Hamilton Hume, and others best acquainted with the geographical features of the South?
  - (3.) Is he aware that, besides the above advantages, this superior line will secure for ever to such extension the large traffic of Queanbeyan and Monaro; and will pass through the only point whence, for natural reasons, in future days, a Railway must be extended to this important division of the Colony?
  - (4.) Is he further aware that such line will satisfy the reasonable Petition of the inhabitants of Yass to bring the Railway to their Town without deviation?
  - (5.) How are employed the six Trial Surveyors, now in receipt of £300 per annum out of the Vote for Trial Surveys, besides £200 while in the field, as per Return of July 17th?
  - (6.) Will he send one of these gentlemen at once to examine and report on the suggested line?

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
6. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

MONDAY, 19 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; third reading.



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Occupation of Railway Ground at Muswellbrook :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?

(2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I am sorry that the information required cannot be given to-day, as the Government has necessarily to send to Muswellbrook for the information.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund :—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What was the amount to the Debit or Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the close of business on the 6th instant?

*Mr. Piddington* answered,—The amount to the Debit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund was £64,797 7s. 8d.

(3.) Public School Teacher at Appin :—Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) If he is aware that the person in charge of the Public School, Appin, is one of the Road Trustees in that District?

(2.) Whether the duties of a Public Schoolmaster admit of his supervising the expenditure of public moneys on roads?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I learn from the Council of Education that the Teacher of the Public School at Appin is a Road Trustee, and that the Council, after making inquiry, see no reason to interfere in the matter; but I desire to express my opinion that the less Teachers of Public Schools have to do with any situation that may lead to dispute or discussion in the localities where they are situated, the better.

(4.) Gaol at Singleton :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Do the Government intend to erect a Gaol at Singleton, and to place a sum for the purpose on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Government is quite aware of the dilapidated state of the Gaol at Singleton, and of the necessity for additional accommodation; but this necessity does not exist in a greater degree at Singleton than at many other places, and the whole question will be considered during the recess.

2. PAPERS :—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Cases heard before Raymond Terrace Bench of Magistrates," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Jacob, on 8th July, 1872.

(2.) Return, in reference to Industrial School for Girls.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) **Appropriation Bill**:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1872, and for the year 1871 and previous years, passing through its remaining stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) **Loan Bill**:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works, and other purposes, passing through its remaining stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
4. **JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOLS BILL** (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Nelson, read a third time and *passed*.  
Mr. Nelson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make provision for the sale and disposition and for the application of the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes and to declare the trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the sale and disposition and for the application of the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes and to declare the trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th August, 1872.*  
Question put and passed.
5. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**:—Mr. Parkes withdrew the Motion standing in his name.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. Farnell, to follow after No. 8.  
No. 2, by Mr. Piddington, to follow after No 1, as postponed.  
Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. Piddington, to follow after No. 6.
7. **APPROPRIATION BILL**,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time.  
Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for This Day.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, as follows:—  
No. 6, to follow after No. 7.  
Nos. 3 and 4, further postponed, until To-morrow.  
No. 7, to follow after No. 8.
9. **LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
On motion of Mr. Piddington (*with the concurrence of the House*), Debate adjourned, and its resumption ordered to stand an Order of the Day for This Day.
10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 8, 7, 1, and 2 further postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Loan Bill.
11. **APPROPRIATION BILL**,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1872 and for the Year 1871 and previous Years.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1872 and for the Year 1871 and previous Years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th August, 1872.*  
Question put and passed.

12. **LOAN BILL**.—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Piddington, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
 Mr. Piddington moved, "That" that report be now adopted.  
 Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the words "the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow."  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
 Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.  
 Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Butler,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Creed.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Garrett,

*Tellers.*

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, *passed*.  
 Mr. Piddington then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works and other purposes.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended balance for Public Works and other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 7th August, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**.—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business further postponed, until To-morrow:—  
 No. 8, by Mr. Farnell.  
 Nos. 7, 1, and 2, by Mr. Piddington.

14. **STAMP DUTY ON RECEIPTS BILL**.—on motion of Mr. Stewart, read a third time and *passed*.  
 Mr. Stewart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865 and Amendment Act of 1871.*"  
 Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865 and Amendment Act of 1871,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 7th August, 1872.*

Question put and passed.

15. **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**.—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Moses.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 18.

Sir James Martin,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Baker.

And so it passed in the negative.

16. OFFICIAL SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1872, A.M.

Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Single,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Nowlan,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Single,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Scholey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Stephen Brown then moved, That the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Single,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Sir James Martin,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. THE AGENT GENERAL OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £1,021 10s. 1d., for the Agent General of the Colony resident in London, being the difference between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum as salary for that officer, from 16th December, 1870, to 31st December, 1872.  
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Burns, Mr. Butler, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Single, and Mr. R. B. Smith,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?
  - (2.) The amount expended per year during the same period for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, and materials?
2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money to provide for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Bingera?
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4. MR. M'LAURIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—For a Return of entire receipts and expenditure for the District of The Hume, from January, 1861, to January, 1872?
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  - (1.) Was a man named Joseph Dooley sentenced, on or about June 20th, 1871, to eighteen months imprisonment, and imprisoned accordingly in Braidwood Gaol, for assault with intent to commit murder upon the person of a man named Cronan, or for any similar offence?
  - (2.) Has the said Joseph Dooley been since liberated, namely, on or about June 19th, 1872, or at any time before his sentence had expired?
  - (3.) If so, under what circumstances, by what authority, and upon what recommendation, was such liberation effected?
  - (4.) Was the Judge who tried the said prisoner applied to, and what was his opinion or recommendation, with reference to such liberation, and to the sentence passed upon the said prisoner, as compared with the offence?
  - (5.) Was another man named Henry Ebsery tried at the same time, and for the same offence as Joseph Dooley, or in connection therewith?
  - (6.) If so, has Henry Ebsery been also liberated?
  - (7.) Is there any such difference between the offences of the two prisoners abovenamed as to justify any great difference in their treatment by the Executive Government?
9. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many Letters of Registration were applied for from the 1st January to the 31st July last?
  - (2.) How many of the applications were granted, and how many were refused?
  - (3.) What proportion of the fees was payable to the Crown Law Officers, and what amount was payable to the General Revenue, on account of the Letters of Registration?
  - (4.) At what rate are the parties who report upon the Letters of Registration paid by the Government?
  - (5.) Do the Government intend to introduce, during the next Session, any measure for the amendment of the law in reference to Patents?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Woolloomooloo Bay Water Frontage Compensation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time," upon which Mr. Robertson had moved the omission of the word "now," with a view of adding at the end the words "this day six months."
4. Live Stock Diseases Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
6. Treasury Bills Bill ; second reading.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS (*on behalf of Mr. Cunneen*) *to move*, That the motion with reference to compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves, for the discovery of Gold in this Colony, which lapsed on the 6th August by reason of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Superannuation Act Suspension Bill; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - “ (1.) That, considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - “ (2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - “ (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - “ (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
4. Parramatta Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST.

## Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has any report been received on the application for reserves between Maitland and Wollombi; and, if so, to what effect?
2. MR. DE SALIS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the surveyed extension of Railway beyond Goulburn will pass through a mountainous and comparatively sterile country, can be of no use to the extensive and rich Districts of Monaro and Queanbeyan, and of little use to the Town of Yass?
  - (2.) Is he aware that, in preference, a comparatively level line, passing through the rich and populous country of Collector, Gundaroo, and Yass River, of about the same length as the surveyed line, has been recommended on its own merits by Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson, Mr. Hamilton Hume, and others best acquainted with the geographical features of the South?
  - (3.) Is he aware that, besides the above advantages, this superior line will secure for ever to such extension the large traffic of Queanbeyan and Monaro; and will pass through the only point whence, for natural reasons, in future days, a Railway must be extended to this important division of the Colony?
  - (4.) Is he further aware that such line will satisfy the reasonable Petition of the inhabitants of Yass to bring the Railway to their Town without deviation?
  - (5.) How are employed the six Trial Surveyors, now in receipt of £300 per annum out of the Vote for Trial Surveys, besides £200 while in the field, as per Return of July 17th?
  - (6.) Will he send one of these gentlemen at once to examine and report on the suggested line?
3. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?
  - (2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?
4. MR. DRIVELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Government received a counter-Petition from certain inhabitants of Shoalhaven against the incorporation of a certain area under the designation of the Municipal District of Shoalhaven?
  - (2.) If so, was such counter-Petition received within the three months after publication of the original Petition, as required by law?
  - (3.) If not so received, does the Government intend to proclaim the area originally prayed for under the Municipalities Act?
  - (4.) If any such counter-Petition has been received, as required by law, does the Government intend to publish the same, and when?
5. MR. BENNETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What quantity of land is still open for conditional purchase on each side of the main road between Attunga Creek and Manilla Township?

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
4. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
6. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

MONDAY, 12 AUGUST.

## Question:—

1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that a man named Kennedy, an inmate of the Gladesville Asylum, recently committed suicide, by hanging himself in his cell?
  - (2.) Was an inquest held; and, if so, will he lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?

MONDAY, 19 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; third reading.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1872.

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

QUESTIONS :—

*Mr. Booth not asking Question No. 1, it dropped.*

- (1.) Court House and Lock-up at Bingera :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Do the Government intend to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money to provide for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up at Bingera?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—This matter will be taken into consideration during the recess.

- (2.) Bridge over the Barwon, at Walgett :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1873 a sum of money sufficient to erect a Bridge over the Barwon River, at or near Walgett, the site for which has already been taken by direction of the Government?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Government will consider this question, with that of other bridges, when the Estimates for 1873 are being prepared.

*Mr. M'Laurin not asking Questions Nos. 4, 5, and 6, they dropped.*

- (3.) Road from Attunga Creek to Manilla Township :—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—On whose authority has the old line of road leading from Attunga Creek, *via* Burdekin's Springs, to the main road to Manilla Township, been closed?

*Mr. Farnell* answered,—The old road has been reserved through all the portions measured, except through *Mr. Hanrahan's* 320 acres, where it was reported by the Surveyor to be unnecessary. Except this portion of the road, no one has any right or authority from the Government to close it.

- (4.) The Cases of Dooley and Ebsery :—*Mr. Forster* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Was a man named Joseph Dooley sentenced, on or about June 20th, 1871, to eighteen months imprisonment, and imprisoned accordingly in Braidwood Gaol, for assault with intent to commit murder upon the person of a man named Cronan, or for any similar offence?

(2.) Has the said Joseph Dooley been since liberated, namely, on or about June 19th, 1872, or at any time before his sentence had expired?

(3.) If so, under what circumstances, by what authority, and upon what recommendation, was such liberation effected?

(4.) Was the Judge who tried the said prisoner applied to, and what was his opinion or recommendation, with reference to such liberation, and to the sentence passed upon the said prisoner, as compared with the offence?

(5.) Was another man named Henry Ebsery tried at the same time, and for the same offence as Joseph Dooley, or in connection therewith?

(6.) If so, has Henry Ebsery been also liberated?

(7.) Is there any such difference between the offences of the two prisoners abovenamed as to justify any great difference in their treatment by the Executive Government?

Mr.

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) Dooley was sentenced, on or about the 20th of June, 1871, to 18 months imprisonment with hard labour, for assaulting one Cronan with intent to do grievous bodily harm.
- (2.) He was liberated, on or about 19th June, 1872, six months before his sentence had expired.
- (3.) His wife petitioned, representing that she was in a destitute condition, and had seven young children. Her petition was recommended by two Magistrates, and six of the Jury, and Dooley was released by the authority of the Acting Governor.
- (4.) The Judge who tried the prisoner was applied to, and his opinion was against a mitigation of the sentence, and that the assault was of a brutal and barbarous nature.
- (5.) Yes; Ebsery was tried at the same time, and for the same offence.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) This is a matter of opinion, upon which I am unable to give any definite information.

- (5.) Letters of Registration :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—
- (1.) How many Letters of Registration were applied for from the 1st January to the 31st July last?
  - (2.) How many of the applications were granted, and how many were refused?
  - (3.) What proportion of the fees was payable to the Crown Law Officers, and what amount was payable to the General Revenue, on account of the Letters of Registration?
  - (4.) At what rate are the parties who report upon the Letters of Registration paid by the Government?
  - (5.) Do the Government intend to introduce, during the next Session, any measure for the amendment of the law in reference to Patents?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-three.
- (2.) Twenty-five were granted; seven are now under consideration, and one was refused.
- (3) and (4.) £20 is the fee payable upon application, out of which £11 10s. 6d. is paid to the Crown Law Officers, and a Board, consisting of two gentlemen, who receive £3 3s. each for reporting upon applications. In every case the balance is paid to the Consolidated Revenue. In the event of the report of the Board being unfavourable in any case, £6 6s. is deducted from the £20, and the balance is returned to the applicant.
- (5.) I cannot at this moment say whether the Government will introduce any measure next Session upon this subject.

## 2. PAPERS :—

- (1.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
- (1.) Returns and Accounts in relation to the Superannuation Fund.
  - (2.) Abstract Statement, shewing estimated amount supposed to be necessary in order to finish the Fortifications of Port Jackson.
- Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Butler laid upon the Table a Further Return (*in part*) to an Address, in reference to "The Case of Larkins and Aitken," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 23rd July, 1872.

## 3. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That in view of the magnitude of any works that may be undertaken for supplying the Metropolis with Water, and of other public works, this House is of opinion that in devising plans for, and considering the construction of, such works, the services of an Engineer of high character should be temporarily obtained from India or Europe.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

The Speaker said that as the effect of this motion would be to originate the expenditure of money, it should first be considered in Committee; in its present shape it could not be entertained. The motion therefore dropped.

## 4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Nowlan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

## 5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read,—and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, discharged.

## 6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read,—and, on motion of Mr. Piddington, discharged.

## 7. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.

## 8. LIVE STOCK DISEASES PREVENTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

## 9. BLACKWATLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.

## 10. TREASURY BILLS BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Piddington.

## 11. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES :—Mr. Burns (*on behalf of Mr. Cunneen*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the motion with reference to compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves, for the discovery of Gold in this Colony, which lapsed on the 6th August by reason of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday "next."

Mr.



Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "next," with a view of inserting in its place the word "week."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Scholey,  
Mr. Nowlan,

Tellers.

Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Burns.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Innes,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Bawden,  
Mr. Noale,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),

Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Tecco,  
Mr. Combes,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Nelson,  
Mr. Lackey,

Tellers.

Mr. Thomas Brown,  
Mr. J. S. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That the motion with reference to compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves, for the discovery of Gold in this Colony, which lapsed on the 6th August by reason of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday week,—put and passed.

12. OFFICIAL SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Driver.
13. SUPERANNUATION ACT SUSPENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.
14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 3 of General Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, to follow after No. 4.

15. PARRAMATTA GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the following Message was ordered to be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited)*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th August, 1872.*

16. POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart,—
  - "(1.) "That," considering the very important part which Newspapers play in diffusing and cultivating intelligence among all classes in the community, it is desirable that their circulation be encouraged by Government.
  - "(2.) That a postal rate on Newspapers materially limits their circulation, especially among persons resident in the interior, where the means of acquiring and diffusing intelligence are fewest and slightest.
  - "(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Newspapers posted within the Colony, or arriving through the post, should be transmitted free of postage.
  - "(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—resumed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—"*in the opinion of this House the present uniform rate of Postage on Newspapers operates unfairly.*"

"That the postage on all Newspapers, not exceeding two ounces in weight, should be reduced to one half-penny."

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has any report been received on the application for reserves between Maitland and Wollombi; and, if so, to what effect?
2. MR. DE SALIS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How are employed the six Trial Surveyors, now in receipt of £300 per annum out of the Vote for Trial Surveys, besides £200 while in the field, as per Return of July 17th?
  - (2.) Will he send one of these gentlemen at once to examine and report on a suggested line passing through Collector, Gundaroo, and the Town of Yass?
3. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?
  - (2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?
4. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Government received a counter-Petition from certain inhabitants of Shoalhaven against the incorporation of a certain area under the designation of the Municipal District of Shoalhaven?
  - (2.) If so, was such counter-Petition received within the three months after publication of the original Petition, as required by law?
  - (3.) If not so received, does the Government intend to proclaim the area originally prayed for under the Municipalities Act?
  - (4.) If any such counter-Petition has been received, as required by law, does the Government intend to publish the same, and when?
5. MR. BENNETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What quantity of land is still open for conditional purchase on each side of the main road between Attunga Creek and Manilla Township?
6. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Do the Government hold that payments for mineral leases, other than for gold, should be received within the month of September, to balance with the financial year, irrespective of whether the land applied for has been allotted to, or surveyed for, the applicants?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund the whole, or any portion, of the money lodged by unsuccessful applicants for leases, in cases in which they decline to make, or fail to obtain, fresh selections within twelve months of the date of their original applications?
7. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The amount paid into the Treasury during each month, from the 1st January to 31st July last, for mineral leases other than for gold?
8. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Was the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands appointed the officer to issue pastoral leases by any regulation under the Crown Lands Occupation Act?
  - (2.) Is there a Chief Commissioner now?
  - (3.) If not, how is the regulation (if any) referred to complied with?
9. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What amount has been paid for the issue and delivery of mineral leases, during the present year, under the *Gazette* notice of the 15th November, 1864?
  - (2.) What amount has been paid for the issue and delivery of pastoral leases, during the present year, under the *Gazette* notice of the 29th December, 1865?
10. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee granted a publican's license to a Mrs. Hill, for a public house in Mudgee, she being separated from her husband, and her husband holding a license and keeping a public house in Mudgee at the time the Magistrates granted the license to Mrs. Hill?
11. MR. BOOTH *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?
  - (2.) The amount expended per year, during the same period, for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, but including repairs and renewals on each line?
  - (3.) The date of construction of each line, and cost of same?

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

Mr. PARKES *to move*, That this House, at its rising, adjourn to Tuesday next, at 11:30 A.M.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Petersham Church Grant Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Old and New South Head Roads Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Telegrams Copyright Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Allen, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Hastings Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
6. Evidence Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications Correspondence, Documents and Minutes, relative to a mineral selection made by Messrs. M'Grath, Bensusan, and Larmer, at Togo, county of St. Vincent.
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MONDAY, 12 AUGUST.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BOOTH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
    - (1.) Is he aware that a man named Kennedy, an inmate of the Gladesville Asylum, recently committed suicide, by hanging himself in his cell?
    - (2.) Was an inquest held; and, if so, will he lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?
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FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

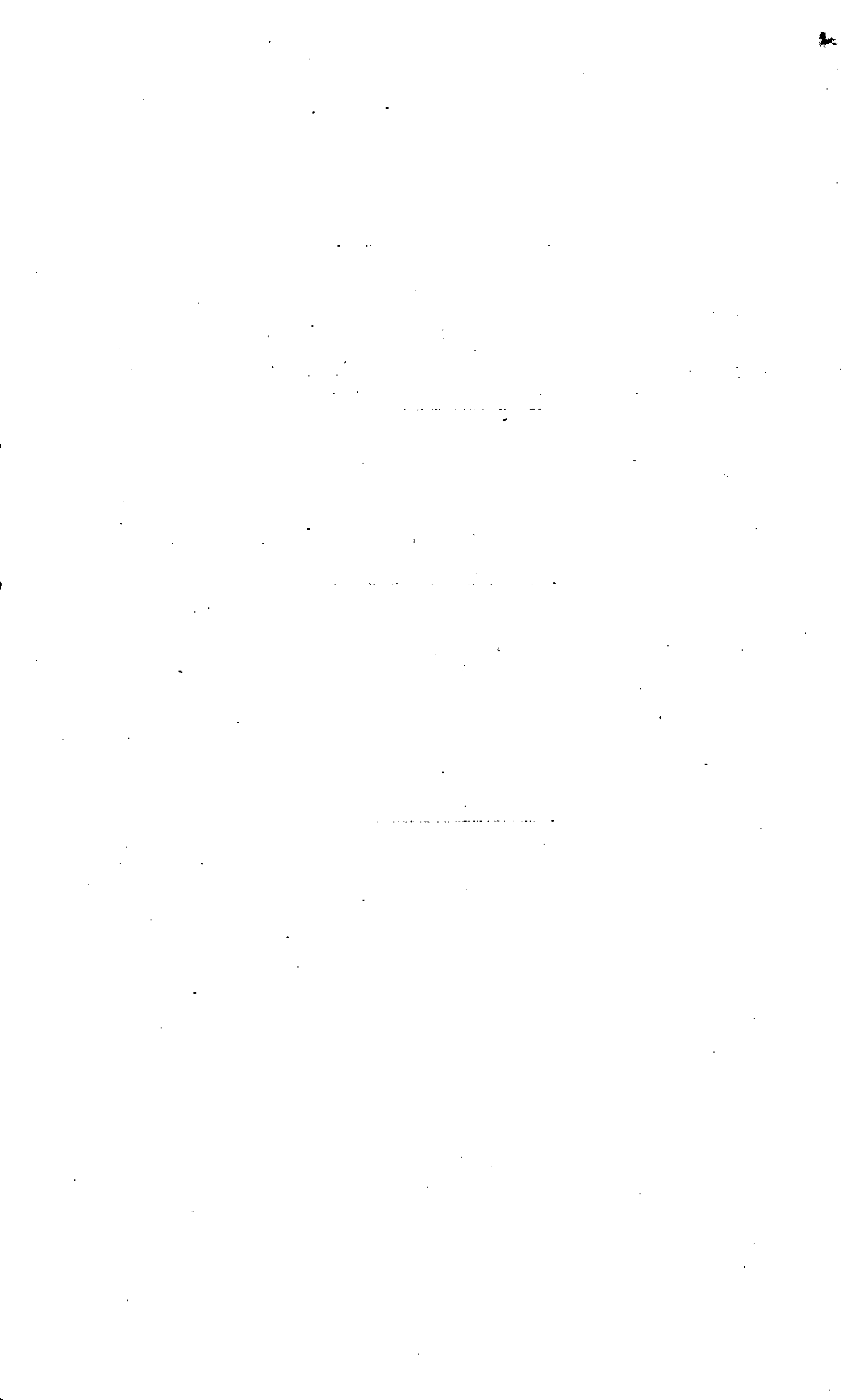
MR. E. H. HARGRAVES :—Resumption of Debate on the motion of Mr. Cunneen, "That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum not exceeding £5,000, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in this Colony."

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MONDAY, 19 AUGUST.

## GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; third reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 50.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1872.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Reserves between Maitland and Wollombi :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has any report been received on the application for Reserves between Maitland and Wollombi; and, if so, to what effect?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No answer has yet been received.

(2.) Railway Extension beyond Goulburn :—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2,—

(1.) How are employed the six Trial Surveyors, now in receipt of £300 per annum out of the Vote for Trial Surveys, besides £200 while in the field, as per Return of July 17th?

(2.) Will he send one of these gentlemen at once to examine and report on a suggested line passing through Collector, Gundaroo, and the Town of Yass?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Trial Surveyors are employed completing plans and sections of extension of lines from Goulburn to Yass.

(2.) Directions have already been given for an officer to re-examine this route.

(3.) Occupation of Railway Ground at Muswellbrook :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it known to the Government that a Commission Agent has built premises for a business place on the Railway ground near the Goods-shed and Station-house at Muswellbrook, and thereby avoids paying Municipal Rates?

(2.) If so, does the agent pay the Government rent for the use of the ground and privilege of carrying on his business there?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Permission was given to erect an office at the place indicated, to enable the applicants to conduct more effectually their business with the Department as Railway Forwarding Agents; the building to be removed at once when ordered by the Commissioner. I am not aware that the building is exempt from Municipal Rates.

(2.) It has recently been decided that for all privileges of the kind a small ground rent is to be charged; the offices to be removed on one week's notice.

(4.) Municipal District of Shoalhaven :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Government received a counter-Petition from certain inhabitants of Shoalhaven against the incorporation of a certain area under the designation of the Municipal District of Shoalhaven?

(2.) If so, was such counter-Petition received within the three months after publication of the original Petition, as required by law?

(3.) If not so received, does the Government intend to proclaim the area originally prayed for under the Municipalities Act?

(4.) If any such counter-Petition has been received, as required by law, does the Government intend to publish the same, and when?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Petition was received within the three months after the publication of the original Petition, as required by law.

(4.) The substance of the prayer of the counter-Petition was published in the Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 5th instant, and will also be published in the *Shoalhaven News*.

(5.) Land open for Conditional Purchase near Road from Attunga Creek to Manilla Township:—  
Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What quantity of land is still open for conditional purchase on each side of the main road between Attunga Creek and Manilla Township?

Mr. Farnell answered,—About nine miles on each side of the road.

(6.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Do the Government hold that payments for mineral leases, other than for gold, should be received within the month of September, to balance with the financial year, irrespective of whether the land applied for has been allotted to, or surveyed for, the applicants?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund the whole, or any portion, of the money lodged by unsuccessful applicants for leases, in cases in which they decline to make, or fail to obtain, fresh selections within twelve months of the date of their original applications?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; such payment is required under the present regulations. A proposition for an alteration in this system is under consideration, and, if it is decided to adopt it, it will be notified without delay.

(2.) No; that is as regards the money paid on application for authority to select, which covers the first year's rent from date of selection; but payments made in September next, for leases applied for, but which may not eventually be granted, will be refunded.

(7.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—The amount paid into the Treasury during each month, from the 1st January to 31st July last, for mineral leases other than for gold?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

	£	s.	d.
January	520	0	0
February	1,633	12	2
March	3,460	12	6
April	5,472	10	0
May	9,408	1	3
June	14,698	10	0
July	21,057	8	9

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(8.) Pastoral Leases:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Was the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands appointed the officer to issue pastoral leases by any regulation under the Crown Lands Occupation Act?

(2.) Is there a Chief Commissioner now?

(3.) If not, how is the regulation (if any) referred to complied with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; under a regulation dated 29th December, 1865.

(2.) No.

(3.) Leases are issued by the officer in charge of the Department.

(9.) Mineral and Pastoral Leases:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What amount has been paid for the issue and delivery of mineral leases, during the present year, under the *Gazette* notice of the 15th November, 1864?

(2.) What amount has been paid for the issue and delivery of pastoral leases, during the present year, under the *Gazette* notice of the 29th December, 1865?

Mr. Piddington answered,—

(1.) £2 12s. 6d.

(2.) £17.

(10.) Publican's License granted to Mrs. Hill, at Mudgee:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Is it true that the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee granted a publican's license to a Mrs. Hill, for a public house in Mudgee, she being separated from her husband, and her husband holding a license and keeping a public house in Mudgee at the time the Magistrates granted the license to Mrs. Hill?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Yes, I learn that a license was so granted, an order having been made by Mr. District Court Judge Josephson for separate maintenance.

(11.) Telegraph Department:—Mr. Booth asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) The amount of money received from the Telegraph Department each year from its commencement up to the end of the year 1871?

(2.) The amount expended per year, during the same period, for the working of the establishment, exclusive of the erecting new lines, but including repairs and renewals on each line?

(3.) The date of construction of each line, and cost of same?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The trifling addition made to the Honorable Gentleman's question yesterday has caused the entire clerical staff of the Department to be employed all day in the preparation of the Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

2. THE LATE WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH:—Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That a copy of the Resolution respecting the public funeral of the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth, be transmitted by Mr. Speaker to the Legislative Council, in order that the Council may be informed of the steps taken by the House in the matter.  
Question put and passed.  
Resolution transmitted accordingly.
3. PAPERS:—
- (1.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table a Return in reference to the Telegraph Department.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report on the Nautical School-ship "Vernon," for the year ending 30th June, 1872.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Report from Mr. Surveyor Greaves on the Surveys of Mineral Lands in the Northern Districts.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. TELEGRAPHY:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Mr. P. Macauliffe, of Sydney, praying that the charges on the Telegraphic Lines may be reduced and amended.  
Petition received.
5. CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF GOODS *ex* "ASCALON":—Mr. Macintosh, as Chairman, brought up a Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 16th July, 1872, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, adjourn to Tuesday next, at 11:30 A.M.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
7. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. THE PETERSHAM CHURCH GRANT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Allen.
9. OLD AND NEW SOUTH HEAD ROADS TRANSFER BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Driver.
10. TELEGRAMS COPYRIGHT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
Mr. Allen moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Allen, the Bill was withdrawn.
11. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Piddington.
12. HASTINGS ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Piddington.
13. EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Piddington.
14. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—
- (1.) Sydney United Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill:—  
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message No. 7.*  
*Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 9th August, 1872.*
- (2.) St. George's Presbyterian Church Bill:—  
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message No. 8.*  
*Governor.*
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land in Harrington-street in the City of Sydney granted by the Crown for the erection thereon of a Presbyterian Church to sell the said land and apply the proceeds in or towards satisfaction of the debt existing on St. George's Church in Castlereagh-street Sydney aforesaid being a Presbyterian Church in connection with the Synod of Eastern Australia,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*  
*Sydney, 9th August, 1872.*

15. **MINERAL SELECTION AT TOGO**:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, Documents, and Minutes, relative to a mineral selection made by Messrs. M'Grath, Benison, and Larmer, at Togo, county of St. Vincent.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

16. **MESSAGES**:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Appropriation Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1872 and for the Year 1871 and previous Years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

The Legislative Council, in agreeing to this Bill, deems it necessary to enter its solemn protest and remonstrance against the reduction which has been made in the Estimates for the salaries of the President and Chairman of Committees, which were furnished by this House to the Government and laid before the Assembly—because it is an invariable rule, in analagous cases in England, that the Estimates of the House of Lords are passed without alteration by the Treasury and House of Commons, there being an unwillingness to canvass the details of accounts submitted by one of the branches of the Legislature. It is hoped, therefore, that a Supplementary Estimate will be passed for the restoration of these salaries to their former amounts, and that measures will be adopted, without further delay, for giving Legislative effect to the recommendations contained in the Report of the Standing Orders Committee of this House, dated the 4th April, 1866, the same being founded upon the established usage of the Imperial Parliament.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.) **Loan Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended Balance for Public Works and other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1872.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M.*

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST.

MEMO.—*The House meet at half-past Eleven o'clock A.M., with a view to Prorogation at noon.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. BENNETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Will any instructions be issued by the Government to the Police Magistrates of Tamworth or Narrabri to visit and perform Magisterial duties at Gunnedah?  
(2.) Has the Government any intention of establishing a District Court at Gunnedah, by making arrangements for Judge Meymott to hold such Court there on his way to Narrabri?
  2. MR. BOOTH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is he aware that a man named Kennedy, an inmate of the Gladesville Asylum, recently committed suicide, by hanging himself in his cell?  
(2.) Was an inquest held; and, if so, will he lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?
- GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—
1. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th August, from Mr. P. Macauliffe, in favour of a reduction of the charges for transmitting Messages by Electric Telegraph, be printed.

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES:—Resumption of Debate on the motion of Mr. Cunneen, "That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum not exceeding £5,000, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in this Colony."

MONDAY, 19 AUGUST.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; third reading.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1872.

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

ASSENT TO JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOLS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the sale and disposition and for the application of the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon Trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes and to declare the Trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney 12th August, 1872.

2. RETURN OF WRIT:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 26th June, 1872, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of The Murray, in the room of Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of "William Hay" to serve as such Member.
3. THE LATE WILLIAM CHARLES WENTWORTH:—The Speaker informed the House that he had forwarded to Mrs. Wentworth, by the Mail which left Sydney on Saturday last for England, a copy of the Resolution agreed to by the House on the 6th instant, in reference to a Public Funeral on the arrival in the Colony of the remains of the late Mr. Wentworth, and requested that she would inform him if the proposed honor would be agreeable to herself and family.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) District Court at Gunnedah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Will any instructions be issued by the Government to the Police Magistrates of Tamworth or Narrabri to visit and perform Magisterial duties at Gunnedah?

(2.) Has the Government any intention of establishing a District Court at Gunnedah, by making arrangements for Judge Meymott to hold such Court there on his way to Narrabri?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate of Tamworth was authorized, by letter of 29th December, 1869, to visit Gunnedah, and the Bench of Magistrates were advised to that effect.

(2.) No application has been made, so far as I am aware, for the establishment of a District Court at Gunnedah.

Mr. Booth not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.

## 5. PAPERS:—

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

- (1.) Return showing the Total Cost of the General Election, 1872, and the Separate Cost in the case of each Electoral District, so far as can be ascertained from accounts received to the present date.
- (2.) Further Despatch respecting French Communists transported to New Caledonia, &c.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield.
- (4.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Volunteer Artillery—*Captain Bamford's case*," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 12th June, 1872.
- (5.) Return to an Address in reference to "Public School Teacher, Eden," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, on 6th August, 1872.
- (6.) Further Correspondence relative to arrangements for collecting Border Customs Duties.
- (7.) Return (*in part*) to an Address in reference to "Appointments to the Legislative Council," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 6th August, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Piddington laid upon the Table a Statement showing the Expenditure under Loan Acts, 18 Victoria, No. 35, and 35 Victoria, No. 5,—

And moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and having delivered a Message,—“That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do forthwith attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber,” the House attended accordingly, and the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Assembly having granted the Supplies required for the Services of the present year, and a Supplementary Vote for previous years, I have now the honor to present to your Excellency the Bill necessary for giving legal effect to these grants, in order that it may receive the Royal Assent.

The Speaker also presented to His Excellency, for the Royal Assent,—

- (1.) “An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended Balance for Public Works and other purposes.”
- (2.) “An Act to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited).”

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the several Bills presented by the Speaker, viz.:—

- (1.) “An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1872 and for the Year 1871 and previous Years.”
- (2.) “An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan and apply a certain unexpended Balance for Public Works and other purposes.”
- (3.) “An Act to incorporate the Parramatta Gas Company (Limited).”

8. PROROGATION:—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. The Session now brought to a close has necessarily been confined to such urgent matters as admitted of no delay, in order that Parliament may be convened at an early period for the consideration of important measures to be submitted in the Session which properly belongs to the year. It is gratifying to me that I am enabled to release you for a time from your arduous labours.

2. Negotiations on the Border Customs difficulty have been entered into with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, and have been conducted up to the present time in a friendly spirit, which justifies the expectation that a satisfactory settlement of the question will be soon effected. Although a measure which passed the Legislative Assembly to enable the Government to conclude a Convention with the neighbouring Colonies has failed of becoming law, I confidently hope that arrangements will be made for relieving the Border Settlers from the serious inconveniences of which they complain, and that those arrangements will be cordially ratified by the Legislature.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. My thanks are especially due to you for the Supplies which you have placed at the disposal of the Government to meet the necessities of the Public Service. Every care shall be taken to secure economy in the Expenditure. It is to be regretted that the Appropriation Act should not have been passed until so late a period, and I rely with confidence on your wisdom and devotion to the public interest to assist the Government in preventing in future so undesirable and detrimental a delay in the necessary business of the year.

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AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. The Government has already adopted steps to carry out the Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly in favour of the establishment of regular mail communication between this Colony and Europe, *via* San Francisco, and instructions have been transmitted to the Agent General to invite tenders for the service in London. Negotiations have been opened with the Governments of the other Australian Colonies and New Zealand on this subject, on Telegraphic Communication, and on the important question of Intercolonial Free Trade, which it is hoped may lead to a course of united action in promoting the objects of a sound and beneficial policy.

5. It is very gratifying to me that I can congratulate you on the prosperous state of the Public Revenue, and the high place which the Public Securities continue to hold in the money market. The prospect before the Colony was never more encouraging than at the present time, and, under the directing hand of Providence, the best results may be anticipated from your future labours for the general welfare.

6. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 17th September next.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

