Sessional Papers
FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1878.

PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS.

(Resolution.)
Mr. Coonan moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—
That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purposes of assisted prospecting for gold, the Crown Lands of the Colony, such sum to be distributed under rules to be approved by the Executive Government and submitted to Parliament.

Question put,—That the Resolution, as amended, be agreed to.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Forreell, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Duria, Mr. Lacy, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Baker, Mr. Watson, Sir John Robertson (Tellers), Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. IL Suttor, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Baker, Mr. Watson, Sir John Robertson (Tellers), Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. IL Suttor, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Baker, Mr. Watson.

Noes, 15.

Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Stuart, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Smith, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Boyers, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Gravine, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. N. C. Brown, Dr. Bowker, Mr. Twose.

On motion of Mr. Coonan, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Resolution to the House.
No. 2.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES)

WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

(General and Volunteer Permanent Staff)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £7,326, to defray salaries and contingencies of the General and Volunteer Permanent Staff for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. McEIlhone) and Question put,—That item £250, for rent of Brigade Office, be reduced by £50.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. McEIlhone,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 24.
Mr. Farquhar,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Simeon,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Driver.

Item omitted.

No. 2.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. Driver) and Question put,—That item £175, for allowance in lieu of quarters for Commandant, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. McEIlhone,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Thomson,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Growwood,
Mr. Bonnett,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Noes, 13.
Mr. Farquhar,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Simeon,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Husband,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,

Item omitted.

And
And the item £120, for allowance in lieu of quarters for Major of Brigade, having been omitted, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick,—

Estimate, as reduced (£7,031), agreed to.

No. 3.

(Volunteer Force.)

Question proposed.—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £10,197, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Volunteer Force. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £225, for Rent of Central Offices, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Greenwood,  
Mr. W. C. Brown,  
Mr. Stephen Brown,  
Mr. Murphy,  
Mr. Beyers,  
Mr. Thompson,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. W. H. Sutter,  
Mr. Burns.

Nees, 13.  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Colman,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. Sturt,  
Mr. Loren,  
Mr. W. H. Sutter,  
Mr. Burns.

Item omitted.

Estimate, as reduced (£9,972), agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 4.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

(Torpedo and Signalling Corps.)

Question proposed.—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,049, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Torpedo and Signalling Corps, for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron) and Question put,—That item £300, salary of Major Commanding, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.  
Mr. Stephen Brown,  
Mr. Cameron,  
Mr. Bennet,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Toce,  
Mr. Jacob,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Bechour,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. W. Davie,  
Tellers.

Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Roseby.

Nees, 32.  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Colman,  
Mr. Burns,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. W. H. Sutter,  
Mr. Leary,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. J. Davie,  
Mr. Hungerford,  
Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. H. H. Brown,  
Mr. Eickford,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Shepherd,  
Mr. W. C. Brown,  
Tellers.

Mr. Cameron.

And the item having been reduced by £100, on motion of Mr. Watson,—

No. 5.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron) and Question put,—That item £100, salary of Captain, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Bennett,  
Dr. Bowker,  
Mr. Toce,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Barbour,  
Mr. Roseby,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. gob,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Murphy,  
Tellers.

Mr. Stephen Brown,  
Mr. Cameron.

Nees, 33.  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Leary,  
Mr. Cublin,  
Mr. Burns,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. W. H. Sutter,  
Mr. Leary,  
Mr. J. Davie,  
Mr. Hungerford,  
Mr. Eickford,  
Mr. Coombes,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. W. C. Brown,  
Mr. Greenwood,  
Mr. H. H. Brown,  
Tellers.

Mr. O'Connor.

No. 6.
No. 6.
(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. Stuart) and Question put,—That item £120, salaries of two Lieutenants (1st), at £60 each, be reduced by £60.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Burns, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Bowker,
Mr. Driver, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Leary, Mr. Webb,
Mr. McElhone, Mr. Rocheby.

Noes, 32.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Laurny, Mr. Windiver, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Long, Mr. W. M. Sutton, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Lockeby, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Eckford, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macintosh, Mr. W. H. Brown, Mr. Shepherd.

Estimate, as reduced (£2,949), agreed to.

No. 7.
(Public School Cadet Corps.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £550, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Public School Cadet Corps, for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)
Motion made (Mr. Driver) and Question put,—That item £90, allowance in lieu of quarters for Officer Commanding, be omitted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Driver, Mr. Long, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Rawden.

Noes, 28.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Leary, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Windiver, Mr. W. M. Sutton, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Watson, Mr. COMBS, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Greenswood, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Macintosh,
Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Shepherd.

No. 8.
(Same Estimate.)

Original Estimate put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.
Mr. Coben, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Sir John Robertson, Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. Rawden, Mr. MCedralen, Mr. Cameron,
Mr. LEARY, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Lockeby, Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Rocheby,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Combes, Tellers.

Noes, 4.
Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Tellers.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Harris, Mr. McElhone.

Original Estimate (£550), agreed to.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight.—

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1878, A.M.

No. 9.
(Prisons.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £74,187, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Prisons, for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)
And
And the Estimate having been reduced, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, by the omission of £150 for Visiting Justices at Bathurst, Maitland, and Goulburn Gaols, (£50 each)—
Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £75, for Visiting Justice, Berrima Gaol, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayres, 5.
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Driver,
Tellers.
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Dawden.

Noes, 23.
Mr. Farwell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Coulsby,
Mr. W. C. Brown,

Estimate, as reduced (£74,037), agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Sydney : Thomas Richards, Government Printer.—1875.
No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(Extracted from the Minutes)

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

(Immigration.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £75,000, for Immigration. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £25,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. John Robertson, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Harris, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Danger, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Revivallo, Mr. Barbour, Mr. H. B. Brown, Mr. H. B. Brown, Mr. Greville, Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Parnell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Bourke, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Consul, Mr. McElhone, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Green, Mr. Bower, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Henry Parkes, Mr. Charles, Mr. Watson.

Original Estimate (£75,000), agreed to.

No. 2.

(Miscellaneous Services—Agricultural Societies.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £22,290, to defray Miscellaneous Services. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £5,000, in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Bowman, Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. Wonder, Mr. Driver, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harris, Mr. Danger, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morris, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Day.

No. 3
No. 4.

REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 1. This Act shall take effect from the passing thereof and may be cited as the "Real Property Act further Amendment Act of 1871" and shall be read with the Real Property Act twenty-sixth Victoria number nine as amended by the Act thirty-sixth Victoria number seven and hereinafter termed the principal Act.

Motion made (Mr. Macintosh) and Question put, That the item be reduced by £1,000. Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dangar.

Tellers.

Mr. Bowman, Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Simpsons, Mr. Johnston, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Charles, Mr. Day, Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Windy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Charles, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Charles, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Greenwood.

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put, That the item be reduced by £1,000. Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Lackey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Long, Mr. McIlhone, Mr. Driver, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moses, Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dangar.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Camber, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Simson, Mr. Day, Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Windy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Charles, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Charles, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Greenwood.

Motion made (Mr. Macintosh) and Question put, That the Chairman leave the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Lackey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Long, Mr. McIlhone, Mr. Driver, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moses, Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dangar.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Camber, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Simson, Mr. Day, Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Windy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Charles, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Charles, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Greenwood.

Motion made (Mr. Terry) and Question put, That the Chairman and the House be further informed that the Bill be read a second time.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Lackey, Mr. Gray, Mr. Long, Mr. McIlhone, Mr. Driver, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moses, Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dangar.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Camber, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Simson, Mr. Day, Mr. Greenwood.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 4.
WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
(Extracted from the Minutes.)

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 1.
Supply—General Estimates for 1878.
(Department of Justice and Public Instruction.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,805, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, for the year 1878. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. Driver) and Question put,—That item £75, salary of Assistant Messenger, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9. 
Mr. Barbour, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Driver, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Bennett, Teller.
Mr. Moses, Mr. Pilkcher.

Noes, 27.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Leary, Mr. Cohen, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Jacob, Mr. W. H. Sutor, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Taylor, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Grey.

No. 2.
(Same Item.)

Motion made (Mr. Hartley, Hartley) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by £74.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Barbour, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. W. Davies, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Rowby, Mr. Bennett, Teller.
Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Pilkcher.

Noes, 27.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. W. H. Sutor, Dr. Bowker, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Greville, Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Baynes, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Day.

The item £200, for Incidental Expenses, having been reduced by £75, on motion of Mr. Leary,—

Estimate, as reduced (£4,729), agreed to.

No. 3.
No. 3.

(Parliamentary Draftsmen.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,150, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of Parliamentary Draftsmen. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. Stephen Brown) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £550.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Elcher,
Tellers.
Mr. Molihone,
Mr. Husley (Hartley).

Noes, 32.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cohen,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Husley,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Bawden.

Original Estimate (£1,150) agreed to.

No. 4.

(Supreme and Circuit Courts.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £13,908, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1878. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £114, salary of Messenger for Master in Equity, be reduced by £10.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Tellers.
Mr. Bennet,
Mr. Elcher.

Noes, 32.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Husley (Hartley),
Mr. Madischof,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Windsley,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Bawden.

Original Estimate (£13,908) agreed to.

No. 5.

(Observatory.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,190, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory, for the year 1878. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £150, for Compositor, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Gray,
Tellers.
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 36.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Fitpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Greenwod,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Greenwod,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Bowman.

Original Estimate (£3,190) agreed to.

No. 6.
No. 6.
(Museum.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,800, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Museum, for the year 1878. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. Stephen Brown) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £3,000.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.
Mr. Bowmar, Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Driver, Mr. Johnston,
Mr. McElhone, Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Rawdon, Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Barber, Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland, Mr. T. E. Smith,
Mr. McDalloch, Tellers,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Bennett.

Noes, 16.
Mr. Farrell, Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. Greville,
Mr. Sutherland, Tellers,
Mr. Leary, Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Watson,
Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Eckford, Mr. Greenwood,

Estimate, as reduced (£800) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Leary, the Chairma left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 7.
(Supply—General Estimates for 1878.
(Grants in aid of Public Institutions.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £13,506, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions. (Mr. Leary.)

Motion made (Mr. J. Davies) and Question put,—That item £300, to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.
Mr. J. Davies, Tellers,
Mr. Baker, Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hone,
Mr. Teese,
Mr. Harris,

Noes, 19.
Mr. Farrell, Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burns, Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Leary, Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Greville,
Mr. Charles, Tellers,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. W. Davies,

Original Estimate (£13,506) agreed to.

No. 8.
(Customs.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £48,039, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishment, for the year 1878. (Mr. Cohen.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £25, allowance for Travelling Expenses to Officer of Customs, Howlong, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.
Mr. J. Davies, Tellers,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 25.
Mr. Farrell,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Harris,

Original Estimate (£48,039) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
No. 5.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(Extracted from the Minutes.)

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1878.

No. 1.

Supply—General Estimates for 1878.

(Department of Lands.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £20,093, to
defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands for the year 1878. (Mr.
Farnell.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £150; salary of Clerk for Auction
and Statistical Branch, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Metcalfe,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McCallioch,
Mr. Roseby.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Eakins,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Sator,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lever,
Mr. Danger.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parnell,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Simeon,
Mr. Tooke,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Gerella,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Bawden.

No. 2.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £2,000 for Incidental and Unforeseen
Expenses be reduced by £300.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. Metcalfe,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McCallioch,
Mr. Roseby.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Eakins,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Sator,
Mr. Lever.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Parnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Bowyn,
Mr. Simeon,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Metcalfe,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. Bowyn,
Mr. Shepheard,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Simeon,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McCallioch,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. W. H. Sator,
Mr. Lever,
Mr. Danger.

Original Estimate (£20,093) agreed to.

No. 3.
No. 3.

(Conditional Land Sales.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £23,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department for Conditional Land Sales, for the year 1878. (Mr. Barnett.)

Motion made (Mr. W. C. Browne) and Question put,—That item £4,500, salaries of nine Commissioners of Inquiry under Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, at £500, be omitted.

Committee divided.

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No. 4.

(Same Item.)

Motion made (Mr. Bennett) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by £2,250.

Committee divided.

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Original Estimate (£23,000) agreed to.

No. 5.

(Imported Stock.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £110, to defray the salary of Quarantine-keeper for Imported Stock, Shark Island, for the year 1878. (Mr. Barnett.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £109.

Committee divided.

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Original Estimate (£110) agreed to.

No. 6.

(Registration of Brands.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,125, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department for the Registration of Brands, for the year 1878. (Mr. Barnett.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £50, salary of Registrar of Brands, be reduced by £40.

Committee
Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.
Mr. Huxley, Mr. E. Parnell,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. Heaton,
Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Eckford, Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sutter, Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Mccumber, Mr. Treee,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Field, Mr. Hurley (Hartley),
Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. W. H. Sutter,
Mr. Copeland, Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bawden,

Tellers.
Mr. E. McElhone, Mr. Bennett

Nees, 23.
Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Burns,
Mr. Parnell, Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. T. B. Smith,
Sir John Robertson, Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Simesa,
Mr. Eckford, Mr. Bawman,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Copeland, Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Day,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bawman,
Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Treee,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hurley (Hartley),
Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. H. Sutter.

Original Estimate (£2,125) agreed to.
On motion of Mr. Parnell, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
1877-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.)

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1878.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

(Harbours and Rivers Navigation.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £98,408, to defray cost of Public Works—Harbours and Rivers, for the year 1878. (Mr. Sutherland.) Motion made (Mr. McIlhonne) and Question put,—That item £3,000, for deepening and improving the Yanko Cutting from the Murrumbidgee, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Day, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Copeland, Tellers.

Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. McKelhone.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Parnell, Mr. F. S. Suttor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Leary, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Turin, Mr. Tecco, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Sinton, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Leckey, Mr. Harris, Mr. Omerco, Mr. Clache, Mr. Charles, Mr. Kelford, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Heyen, Mr. Rocheby, Mr. W. Davis, Mr. O’Connor, Mr. Rocheby, Tellers.

Mr. C. T. T. O’Brien, Mr. Kinkora, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lynch, Mr. T. B. Suttor, Mr. P. R. Smith, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tecco, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sinton, Mr. Davies, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Leckey, Mr. Harris, Mr. Omerco, Mr. Clache, Mr. Charles, Mr. Kelford, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Heyen, Mr. O’Connor, Mr. Heyen, Tellers.

Mr. W. O. Browne, Mr. McElhone.

And the item £1,000, for Public Wharf at Forster’s, Cape Hawke, having been omitted, on motion of Mr. Sutherland,—Estimate as reduced (£97,408), agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH, 1878.

No. 2.

SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.

(Public Works and Buildings.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £255,142, to defray cost of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1878. (Mr. Sutherland.) Motion made (Mr. Sutherland) and Question put,—That item £1,700, for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at Moss Vale, be omitted.

Committee
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cohen, Mr. Barnell, Mr. Sutherland, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. Watson, Mr. Hangerford, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Cameron, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Lynch, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. McEhime, Mr. Hoekins, Mr. Wimseyer, Mr. Boyen, Mr. W. C. Brownes, Mr. Day.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Burns, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Harris, Mr. Roosby, Mr. O’Connor, Mr. Dungar, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Terry, Mr. Benneth, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Jacob, Tellers.

Item omitted.

No. 3. (Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £5,000, towards the erection of Reformatory for Boys, South Head, further sum, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Boyers, Tellers.

Mr. O’Connor, Mr. McEhime.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Farren, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Burns, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Harris, Mr. Roosby, Mr. O’Connor, Sir John Robertson, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Watson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Terry, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Day, Mr. Simon, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Cameron.

No. 4. (Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron).—That item £750, for providing and fixing roofing tiles on temporary buildings at Callan Park, be omitted.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Roseby, Mr. Harris, Mr. Clarke, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Watson, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Copeland, Tellers.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Farren, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Burns, Sir John Robertson, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Lowry, Mr. McElhone, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Day, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Charles.

Estimate, as reduced (£255,442), agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 7.
WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES)

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1878.

No. 1.
SUPPLY—GENERAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.
(Roads and Bridges.)
Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,712,771, to
defray charges for Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1878.
(Mr. Cohen.)
Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £1,000, for kerbing and guttering
certain portions of Main Western Road within Municipal limits, be omitted.
Committee divided.
Ayes, 14.
Mr. Long,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Danger,
Mr. T. K. Smith,
Mr. Dilkos,
Mr. Bowmen,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Butler (Harley),
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McCulloch.

Noes, 26.
Mr. Farrall,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Horro,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. W. H. Suter,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Tattersall,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Elder,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hocking,
Mr. Greenwood,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Horro,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Hungerford.

No. 2.
(Same Estimate.)
Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £300, for main Street through
town of Dungog, be omitted.
Committee
Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hurley (Hartley),
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Thompson,

Tellers.

Mr. Bowman,
Mr. MeElhone.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Farell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. H. Satter,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Danger,
Mr. Eulford,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. W. C. Brown,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Clarke,

Mr. Windeyer,
Sir Henry Parke,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Perkins,
Mr. Pitcher,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Beyers,

Tellers.

Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

Original Estimate, (£512,771), agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
No. 8.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(Extracted from the Minutes.)

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1878.

No. 1.

Supply—General Estimates for 1878.
(Artillery Force—Postponed Item.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £728, for Allowance in lieu of Quarters, 1 Colonel, 1 Lieutenant, and 27 married men, for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. Cameron) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by £727.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. MeElhone,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Farrel, Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. Peere,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Rickford,
Mr. Bums, Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintos, Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Windyer,
Mr. Charles, Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Leary, Mr. McCulloch,
Captain Osmow, Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Haynes,
Mr. Greiville, Mr. Day,
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Glace, Mr. O'Conner,
Mr. Filcher, Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. H. E. Brown, Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Harris, Tellers,
Mr. Rossby, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Dillon,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Moore.

Item (£728) agreed to.

No. 2.
Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £20,755, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1878. (Mr. Parnell.)

Motion made (Mr. Windeyer) and Question put,—That item £500, salary of Chief Officer, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Boyes,
Mr. McCallum,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Thompson,
Sir John Robertson,
Tellers.
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 30.
Mr. Parnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Ochon,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Haskins,
Mr. W. C. Brown,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Wisdom,
Tellers.
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. O'Connor.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

On motion of Mr. Parnell, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH, 1878.

Original Estimate (£20,755) agreed to.

No. 3.

Supply—General Estimates for 1878.
(Railways—General Establishment—Postponed Estimate.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,275, to defray salaries and contingencies of General Establishment—Railways, for the year 1878. (Mr. Sutherland.)

Motion made (Mr. J. Davies), and Question put,—That item £1,000, salary of Commissioner, be reduced by £200.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.
Tellers.
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. J. Davies.

Noes, 33.
Mr. Parnell,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. Roseby,
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Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bakers,
Mr. Haskins,
Mr. W. C. Brown,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Charles,
Tellers.
Mr. Deecon,
Mr. O'Connor.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

FRIDAY,
FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, 1878.

District Court Judges Salaries and Retiring Allowances.

(Resolution)

Mr. R. B. Smith moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a Bill to be introduced by the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to increase the Salaries of the several District Court Judges to an annual sum of £1,500; and also that provision be made for retiring allowances to each Judge.

And the Resolution having been amended, on motion of Mr. Leary, by the omission of the words “during the present Session of Parliament,”—

Motion made (Mr. Terry),—That the figures "£1,500" be omitted, with a view to insert "£1,000."

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Dillon, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Gray.

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith, Dr. Bowker.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Earnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Leary, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harbour, Mr. Macintosh.

Mr. Copeland, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Teece, Mr. W. C. Brown, Tellers.

Mr. B. Smith, Mr. It. B. Smith, Mr. Shee, Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harbour, Mr. Macintosh.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

Figures (£1,000) inserted.

And the Resolution having been further amended, as indicated, on motion of Mr. Terry,—

Resolution, as amended, negatived.

Chairman left the Chair.
Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Webb, Mr. Boyers, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Tony, Tellers.

Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Greenwood.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.
Sir John Robertson, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Baker, Mr. Webb, Mr. Long, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Charles, Mr. J. Davie, Mr. Luckey, Captain Oswald, Mr. Dilloe, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Town, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Crosswood.

Noes, 21.
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Leary, Mr. Barret, Mr. Madintosh, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Day, Mr. Barnet, Mr. Shepheard, Mr. Harris, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McKibone, Mr. Cameron, Tellers.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

THURSDAY,
THURSDAY, 4 APRIL, 1878.

No. 2.

ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

(New Clauses.)

Mr. Stephen Brown moved,—That the following new Clause stand Clause 5 of the Bill, viz.:—

Before any candidate is proposed at any such nomination it shall be necessary for him or some one on his behalf to deposit in the hands of the Returning Officer at such election the sum of fifty pounds to be dealt with as hereunder provided and no person who shall not have been so nominated or by or for whom or on whose behalf such payment shall not have been so made shall be or be deemed to be a candidate at any election for the purposes of this or the said Act.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Lackey,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Winderey,
Mr. Eckford,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Baxter (Harley),
Mr. Dillon,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. O'Connell,
Mr. Winderey,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Clarke,

Tellers.

Mr. Bayes,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Long,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Welch,
Mr. Lynah,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

Clause negatived.

No. 3.

(Same Bill.)

Sir John Robertson moved,—That the following new Clause stand Clause 5 of the Bill, viz.:—

Notwithstanding any provision otherwise in the Electoral Act of 1858 the trial of election petitions shall be conducted as follows:—

Every election petition shall be tried before a Judge of the Supreme Court in Sydney and shall except where such petition raises a question of law for the determination of the Court as hereinafter mentioned be so tried by such Judge sitting in open Court without a jury.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Winderey,
Mr. Eckford,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Cameron.

Tellers.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
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Mr. W. H. Sutton,
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Mr. Lynah,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
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Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Long,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Welch,
Mr. Lynah,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bayes.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Long,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Welch,
Mr. Lynah,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bayes.

Clause negatived.

No. 4.

(Same Bill.)

Mr. McElhone moved,—That the following new Clause stand Clause 5 of the Bill, viz.:—

No person shall be entitled to vote for a Member of Parliament under this Act who shall hold an office of profit or emolument under the Crown.

Question put.
Committee divided.

Ayes,
Clause negatived.

No. 5.

(Same Bill.)

Mr. Cameron moved,—That the following new Clause stand Clause 5 of the Bill, viz.:

That in the event of the death or resignation of any of the present Members for the Gold Fields Electorates or upon the expiry of the present Parliament by dissolution or effluxion of time no fresh election shall take place for the above Electoral Districts.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Clause negatived.

Noes, 25.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

FRIDAY, 5 APRIL, 1878.

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 14. The following regulations with respect to travelling sheep shall apply and be in force in such sheep districts as the Governor may at any time declare by notice in the Gazette:—

(1) Every owner intending to travel three hundred or more sheep from any run shall before leaving the Sheep District in which such run is situated obtain from the Inspector of the District a statement in writing of the number description brands and marks of the said sheep and of their intended route and destination and shall obtain from the Inspector a permit containing the particulars set forth in the Second Schedule hereto to travel the said sheep as hereinafter provided to their destination by the route specified in such permit. And every owner introducing sheep from any of the adjoining Colonies shall in like manner obtain a permit to travel as aforesaid from the Inspector for the District into which such sheep shall first pass on crossing the Border. If at any time within six months four months from the date of the arrival of any sheep at a destination to which they shall have travelled under a permit previously granted as aforesaid he intends to remove any of the said sheep from such destination to any other their owner shall obtain from the Inspector for the District in which such sheep shall then be a renewed permit for every second or subsequent removal for which the owner shall pay to the said Inspector a travelling charge at the rate of three-pence per one hundred sheep per mile for the distance between the two destinations.

(2) If any travelling sheep be brought back to the run from which they started to travel or to any run in the same District the owner of such sheep shall pay to the Inspector for such District the travelling charges fixed by the next preceding regulation for the whole distance such sheep shall have travelled from the time they started as aforesaid until they were brought back to either of such runs. Provided that this sub-section shall not apply to fat sheep sent bond fide to and returning unsold from market.
(4.) All moneys received by Inspectors for travelling charges or otherwise under these regulations or for penalties shall be paid into the “Sheep Account” at the Treasury and shall be used for the purposes of this and the Principal Act. (Read.)

And the Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (Mr. Danger) and Question put,—That the blank in line 13 be filled with the words “four months.”

Committee divided. 


Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Beyers.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Harris, Mr. W. C. Brown.
Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Danger, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Barbour, Tellers.
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Terry, Mr. Murphy.
Mr. Leary, Mr. O’Connor.
Mr. Terry, Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Eckford, Mr. McCallieh.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 7.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 17. Whenever a drover intends to take his travelling stock along any road which may intersect or form the boundary of any run containing not less than two hundred acres and not separated from such road by a sufficient fence he shall give the occupier of such run not less than twelve nor more than forty-eight hours notice of such intention by leaving the same at the homestead or head station of such run. Provided always that such notice shall not be necessary within thirty miles of the sea-coast nor in the case of horses or cattle when bona fide used for saddle or “draught” nor in that of fat sheep nor fat cattle travelling to a specified market for sale nor in that of sheep while being carried in a conveyance nor while travelling in the Coast Scab District. (Read.)

And the Clause having been amended as indicated,—

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That after the word “draught,” in line 7, there be inserted the words “nor in that of fat sheep nor fat cattle travelling to a specified market for sale.”

Committee divided.


Mr. Parnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Danger, Mr. Burns.
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. E:view, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. W. H. Sutter, Tellers.
Mr. Leary, Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Terry, Mr. Payy, Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Terry, Mr. McCallieh.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

No. 8.

(Same Bill.)

Clause 20. No carcasses of travelling stock shall be left more than twelve hours undestroyed on or within half a mile of any road. (Read.)

Question put,—That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill. Committee divided.

Ayes, 18. Noes, 8.

Mr. Farnell, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lackey, Mr. McCallieh.
Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Danger, Mr. Parnell, Mr. W. H. Sutter.
Mr. Danger, Mr. Eaton, Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Rousey, Mr. Terry.

Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Charles, Mr. Harris.
Mr. Coonan, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McCulloch.

Clause, as read, agreed to.

No. 9.

(Same B.H.)

Clause 22. Every person offending against any of the provisions of this Act or of any regulations made thereunder shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred twenty-five pounds provided that any person offending against section 18 of this Act on conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds. (Read.)

And the Clause having been amended, as indicated,—

Motion made (Mr. Danger) and Question put,—That the blank in line 3 be filled with the word “fifty.”

Committee
Committee divided.

**No. 10.**

(Some Clause.)

Motion made (Mr. O'Connor) and Question put,—That the blank be filled with the word "ten."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

- Mr. Parnell
- Mr. H. H. Brown
- Mr. Fitzpatrick
- Mr. Burns
- Sir John Robertson
- Mr. Tece
- Mr. Nesseny
- Mr. W. C. Browne
- Mr. Charles

Noes, 14.

- Mr. Leary
- Mr. McCulloch
- Mr. W. H. Sutton
- Mr. Harris
- Mr. Terry
- Mr. Coonan
- Mr. O'Connor
- Mr. Barbour
- Tellers:
  - Mr. McCulloch
  - Mr. Beyer

Mr. Danger,

Mr. Day.

Noes, 20.

- Mr. J. Davies
- Mr. Farrell
- Mr. Leary
- Mr. McCulloch
- Mr. W. H. Sutton
- Mr. Harris
- Mr. Terry
- Mr. Coonan
- Mr. O'Connor
- Mr. Barbour
- Tellers:
  - Mr. McCulloch
  - Mr. Beyer

Mr. Danger,

Mr. Day.

Ayes, 7.

- Mr. Murphy
- Mr. Coonan
- Mr. McKiehnon
- Mr. Terry
- Mr. Eckford
- Tellers:
  - Mr. Barbour
  - Mr. Bennett

Noes, 10.

- Mr. Leary
- Mr. McCulloch
- Mr. Barbour
- Mr. Leary
- Mr. Ketch
- Mr. Terry
- Mr. Murphy

And the Clause having been further amended, as indicated,—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Danger the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with Amendments.

**No. 12.**

**MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT.**

(Resolution.)

Mr. Charles moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum sufficient to make provision for an annuity or pension for the widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 6 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

- Sir John Robertson
- Mr. O'Connor
- Mr. Maclintoch
- Mr. Burns
- Mr. W. C. Browne
- Mr. Fitzpatrick
- Mr. Barbour
- Mr. Eckford
- Mr. Charles

Noes, 7.

- Mr. Farrell
- Mr. Leary
- Mr. Coonan
- Mr. Cameron
- Mr. Leary
- Mr. Murphy
- Mr. Coonan
- Tellers:
  - Mr. O'Connor

Mr. Danger,

Mr. Day.

And the Division Lists showing that there was not a Quorum present,—

Chairman left the Chair to report accordingly.
And the Committee having resumed,—

(Same Resolution.)

Question again put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Echford,
Tellers.

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

Noes, 5.

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Boyars,
Tellers.

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. McCulloch.

And the Division, Lists showing that there was not a Quorum present,—Chairman left the Chair, to report accordingly.
THURSDAY, 11 APRIL, 1878.

No. 1.

ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

(Schedules.)

SCHEDULE B.

(Districts returning Two extra Members.)

"Balranald.
Canterbury.
The Clarence.
The Gwydir.
The Hastings.
The Hume.

The Lachlan.
Liverpool Plains.
The Murrumbidgee.
Northumberland.
Sydney East.
Tenterfield.

Motion made (Mr. R. B. Smith), and Question put,—That after "Balranald" the words "The Hastings" be inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Hurley (Harley),
Mr. Davar, Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Clarke, Mr. Beyers,
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Lynuth,
Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Edtford,
Mr. Thompson, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Charles,
Mr. O'connor, Tellers,
Mr. Terry, Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Harbou, Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Winkler, Tellers.
Mr. Teec.

Words inserted.

Noes, 16.
Mr. Parnell, Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cohen, Mr. Greville,
Mr. Leary, Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burns, Tellers,
Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Day,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Day.

No. 2.
No. 2.

(Same Schedule.)

Motion made (Sir John Robertson), and Question put,—That after “Balranald” the word “Mudgee” be inserted.

Committee divided.
Ayes, 21.
Mr. Parnell, Mr. MeElhone, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. W. H. Brown, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Greville, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Barron, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Terry, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor.
Noes, 23.
Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Terry, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Barron, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. T. R. Smith.

No. 3.

(Same Schedule.)

Motion made (Mr. R. B. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Dillon), and Question put,—That after “Balranald” the word “Tenterfield” be inserted.

Committee divided.
Ayes, 21.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor.
Noes, 19.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor.

No. 4.

(Same Schedule.)

Motion made (Mr. Danger), and Question put,—That after “Balranald” the words “The Hume” be inserted.

Committee divided.
Ayes, 22.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Danger, Mr. McCulloch.
Noes, 19.
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Danger, Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Lynch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Charles, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Danger, Mr. McCulloch.

No. 5.

(Same Schedule.)

Motion made (Mr. Day), and Question put,—That after “Balranald” the words “The Hume” be inserted.

Committee divided.
Ayes,
Ayes, 22.
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Beresford,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Macintoshe,
Mr. McElhomen,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Day.

Noes, 22.
Mr. Farewell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lennon,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Groville,
Mr. O'Connor.

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the Ayes.

Words inserted.

No. 6.

Motion made (Mr. Wisdom), and Question put,—That after "Bairnald" the word "Northumberland" be inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Long,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Danger,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Wyndham,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Macintoshe,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Day.

Noes, 20.
Mr. Farewell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lennon,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Groville,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. O'Connor.

Word inserted.
Schedule B, as amended, agreed to.

No. 7.

SCHEDULE C.
(Districts returning One extra Member.)

Argyle. St. Leonards.
Carcoar. Sydney West.
Eden. Wellington.
Monaro. The Grampians.
Mudgee. The Hasting.
The Murray. The Illawarra.
New England. The Upper Hunter.
Orange. Tenterfield.

Motion made (Sir John Robertson), and Question put,—That after "The Globe" the word "Argyle" be inserted.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Danger,
Mr. B. B. Smith,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lynn,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Macintoshe,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Greenwood.

Noes, 23.
Mr. Farewell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Moles,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lennon,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Day,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Murphy.

Word inserted.

No. 8.

(Same Schedule.)
Motion made (Sir John Robertson), and Question put,—That after "The Globe" the word "Carcoar" be inserted.
Committee
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Eckford, Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Danger,
Mr. Bennett, Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Evening, Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Byers, Teller.
Mr. Davies, Teller.
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Danger,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Evening,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Terry,

Word inserted.

And the Schedule having been further amended as indicated,—

Schedule C, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with Amendments.
WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1878.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

(New Steam Launch.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,541 13s. 11d. to defray the supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1874."

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £1,501 12s. 11d., New Steam Launch, further sum, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McIllholt.

Noes, 28.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. E. Satten,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Baneby,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Warley,
Mr. Hanley (Narellan),
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hoakion,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Terry,

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Tece,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. J. Davies,

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. 0. Browne,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. E. Satten,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Baneby,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Warley,
Mr. Hanley (Narellan),
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hoakion,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Terry,

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Tece,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. J. Davies,

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McIlhonn.

No. 2.

(Same Item.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by £1,500.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Noes, 26.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Charles,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Warley,
Mr. W. H. Suffer,
Mr. Subicland,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Tece,

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Beyers,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Lynch,

Tellers.

Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. McIlhonn.

Original Estimate (£1,541 13s. 11d.) agreed to.
No. 3.

(Australian Riflemen at Philadelphia.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £8,344 14s. 9d., to defray the supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1876."

Motion made (Mr. MeElhone) and Question put,—That item £1,000, to make good the sum advanced to the New South Wales Rifle Association by Mr. H. C. Dangar, to meet the expense of sending Riflemen to Philadelphia, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Long, Mr. Watson, Mr. MeElhone, Mr. Terry, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Ooran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Baker,

Mr. J. Davies, Teller.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Farnell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Leary, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Macdonnel, Mr. W. G. Browne, Teller.

Mr. Dangar, Mr. MeElhone, Mr. Terry, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Ooran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Baker,

Mr. J. Davies, Teller.

No. 4.

(Same Item.)

Motion made (Mr. MeElhone) and Question put,—That the item be reduced by £999.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Dangar, Mr. Bennet, Mr. MeElhone, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Macdonnel, Mr. Dangar, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Baker,

Teller.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Farnell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Leary, Mr. N. H. Suttor, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. O'Connor, Teller.

Mr. Dangar, Mr. MeElhone, Mr. Terry, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Ooran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Baker,

Mr. J. Davies, Teller.

Original Estimate (£8,344 14s. 9d.) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Farnell the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
No. 12.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES)

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1878.

No. 1.

SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

(Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £14,247 16s. 8d.,
to defray the supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1877—Colonial Secretary."

(Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £150, in aid of the Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, on condition of an equal amount being raised by
private contributions, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Aye; 4.
Mr. O'Connor, Mr. McEllione, Tellers.
Mr. O'Connor, Mr. McEllione.

Noes, 52.
Mr. Frere, Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Burns, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cohen,* Mr. Lynch,
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Doyle,
Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Murphy,
Sir John Robertson, Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Leshcy, Mr. Baker,
Mr. Rickford, Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Leary, Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Tierney,
Mr. Charles, Mr. F. S. Suttor,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Coglchain,
Mr. Tice, Tellers.
Mr. T. R. Smith, Teller.
Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Day,
Mr. Danger, Mr. W. Davies.

Original Estimate (£14,247 16s. 8d.) agreed to.

No. 2.

(Government Printer.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £9,021 19s. 11d.,
to defray the supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1877—Treasurer and
Secretary for Finances and Trade." (Mr. Cohen.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put,—That item £155, compensation to Mr. Charles
Potter and Mr. Chapman for acting as Government Printer and Superintendent respectively,
during the absence on leave of Mr. Richards, be omitted.

Committee
Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Day,  
Mr. Bennett.

Noes, 29.
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. Leckey,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. J. Davies,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. John Robertson,  
Mr. R. H. Smith,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Relford,  
Mr. Greenwood,  
Mr. W. H. Sutor,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Morrison,  
Mr. O'Connor,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers.
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Coonan.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Original Estimate (£9,024 19s. 11d.) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 1878.

No. 3.
SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.
(Messrs. R. & A. Landale v. Thomas Rose.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,870 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head “Services of 1877—Secretary for Lands.” (Mr. Farrall.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone), and Question put,—That item £330 10s., costs incurred by Messrs. R. & A. Landale in ejectment suit v. Thomas Rose, be omitted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.
Mr. Bennet,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. McElhone,  
Mr. Shepherd,  
Tellers.
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Roseby.

Noes, 21.
Mr. Farrell,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Burns,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. S. Davies,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Hangerford,  
Mr. W. H. Sutor,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. F. B. Sutter,  
Mr. Hurley (McElhone),  
Mr. Leary,  
Mr. Charles,  
Mr. J. Davies,  
Mr. R. B. Smith,  
Mr. Hungerford,  
Mr. Charles,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Mr. W. H. Sutor,  
Tellers.
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Coonan.

Item £330 10s., by leave, withdrawn.
Estimate as reduced (£5,540 0s. 6d.) agreed to.

No. 4.
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878.
(Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £11,445, to defray additional charge under the head “Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces” for the year 1878. (Mr. Fitzpatrick.)

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Motion made (Mr. McElhone), and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £295.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Greenwood,  
Mr. O'Connor,  
Mr. Shepherd,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Greville,  
Tellers.
Mr. Roseby,  
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 24.
Mr. Burns,  
Mr. Farrell,  
Mr. Cohen,  
Sir John Robertson,  
Mr. S. Davies,  
Mr. Leckey,  
Mr. Macintosh,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. R. B. Smith,  
Tellers.
Mr. Hungerford,  
Mr. T. R. Smith,  
Mr. W. H. Sutor,  
Mr. F. B. Sutter,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Bowman.

No. 5.
No. 5.

(Same Estimate.)

Motion made (Mr. McElhone) and Question put.—That the Estimate be reduced by £175.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Roshey, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Web, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ovens.

Tellers.

Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. Greville.

Nos., 22.

Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. W. H. Sutton, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Charles, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Bowan, Mr. Terry, Mr. Copeland.

Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Roshey, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Web, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ovens.

Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. Greville.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1878.

No. 6.

RAILWAY FROM SYDNEY TO JERVIS BAY.

(Resolution.)

Mr. Gray moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Districts of Illawarra, Kiana, and Shoalhaven, having regard to their agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay.

2. That the Government should proceed with all reasonable energy to the construction of such work.

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

Mr. Windeyer moved,—That the Chairman leave the Chair.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 27 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

On motion of Sir John Robertson, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again, and also to report that the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter had crossed the Chamber, and, in a threatening manner and with clenched fist, assailed the Honorable Member for Illawarra.

And the Committee having resumed,—

Question put,—That the Chairman leave the Chair.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. R. Suttor, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Burns, Mr. Loery, Mr. Terry, Mr. Tees.

Tellers.

Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Murphy, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Lynch, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Loery, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Tees.

Nos., 15.

Mr. Loery, Sir John Robertson, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Charles.

Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Tees, Mr. Davies, Mr. Tees, Mr. Tees, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Charles.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. W. H. Sutton, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. R. Suttor, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Burns, Mr. Loery, Mr. Terry, Mr. Tees.

The Chairman left the Chair.
San Francisco Mail Service.

Resolution.

Mr. Burns moved,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That this House approves of the agreement for the modification of the Contract for the Pacific Mail Service made between the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, subject to the approval of Parliament, viz.—That the route be to and from Sydney and San Francisco, and Auckland and Honolulu; the annual subsidy to be reduced from £80,950 to £72,500, of which amount £40,000 shall be paid by New South Wales and £32,500 by New Zealand, but provided that the cost of the New Zealand Coastal Service shall be borne by that Colony alone.

Mr. Greenwood moved,—That the following words be added to the Resolution, viz., “and that the Contract shall not be in force longer than until the 15th November, 1881.”

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Lucas,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hoskins,
Tellers,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Greenwood.

Noes, 36.
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. F. B. Smith,
Mr. Farrell,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Zerr,
Mr. W. H. Sutton,
Mr. E. S. Sutton,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Moee,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Bemsett,
Mr. Beckford,
Mr. O'Connell,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Simson,
Mr. Acton (Blackett),
Mr. Watson.

Resolution, as read, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Resolution.

Additional Estimates for 1878.

(Police Magistrate, Quirindi.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £950, to defray additional charge under the head “Petty Sessions,” for the year 1878. (Mr. Leary.)
Motion made (Mr. McEllton), and Question put,—That item £300, Quirindi—Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, visiting Murrurundi, at £300 per annum, be omitted.

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Mr. Farnell, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Greville, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, Tellers.

Mr. W. H. Satter, Mr. Hartley (Hartley), Mr. Levy, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. O'Connor, Tellers.

Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry.

Mr. Webb, Mr. Lynch, Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. E. B. Satter, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry.

Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Hartley (Hartley), Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry.

Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Hartley (Hartley), Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry.

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No. 3.

(Museum.)

Question proposed,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £200, to meet the expense of opening the Museum on Sundays, for the year 1878.

Motion made (Mr. Macintosh), and Question put,—That the Estimate be reduced by £199.

Committee divided.

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No. 4.

(Same Estimate.)

Original Question put.

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Original Estimate (£302) agreed to.

No. 5.

(Free Public Library.)

Question put,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £302, to meet the expense of opening the Free Library on Sundays, for the year 1878.

Committee divided.

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Original Estimate (£302) agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Chairman left the Chair, to report progress and ask leave to sit again, and also to report certain Resolutions.

Sydney : Thomas Richards, Government Printer.—1878
No. 14.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

(Extracted from the Minutes.)

Tuesday, 7 May, 1878.

No. 1.

Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett.

(Resolution further considered.)

Question again put,—That the Committee agree to the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to make provision for an annuity or pension for the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Sutor, Mr. Charles, Sir John Robertson, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Teller: Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parnell, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Leary, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Boysen, Mr. Urquhart (Hartley), Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. Davies, Teller: Mr. Wineleyer, Mr. Burley (Novella).

On motion of Mr. Charles, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Resolution.

Thursday, 9 May, 1878.

Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Bill.

Clause 1. This Act shall commence and take effect on the Commencement-day of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and may be cited as the "Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act of 1878," and from and after the passing hereof the Legislative Council and Members thereof respectively shall hold enjoy and exercise such and the like privileges immunities and powers as and the privileges immunities and powers of the said Council and Assembly respectively and of the Committees and Members thereof respectively are hereby defined to be the same as at the time of the passing of this Act are held enjoyed and exercised by the Commons House of Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland and by the Committees and Members thereof whether such privileges immunities or powers are so held possessed or enjoyed by custom statute or otherwise. (Read.)

And
And the Clause having been amended, in lines 1 and 2, as indicated—

Motion made (Mr. Dillon), and Question put,—That the following words be added to the Clause, viz.,—"and from and after the passing hereof the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales respectively and the Committees and Members thereof respectively shall hold enjoy and exercise such and the like privileges immunities and powers as and the privileges immunities and powers of the said Council and Assembly respectively and of the Committees and Members thereof respectively are hereby defined to be the same as at the time of the passing of this Act are held enjoyed and exercised by the Commons House of Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland and by the Committees and Members thereof whether such privileges immunities or powers are so held possessed or enjoyed by custom statute or otherwise."

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Greville, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Long, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harris, Mr. Bokford, Mr. Jacob, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Boyns, Mr. Harley (Harley), Mr. Terry, Mr. Henry Parkes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Simson, Mr. Hovkins, Mr. Windsor, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Lucas, Tellers.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Farrell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. J. F. Waters, Mr. Leary, Mr. W. H. Sutter, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Charles, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Day, Tellers.

Mr. Boyers, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Terra, Mr. Dillon.

Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Roseby, Mr. McHillogy, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hayden.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Farrell, the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill with Amendments.
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<td>The Very Reverend William Gillett and the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, of Sydney, Clerks in Holy Orders, and Thomas Cooper Makineon, of Gladstone, near Sydney, gentleman</td>
<td>Three</td>
<td>Mr. Farnell</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett, the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, and Thomas Cooper Makineon, trustees of about three acres of land, and the residence thereon, situate at the Globe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.</td>
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<td>Nov. 29</td>
<td>Certain Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of West Maitland and its vicinity</td>
<td>Eighty</td>
<td>Mr. Cohen</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the request of the Petitioners, that persons may be allowed to drive cattle intended for sale, slaughter, or shipment, through or into the towns of West Maitland and East Maitland between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., in addition to the hours prescribed by the Cattle Driving Act.</td>
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<td>Certain Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of East Maitland and its vicinity</td>
<td>One hundred and twenty</td>
<td>Mr. Cohen</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Nov. 30</td>
<td>Certain Residents on the Botany Road</td>
<td>Seventy-seven</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Complaining of the nuisance arising from the depositing of nightsoil in the vicinity of the Botany Road, and praying relief.</td>
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<td>Dec. 1, a.m.</td>
<td>The Chairman and Directors of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited)</td>
<td>Eight</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain streets and thoroughfares in the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes.</td>
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Legislative Assembly Offices, Sydney, 30 November, 1877.

P. W. WEBB, Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
1877-8:

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**

No. 2.

**WEEKLY ABSTRACT**

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<td>Three hundred and ninety</td>
<td>Mr. Barbour</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands.</td>
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<td>Certain Inhabitants of Jerilla and the surrounding District</td>
<td>One hundred and fifty</td>
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<td>Certain Inhabitants of Eugowra</td>
<td>Eighty-four</td>
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<td>Certain Inhabitants of Darlington Point, near Hay</td>
<td>Seventy</td>
<td>Mr. Coonan</td>
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<td>Certain Inhabitants of the County of Ashburnham</td>
<td>Two hundred and eighty</td>
<td>Mr. McEllHONE</td>
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<td>Certain Residents of the Hunter River and Northwestern Districts</td>
<td>Seven hundred and seventy</td>
<td>Mr. Cohen</td>
<td>In favour of the construction of a Railway to connect Mudgee with the Great Northern Line at Mudgee.</td>
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<td>Certain Free Selectors resident in the neighbourhood of Walbundri, Pine Range, and surrounding District</td>
<td>Eighty-two</td>
<td>Mr. Day</td>
<td>Praying that in any measure which may be brought forward for the amendment of the Land Law, certain suggested provisions may be embodied.</td>
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F. W. WEBB, Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
### No. 3.

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<td>Dec. 11</td>
<td>William Pitt Wilshire</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Alleging that a conspiracy exists to dispossess him of his property; and praying relief, and that he may be heard in person or by counsel at the Bar of the House.</td>
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<td>Captain of the Free Selectors</td>
<td>Three hundred and forty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Terry</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands.</td>
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F. W. WEBB, Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
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<td>Certain Members of a Committee appointed at a Public Meeting held at Vegetable Creek, Electoral District of Tenterfield</td>
<td>Twelve</td>
<td>Mr. Dillon</td>
<td>For the purpose of forming a Mining Association, praying that the Mining Act may be amended in the manner suggested by the Petitioners.</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Certain Ratepayers of the Municipal Council of Glen Innes</td>
<td>One hundred and twenty-five</td>
<td>Mr. Dillon</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the reasons urged by Petitioners for curtailing the boundaries of the Municipality of Glen Innes.</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Certain Freeholders and Residents in George-street, Sydney</td>
<td>Forty-four</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>In opposition to the construction of a Tramway in any part of George-street.</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Certain Residents of Manilla, Baraba, Gwydir, and Inverell Districts</td>
<td>Five hundred and ten</td>
<td>Mr. Bennett</td>
<td>In favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth via Manilla and Baraba, to Inverell.</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Certain Conditional Purchasers residing at Kuyips and vicinity, near Muswellbrook</td>
<td>Fifty-one</td>
<td>Mr. McElhiney</td>
<td>Representing that in consequence of losses sustained during the present drought they are unable to meet the interest due on the balance of their purchase money; and praying relief.</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>The Borough Council of Wagga Wagga</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Loary</td>
<td>Praying the House to extend such a supervision of any new Municipal Bill as shall ensure provision being made for a comprehensive system of Public Water Supply in and for all Corporate Towns throughout the Colony.</td>
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<td>Jan. 23</td>
<td>Certain Residents of the town of Puckes and Billabong Gold Fields</td>
<td>Two hundred and fifty-three</td>
<td>Mr. Bayers</td>
<td>Suggesting that provision should be made for the equipment of prospecting parties to test the waste sands of the Colony for auriferous deposits, and praying the House to consider the matter.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Mrs. Mary Miller</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. H. Sutton</td>
<td>Representing that her late husband Albert James Miller was accidentally killed while employed as a Railway Guard, and that she cannot, unaided, maintain her family of six children; and praying relief.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Certain Farmers and Settlers residing in the District of The Hawkesbury</td>
<td>Eighty</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Representing that they are great sufferers by vast numbers of flying foxes infesting their orchards and destroying the result of their industry; and praying relief.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Certain Free Selectors, Larree Lake, near Molong</td>
<td>Seventy-three</td>
<td>Mr. Shepherd</td>
<td>Praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country lands until the present Land Law can be dealt with.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The Honorable George Wigram Allen, Knight, of Strathmore, Glebe Point, and George Foster Wise, of the City of Sydney, gentleman</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Winsdor</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in York-st., in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales, granted for a site for a hall or building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society, to sell and dispose of the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Certain inhabitants of Hay</td>
<td>Twenty-four</td>
<td>Mr. Terry</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country lands.</td>
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<td>Certain inhabitants of Moulmein and surrounding district</td>
<td>One hundred and ten</td>
<td>Mr. Barbour</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 5.

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<td>Jan. 29</td>
<td>Certain Free Selectors of the Colony</td>
<td>One hundred and twenty-three</td>
<td>Mr. Day</td>
<td>Praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country Lands until a Bill for the amendment of the present Land Law can be dealt with.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Thomas Cox, of Riley-street, Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Representing the circumstances under which he was deprived of his lease of certain mineral land near Mitchell's Creek; and praying the House to appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the case, with a view to affording him relief.</td>
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<td>Feb. 1</td>
<td>Certain Shareholders in the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company (Limited)</td>
<td>Twenty</td>
<td>Mr. Coonan</td>
<td>Praying the House to take into consideration the circumstances under which the Petitioners have been deprived of their leasehold rights to a certain mineral selection at Milburn Creek; and to grant such relief as may be deemed advisable.</td>
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Sydney, 1 February, 1878.

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<td>Feb. 6</td>
<td>The Chairman and Directors of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company</td>
<td>Five</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to make preferential three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unsubstituted shares of five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>George Fullerton, M.D., and James Fullerton, LL.D.</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Clarke</td>
<td>In favour of closing Public-houses on Sundays.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>M. Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Working Men’s Defence Association</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Objecting to further expenditure for the purposes of Immigration; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>James Adam, M.A., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. J. Davies</td>
<td>Praying that certain amendments may be made in the Publicans Licensing Act.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Landowners and others of Sydney and Suburbs</td>
<td>Four hundred and eighty</td>
<td>Mr. Greenwood</td>
<td>Praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into the working of the Real Property Act, and that Petitioners have leave to appear in person or by Counsel before such Committee.</td>
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Legislative Assembly Offices, Sydney, 8 February, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**No. 7.**

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<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>Andrew McDougall, of Singleton</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. O. Browne</td>
<td>Alleging that in the year 1822 he was promised by the Governor a grant of land, and that he obtained only half the quantity of land promised; and praying the House to inquire into the matter, with a view to relief.</td>
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<td>n. 12</td>
<td>Frederick Beer, M.D.</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Hurley, (Hartley)</td>
<td>Praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House, in reference to Beer's Disabilities Bill.</td>
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<td>n. 13</td>
<td>The Officers and Council of the New South Wales Political Reform League</td>
<td>Three</td>
<td>Mr. Guigue</td>
<td>Protest against the placing of the sum of £76,000 on the Estimates for 1878, for the purpose of Immigration.</td>
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<td>n. 13</td>
<td>The Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Cameron</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>n. 14</td>
<td>Certain Free Selectors</td>
<td>One hundred and forty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Johnston</td>
<td>Praying that steps may be taken for abolishing auction sales of country lands.</td>
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<td>n. 15</td>
<td>The Borough Council of Armidale</td>
<td>Nine</td>
<td>Mr. Terry</td>
<td>Praying that provision may be made for a comprehensive system of water supply for all corporate towns in the Colony.</td>
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<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>Oyster-dredgers and Residents of the Clarence River Fishing District</td>
<td>Two hundred and nineteen</td>
<td>Mr. Bowden</td>
<td>Complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster; and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Thomas Johnston and others, Residents of Moruya</td>
<td>Two hundred and sixty</td>
<td>Mr. Clarke</td>
<td>Respecting the case of the Rev. J. Graham Love, now a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, praying for an investigation into the case.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>James Simons and John Simons</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Greville</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the persons beneficially entitled to certain land under the codicil to the will of William Simons, deceased, to sell the said land and to distribute the proceeds of sale thereof.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The Two-mile Creek Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association</td>
<td>Three</td>
<td>Mr. Shepherd</td>
<td>Praying that Auction Sales of land may be abolished, and that all Reserves may be withdrawn from Issue.</td>
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<td>The Burrawang Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association</td>
<td>Three</td>
<td>Mr. Shepherd, on behalf of Mr. Cooman</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Residents of Braidwood and others</td>
<td>Three hundred and forty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Baker</td>
<td>Respecting the case of the Rev. J. Graham Love, now a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, praying for an investigation into the case.</td>
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<td>1873</td>
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<td>Stating that, in the year 1866, they were arrested and tried on a charge of providing sustenance to Thomas Clarke, an outlaw,—and honorably acquitted; and also that after their acquittal they were instrumental in the apprehension of the said Thomas Clarke; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to justice being done to them for the suffering they endured, and the services they rendered to the Crown.</td>
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<td>Feb. 26</td>
<td>Patrick Griffin and Michael Griffin, of Gersmer, near Braidwood</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Greville</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>M. Guest, Chairman of the Working Men's Defence Association</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Praying the House to eliminate from the Appropriation Act the item seventy-five thousand pounds for Immigration.</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>The Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Waverley</td>
<td>Nine</td>
<td>Mr. Lucas</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>The Municipal Council of the Borough of Woolloom</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Sutherland</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>1878.</td>
<td>Richard Sadleir, R.N.</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. McCulloch</td>
<td>Alleging that the system of forming and repairing Minor Roads is unsatisfactory, and praying that these Roads may be included in Municipalities.</td>
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<td>Mar. 5</td>
<td>Richard Sadleir, R.N.</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. McCulloch</td>
<td>In reference to the Game Protection Bill; and praying that precautionary measures may be adopted to prevent the introduction into the Colony of destructive birds and animals.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>The Municipal District Council of Hay</td>
<td>Six</td>
<td>Mr. Simson</td>
<td>Praying that provision may be made for a comprehensive system of Water Supply for all corporate Towns in the Colony.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Alfred Newman, auctioneer, Hill End</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. F. B. Suttor</td>
<td>Praying for an amendment of the Auctioneers Licensing Act.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Waverley</td>
<td>Two hundred and thirty-six</td>
<td>Sir Henry Parkes</td>
<td>Praying the House to pass the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Patrick Ryan, of Mousehole Creek, Molong</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Coonan</td>
<td>Alleging that he conditionally purchased and improved certain portions of land at Mousehole Creek, of which land he was deprived by the Government; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.</td>
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<td>Residents of the Shoalhaven Fishery District</td>
<td>Thirty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Bosby</td>
<td>Complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster, and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 12</td>
<td>Maria Charlotte Plunkett, Widow of the late Honourable John Hubert Plunkett</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Charles</td>
<td>Stating that she is in a destitute condition, and praying the House to take her case into consideration.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Newtown</td>
<td>Nine hundred and fifty</td>
<td>Mr. Stephen Brown</td>
<td>Praying the House to pass the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill.</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 12</td>
<td>Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of The Glebe</td>
<td>Seven</td>
<td>Mr. Driver, on behalf of the Hon. Member for The Glebe.</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 14</td>
<td>H. M. Joseph, on behalf of Electors of the Murrumbidgee Electorate</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Murphy</td>
<td>Praying for increased representation in Parliament.</td>
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<td>Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Paddington</td>
<td>Nine</td>
<td>Mr. Sotherland</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 15</td>
<td>Inhabitants of suburban District of Leichhardt</td>
<td>One hundred and seventy-four</td>
<td>Sir Henry Parkes</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 15</td>
<td>Inhabitants of suburban District of Redfern</td>
<td>Eight hundred and twenty-seven</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>1878. Mar. 15</td>
<td>George Mac, Chairman of Public Meeting of Electors of the Murrumbidgee</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Leary</td>
<td>Praying that, in the Electoral Act Amendment Bill now before the House, provision may be made for the division of the Murrumbidgee Electorate and for an additional Member.</td>
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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<td>Francis O'Marra</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Cameron</td>
<td>Stating that he served for many years in the Police Force of the Colony, and rendered valuable services to the Government; that he is now old and in destitute circumstances; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.</td>
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<td>Farmers, Free Selectors, and others in the District of Mudgee</td>
<td>Six hundred and twenty</td>
<td>Sir John Robertson</td>
<td>Praying for the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.</td>
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<td>J. B. Oliffe, junr., President of the Licensed Victuallers Association of Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Stuart</td>
<td>Praying the House not to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of the Borough of Paddington</td>
<td>Four hundred and seventy-five</td>
<td>Mr. Stuart</td>
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<td>Residents of Camden Haven</td>
<td>Thirty</td>
<td>Mr. B. Smith</td>
<td>Complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster; and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of the Borough of Balmain</td>
<td>Two hundred and fifty-seven</td>
<td>Mr. Cameron</td>
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<td>Freeholders and Householders in the City of Sydney</td>
<td>One thousand eight hundred and fifty three</td>
<td>Mr. E. Farrell</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Leichhardt</td>
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<td>Mr. Driver</td>
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<td>Citizens of Sydney</td>
<td>Nine hundred and four</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>'Praying the House to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.</td>
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<td>Members of St. Barnabas' Church, Parramatta-street</td>
<td>One hundred and three</td>
<td>Mr. Hungerford</td>
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<td>Mar. 20</td>
<td>Residents of Pyrmont</td>
<td>Seven hundred and sixty-one</td>
<td>Mr. Harris</td>
<td>Praying the House to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.</td>
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<td>Minister, Members, and others of Baptist Church, Bourke-street</td>
<td>Fifty-six</td>
<td>Mr. Cameron</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Officers and Students of H. M. Ship “Sapphire”</td>
<td>Twelve</td>
<td>Mr. Dillon</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Resident Chaplain and Students of Camden College</td>
<td>Eleven</td>
<td>Mr. Jacob</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>W. Swanson, Mayor of Inverell</td>
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<td>Mar. 22</td>
<td>E. W. Rudder</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. R. B. Smith</td>
<td>Alleging that he had a part in the discovery of Gold in this Colony, and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.</td>
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<td>Employees of Atlas Iron Works, Pyrmont</td>
<td>Fifty-seven</td>
<td>Mr. Hurley (Hanley)</td>
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<td>Officers and Members of the Life-boat Lodge, Good Templars</td>
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<td>Mr. McElhone</td>
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<td>Thomas Baird, Chairman of a Public Meeting, Dubbo...</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Coonan</td>
<td>(In favour of the maintenance of Reserves, and against the stopping of Sales by Auction of Crown Lands; and praying the House to take the subject into favourable consideration.</td>
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 13.

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<td>Miners, Labourers, and others, lately employed at Goodrich</td>
<td>Nineteen .............</td>
<td>Mr. Coonan</td>
<td>Praying for an amendment of the Insolvency Laws.</td>
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<td>Ministers and Lay Representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church</td>
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<td>Mr. Roseby</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of the Borough of Alexandria</td>
<td>Two hundred and seventy ..........</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
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<td>Residents of the Hunter River and North-western Districts</td>
<td>Five hundred and seventy-seven ..........</td>
<td>Mr. McElhone</td>
<td>Praying for a Railway to connect Mudgee with the Great Northern Line at Muswellbrook.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of the Borough of Petersham</td>
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<td>Mr. Taylor</td>
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<td>Three thousand one hundred and eighteen</td>
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<td>S. D. Gordon, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held on 1st April, 1878</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Praying the House to re-consider and rescind certain Resolutions in reference to opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, agreed to by the House on 26th March, 1878.</td>
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<td>2. Working Men's Defence Association, of Sydney</td>
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<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Praying that the hours for voting at Elections for Members for the Legislative Assembly may be increased.</td>
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<td>Hugh Hill, of Pitt-street, Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Hopkins</td>
<td>Alleging that he has acquired, under the Mining Act, an interest in a portion of the land mentioned in the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.</td>
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<td>John W. Hardwick, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Ryebank</td>
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<td>Mr. Hurley (Hurstleigh)</td>
<td>In favour of the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Woodburn and surrounding Districts, Richmond River</td>
<td>Two hundred and sixty-four</td>
<td>Mr. Draper, on behalf of Mr. Rawden</td>
<td>Praying that the Electorate of The Clarence may be divided, and the Richmond and Tweed constituted a separate Electorate.</td>
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<td>Clergyman of the Church of England, in the City and Suburbs of Sydney</td>
<td>Twenty-three</td>
<td>Mr. Stuart</td>
<td>Praying the House to re-consider the vote recently passed recommending the opening of the Free Public Library and the Museum on the Lord's Day.</td>
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<td>The Inhabitants of the Borough of Waverton</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Borough of Camperdown</td>
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<td>Mr. Driver, on behalf of Sir Henry Parkes</td>
<td>Praying the House to pass the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill.</td>
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<td>The President and Vice-President of the Dubbo District Freeholders Association</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. W. Coonan</td>
<td>Praying the House to cause the stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>George Evans, of Kangaloola, in the District of Goulburn</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. Davies</td>
<td>Alleging that he took up, as a conditional purchase, a portion of land at Kangaloola, of which land he has been dispossessed by the Government; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.</td>
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<td>George Fullerton, M.D., and James Fullerton, LL.D.</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Clarke</td>
<td>Praying the House to adopt measures for preventing the opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.</td>
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<td>April 16 ...</td>
<td>Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs</td>
<td>Four thousand four hundred and fifty-two</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Praying the House to reconsider, and rescind, the Resolution recently passed for the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of the Town of Orange</td>
<td>One hundred and twenty-three</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Parramatta</td>
<td>Sixty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Similar prayer.</td>
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<td>Residents in Hamilton and its neighbourhood</td>
<td>Forty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Hungerford</td>
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<td>Residents in the City of Newcastle and its neighbourhood</td>
<td>Fifty-nine</td>
<td>Dr. Bowker</td>
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<td>Members and Adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newcastle</td>
<td>Thirty-nine</td>
<td>Dr. Bowker</td>
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<td>A. White, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Rydalmore and surrounding District</td>
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<td>The Congregation assembled at the Congregational Church, Burwood</td>
<td>Fifty-one</td>
<td>Mr. Lucas</td>
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<td>Richard Thomas Hill, Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales</td>
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<td>William Chamberlain, of the City of Hamilton</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>In reference to certain land in Pitt-street, Sydney, alleged to have been promised by the Government to his Grandfather, and praying the House to inquire into the matter.</td>
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<td>Certain Residents of Arundel and surrounding Districts</td>
<td>One hundred and forty-four</td>
<td>Mr. Terry</td>
<td>Praying the House to reconsider and rescind the Resolution recently passed for the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.</td>
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<td>Certain Residents in Goulburn and its neighbourhood</td>
<td>Forty-six</td>
<td>Mr. W. Davies</td>
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<td>Certain Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales</td>
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<td>Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Sir Henry Parkes</td>
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<td>Certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wollongong</td>
<td>One hundred and twelve</td>
<td>Mr. Shepherd</td>
<td>Praying that certain Amendments may be made in the Publicans Licensing Act.</td>
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<td>Certain Residents of Lismore</td>
<td>Seventy-three</td>
<td>Mr. Hanley (Hartley)</td>
<td>Praying the House to investigate the circumstances connected with the cancellation of Mr. Patrick Gorman's pre-lease.</td>
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<td>May 14</td>
<td>Certain Conditional Purchasers of unimproved Crown Lands</td>
<td>One hundred and nineteen</td>
<td>Mr. Day</td>
<td>In reference to an appeal case from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to the Privy Council, between Robertson Brothers, appellants, and George Day, the younger, respondent, praying the House to take such steps as will enable the respondent to be represented before the Privy Council.</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Moss Vale and surrounding Districts</td>
<td>One hundred and eighty-seven</td>
<td>Sir John Robertson</td>
<td>In favour of the construction of a Branch Railway from Moss Vale to Harris.</td>
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<td>Timothy Foley, of Narrandera</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Windeyer</td>
<td>Respecting his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into his case.</td>
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<td>William Pitt Wilshire</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Alleging that a conspiracy exists to dispossession of his property; and praying relief, and that he may be heard in person or by counsel at the Bar of the House.</td>
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<td>Jan. 22</td>
<td>Certain Conditional Purchasers residing at Kayuga and vicinity, near Muswellbrook</td>
<td>Fifty-one</td>
<td>Mr. McElhone</td>
<td>Representing that in consequence of losses sustained during the present drought they are unable to meet the interest due on the balance of their purchase money; and praying relief.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Mary Miller</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. H. Sutter</td>
<td>Representing that her late husband Albert James Miller was accidentally killed while employed as a Railway Guard, and that she cannot, unassisted, maintain her family of six children; and praying relief.</td>
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<td>Certain Farmers and Settlers residing in the District of the Hawkesbury</td>
<td>Eighty</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Representing that they are great sufferers by vast numbers of flying foxes infesting their orchards and destroying the result of their industry; and praying relief.</td>
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<td>Thomas Cox, of Riley street, Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Representing the circumstances under which he was deprived of his lease of certain mineral land near Mitchell's Creek; and praying the House to appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the case, with a view to affording him relief.</td>
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<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>Andrew McDougall, of Singleton</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. C. Brown</td>
<td>Alleging that in the year 1822 he was promised by the Governor a grant of land, and that he obtained only half the quantity of land promised; and praying the House to inquire into the matter, with a view to relief.</td>
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<td>Patrick Griffin and Michael Griffin, of Oranmore, near Bradwood</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Greville</td>
<td>Stating that, in the year 1866, they were arrested and tried on a charge of providing sustenance to Thomas Clarke, an outlaw, and honorably acquitted; and also that after their acquittal they were instrumental in the apprehension of the said Thomas Clarke; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to justice being done for them for the suffering they endured, and the services they rendered to the Crown.</td>
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<td>Patrick Ryan, of Mousehole Creek, Molong</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. O'connor</td>
<td>Alleging that he conditionally purchased and improved certain portions of land at Mousehole Creek, of which land he was deprived by the Government; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief...</td>
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<td>Maria Charlotte Plunkett, Widow of the late Honorable John Hubert Plunkett,</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Charles</td>
<td>Stating that she is in a destitute condition, and praying the House to take her case into consideration...</td>
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<td>Francis O'Moore</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Cameron</td>
<td>Stating that he served for many years in the Police Force of this Colony, and rendered valuable services to the Government; that he is now old and in destitute circumstances; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration...</td>
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<td>George Evans, of Kangarooloo, in the District of Goulburn</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. W. Davies</td>
<td>Alleging that he took up, as a conditional purchase, a portion of land at Kangarooloo, of which land he has been dispossessed by the Government; and praying the House to take his case into consideration...</td>
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<td>M. Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Working Men's Defence Association</td>
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<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Objecting to further expenditure for the purposes of Immigration; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration...</td>
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<td>The Officers and Council of the New South Wales Political Reform League</td>
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<td>Mr. Greville</td>
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<td>Certain Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of West Maitland and its vicinity</td>
<td>Eighty</td>
<td>Mr. Cohen</td>
<td>Praying the House to consider the request of the Petitioners, that persons may be allowed to drive cattle intended for sale, slaughter, or shipment, through or into the towns of West Maitland and East Maitland between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., in addition to the hours prescribed by the Cattle Driving Act...</td>
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<td>Certain Residents on the Botany Road</td>
<td>Seventy-seven</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>Complaining of the nuisance arising from the depositing of nightsoil in the vicinity of the Botany Road, and praying relief...</td>
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<td>Certain Members of a Committee appointed at a Public Meeting held at Vegetable Creek, Electoral District of Tenterfield</td>
<td>Twelve</td>
<td>Mr. Dillon</td>
<td>For the purpose of forming a Mining Association, praying that the Mining Act may be amended in the manner suggested by the Petitioners...</td>
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<td>Certain Ratepayers of the Municipal Council of Glen Innes</td>
<td>One hundred and twenty-five</td>
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<td>The Borough Council of Wagga Wagga</td>
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<td>Mr. Lawry</td>
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<td>Mr. Boyers</td>
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<td>Certain Residents of the town of Parkes and Billabong Gold Fields</td>
<td>Twenty</td>
<td>Mr. Coogan</td>
<td>Praying the House to take into consideration the circumstances under which the Petitioners have been deprived of their leasehold rights to a certain mineral selection at Milburn Creek; and to grant such relief as may be deemed advisable.</td>
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<td>Certain Shareholders in the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company (Limited)</td>
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<td>Mr. Clarke</td>
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<td>George Fullerton, M.D. and James Fullerton, LL.D.</td>
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<td>Praying that certain amendments may be made in the Publicans Licensing Act.</td>
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<td>James Adam, M.A., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church</td>
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<td>Landowners and others of Sydney and Suburbs</td>
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<td>Mr. Greenwood</td>
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<td>Frederick Beer, M.D.</td>
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<td>The Borough Council of Armidale</td>
<td>Nine</td>
<td>Mr. Terry</td>
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<td>Richard Sadlier, R.N.</td>
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<td>Mr. McCulloch</td>
<td>Allowing that the system of forming and repairing Minor Roads is unsatisfactory, and praying that these Roads may be included in Municipalities.</td>
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<td>Richard Sadlier, R.N.</td>
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<td>The Municipal District Council of Hay</td>
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<td>Mr. Simson</td>
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<td>Alfred Newman, auctioneer, Hill End</td>
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<td>Mr. F. B. Suttor</td>
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<td>K. W. Rodder</td>
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<td>Mr. R. B. Smith</td>
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<td>Miners, labourers, and others, lately employed at Goodrich</td>
<td>Nineteen</td>
<td>Mr. Coogan</td>
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<td>Working Men's Defence Association of Sydney</td>
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<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
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<td>William Chamberlain, of Hobart Town, in the Colony of Tasmania, Master Mariner</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
<td>In reference to certain land in Pitt-street, Sydney, alleged to have been promised by the Government to his Grandfather, and praying the House to inquire into the matter.</td>
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<td>Mayors, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Sir Henry Parkes</td>
<td>Praying the House to so amend the Stock Sale Yards Bill as to confer upon Petitioners the privileges intended to be granted to them by the Stock Sale Yards Act of 1870.</td>
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### OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS.

**April 2.** S. D. Gordon, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held on 1st April, 1878...

- S. D. Gordon

**May 14.** Certain Conditional Purchasers of improved Crown Lands...

- Mr. Day

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**ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.**

- Praying that certain Amendments may be made in the Publican Licensing Act.
- Praying the House to investigate the circumstances connected with the cancellation of Mr. Patrick Gorman's pre-lease.
- In reference to an appeal case from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to the Privy Council, between Robertson Brothers, appellants, and George Day, the younger, respondent, praying the House to take such steps as will enable the respondent to be represented before the Privy Council.
- Respecting his dismissal from the Police Force, and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into his case.
- Praying the House to reconsider and rescind certain Resolutions in reference to opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, agreed to by the House on 26th March, 1878.
- Praying the House to re-consider the vote recently passed recommending the opening of the Free Public Library and the Museum on the Lord's Day.
- Praying the House to adopt measures for preventing the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.
- Similar prayer. (Printed.)
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<td>Certain Residents in Goulburn and its neighbourhood</td>
<td>Forty-six</td>
<td>Mr. W. Davies</td>
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<td>Certain Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales</td>
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<td>Oyster-dredgers and Resident of Shoalhaven Fishery District</td>
<td>Two hundred and nineteen</td>
<td>Mr. Bawden</td>
<td>Complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.</td>
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<td>Mar. 12</td>
<td>Residents of the Shoalhaven Fishery District</td>
<td>Thirty-nine</td>
<td>Mr. Roseby</td>
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<td>Apr. 26</td>
<td>Residents of Camden Haven</td>
<td>Thirty</td>
<td>Mr. R. B. Smith</td>
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<td>The Very Reverend William Gillett, and the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, of Sydney, Clerks in Holy Orders, and Thomas Cooper Makinson, of Gladesville, near Sydney, gentlemen</td>
<td>Three</td>
<td>Mr. Parnell</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett, the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, and Thomas Cooper Makinson, trustees of about three acres of land, and the residents therein, situates at the Globe, near Sydney, and known as Lyndhurst, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.</td>
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<td>Dec. 1 a.m.</td>
<td>The Chairman and Directors of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited)</td>
<td>Eight</td>
<td>Mr. Driver</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) to construct and maintain tramways in and along certain streets and thoroughfares in the city and suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes.</td>
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<td>Arthur Edward Selwyn (Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle), Edward Parnell, Henry Hayes Cotton, Frederick Ash, and Charles Frederick Stokes, all of Newcastle, in the Colony of New South Wales</td>
<td>Five</td>
<td>Mr. Stuart</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church, Newcastle, to dispose of the coal in the Glebe land.</td>
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<td>The Honorable George Wigram Allen, Knight, of Strathmore, Glebe, Point, and George Foster Wise, of the City of Sydney, gentlemen</td>
<td>Two</td>
<td>Mr. Wincleyer</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situated in York-street, in the City of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, granted for a site for a Hall or building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society, to sell and dispose of the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.</td>
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<td>James Simons and John Simons</td>
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<td>Mr. Greville</td>
<td>Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the persons beneficially entitled to certain land under the codicil to the will of William Simons, deceased, to sell the said land and to distribute the proceeds of sale thereof.</td>
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<td>Six</td>
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<td>Seven hundred and seventy</td>
<td>Mr. Cohen</td>
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<td>Mr. Bennett</td>
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<td>Mr. Hurley (Hartley)</td>
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<td>Inhabitants of Moss Vale and surrounding Districts</td>
<td>One hundred and eighty-seven</td>
<td>Sir John Robertson</td>
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<td>Mr. Stuart</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>Nine hundred and four</td>
<td>Mr. Macintosh</td>
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<td>Mr. Hangerford</td>
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Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Angus Fraser, William Wilkendorff Fraser, Charles Campbell, Colin Ross, Peter M'Gregor, and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one, in the town of Inverell, in the Colony of New South Wales, held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Not printed.

Allleging that he has acquired under the Mining Act, an interest in a portion of the land mentioned in the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.

In favour of the construction of a Railway to connect Mudgee with the Great Northern Line at Muswellbrook.

In favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth, via Manilla and Barraba, to Inverell.

Praying for the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.

Printed.

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Praying for a Railway to connect Mudgee with the Great Northern Line at Muswellbrook.

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Praying for the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Berrima.

Not printed.

Praying the House not to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.

Praying the House to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.

Printed.

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1878. Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill.—contd

May 20... Residents of Pyrmont. | Seven hundred and sixty-one | Mr. Harris | Praying the House not to pass the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill... | Printed.
20... Minister, Members, and others of Baptist Church, Bourke-street. | Fifty-six | Mr. Cameron | Similar prayer... | Not printed.
20... Officers and Seamen of H. M. Ship “Sapphire”... | Twelve | Mr. Dilles | Similar prayer... | Printed.
20... Resident Chaplain and Students of Camden College. | Eleven | Mr. Jacob | Similar prayer... | Printed.
20... Ministers and Members of Presbyterian Church, Palmer-street. | Twenty-nine | Mr. Lackey | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Residents of Parramatta. | One hundred and eleven | Mr. Taylor | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Residents of Camperdown. | Four hundred and eighteen | Mr. Stephen Brown | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Members of the Congregational Church, Bourke-street. | Forty-five | Mr. Macintosh | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Band of Courage, Presbyterian, Glebe. | One hundred and twenty | Mr. Stephen Brown | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Minister and Members of the Presbyterian Church, Glebe. | Eighteen | Mr. J. Davies | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Gladstone Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars. | Fourteen | Mr. J. Davies | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Residents of Orange. | Two hundred and ninety-two | Mr. Lynch | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Minister and Members of Mission Chapel, Liverpool and Sassa Streets. | Fifty-one | Mr. R. B. Smith | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Office-bearers and Members of Young Men’s Christian Association... | Sixty-seven | Mr. Danger | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Officers and Members of Crystal Spring Lodge of Good Templars... | Thirty-six | Mr. W. C. Browne | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Officers and Members of the Dayspring Lodge of Good Templars... | One hundred and sixteen | Mr. Bennett | Similar prayer... | Printed.
21... Ministers and Members of the Baptist Church, Bourke-street. | Thirty-nine | Mr. R. B. Smith | Similar prayer... | Printed.
22... Employes of Atlas Iron Works, Pyrmont. | Fifty-seven | Mr. Harley (Harley) | Similar prayer... | Printed.
22... Thomas Gainford, Chairman of a Public Temperance Meeting... | One | Mr. J. Davies | Similar prayer... | Printed.
22... Officers and Members of the Life-boat Lodge, Good Templars... | Fifty-nine | Mr. McElhone | Similar prayer... | Printed.
22... Residents of Ashfield... | Fifty | Mr. Greville | Similar prayer... | Printed.
22... Ministers and Lay Representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church... | Seventy-four | Mr. Roseby | Similar prayer... | Printed.

Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill.

Jan. 22... Certain Freeholders and Residents in George-street, Sydney... | Forty-four | Mr. Macintosh | In opposition to the construction of a Tramway in any part of George-street... | Printed.
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Dec. 4 Certain Free Selectors resident in the neighbourhood of Walban- drie, Biny Bunge, and surrounding District................. Mr. Day Eighty-two

11 Certain of the Free Selectors of the Colony.......................... Mr. Terry Three hundred and forty-nine

1878.

Jan. 24 Certain Free Selectors, Larras Lake, near Mo- long.............................................. Mr. Shepherd Seventy-three

Feb. 14 Certain Free Selectors......................................................... Mr. Johnston One hundred and forty-nine

21 The Two-mile Creek Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association......................... Mr. Shepherd Three

21 The Burrawang Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association......................... Mr. Shepherd (on behalf of Mr. Coonan) Three

Mar. 22 Thomas Baird, Chairman of a Public Meet- ing, Dubbo...................... Mr. Coonan One

Apl. 10 The President and Vice-President of the Dubbo District and Freeholders Association......................... Mr. Coonan Two

President, Dubbo District and Freeholders Association

When received. From whom and where presented. Number of signatures. By whom presented. Abstract of prayer. Whether printed.

1877. The Land Law.—cont.

Praying that in any measure which may be brought forward for the amendment of the Land Law, certain suggested provisions may be embodied

Praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands.

Praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country Lands until a Bill for the amendment of the present Land Law can be dealt with

Praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands

Praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country Lands until a Bill for the amendment of the present Land Law can be dealt with

Praying that steps may be taken for abolishing Auction Sales of Land

Praying that Auction Sales of Land may be abolished, and that all Reserves may be withdrawn from lease

In favour of the maintenance of Reserves, and against the stoppage of Sales by Auction of Crown Lands; and praying the House to take the subject into favourable consideration

Praying the House to prevent the stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands

Printed.

Legislative Assembly Offices, Sydney, 21 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

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**Legislative Assembly Office, Sydney, 21 May, 1878.**

**STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.**
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Passed and assented to | 43 |
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Legislative Assembly Office, Sydney, 21 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
1877-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ALPHABETICAL REGISTERS
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Sydney, 21 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
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STEPHEN W. JONES,
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STEPHEN W. JONES, Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTION PETITION.—TURNER v. HUNGERFORD—NORTHUMBERLAND.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE
OF
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS;
TOGETHER WITH THE
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
31 January, 1878.

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ELECTION PETITION—TURNER v. HUNGERFORD—NORTHUMBERLAND.

VOTES No. 3. THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1877.

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

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

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

"Alexander Stuart, Esquire,
"William Henry Suttor, Esquire,
"James Watson, Esquire,
"being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications referred to in the said Act, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

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

"G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
"Speaker."

VOTES No. 8. TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1877.

1. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

(1.) Maturity of Warrant Reported:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 30 November, 1877, a.m., 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 Henry Emanuel Cohen, Michael Fitzpatrick, Joseph Leary, Alexander Stuart, and James Watson, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

VOTES No. 10. THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1877.

2. ELECTION PETITION (Northumberland):—Sir John Robertson, by Command, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from William Turner, of Wallsend, Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Thomas Hungerford as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the Return of the said Thomas Hungerford may be declared null and void, and that he (Petitioner) may be declared duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District.

Ordered, on motion of Sir John Robertson, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing George Day, Esquire, Henry Moses, Esquire, Charles Edward Filcher, Esquire, and Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:

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

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint George Day, Esquire, Charles Edward Filcher, Esquire, Henry Moses, Esquire, Robert Burdett Smith, 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, in the room of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, Joseph Lorry, Esquire, and William Henry Suttor, Esquire, whose Seats in the said Assembly were declared vacant on the eighteenth day of December last, by reason of their acceptance of the offices of Colonial Secretary, Colonial Treasurer, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, and Secretary for Mines, respectively.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN, Speaker."

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

(1) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Captain Onslow, R.N., resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, which letter he read to the House, as follows:

"Legislative Assembly, January 22, 1878.

"Sir,

"I beg to resign my Seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"ARTHUR ONSLOW."

(2) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing John Lackey, 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 Honourable 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 Lackey, 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 Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N., resigned.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN, Speaker."

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

(1) Maturity of Warrants Reported:

Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrants appointing five Members to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill vacancies in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1878, not having been disapproved of the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to such Members 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:

George Day, John Lackey, and Henry Moses Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

(3) First Meeting of the Committee:

Pursuant to the requirement of the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee to take place at eleven o'clock a.m., on Thursday next, the 31st of January, in Committee Room No. 2.

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VOTES No. 12. TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1878.

VOTES No. 16. TUESDAY 29 JANUARY, 1878.
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:

1. Turner v. Hungerford: Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications relative to the Petition of William Turner, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, which was referred to the said Committee on the 13th December, 1877.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 29th November, 1877, to whom was referred, on the 13th December, 1877, a Petition from William Turner, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, have agreed to the following Report:

That the Petitioner, William Turner, Esquire, having withdrawn his opposition to the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, your Committee determine and report that the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for such Electoral District.

Your Committee award to the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, the sum of £10 10s. for costs and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the said Petition, and which is to be paid to him by the said William Turner, Esquire.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Adjournment of the Committee: Mr. Lackey moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn sine die, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

Committee of Elections and Qualifications: Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Ordered to be printed.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTION PETITION.
(TURNER v. HUNGERFORD—NORTHUMBERLAND.)

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 29th November, 1877,—to whom was referred, on the 13th December, 1877, a Petition from William Turner, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, have agreed to the following Report:

That the Petitioner, William Turner, Esquire, having withdrawn his opposition to the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, your Committee determine and report that the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for such Electoral District.

Your Committee award to the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, the sum of £10 10s. for costs and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the said Petition, and which is to be paid to him by the said William Turner, Esquire.

No. 2 Committee Room,
31st January, 1878.

JOHN LACKEY,
Chairman.
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

In the matter of the Petition addressed to His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, G.C.M.G., Governor, by William Turner, Esquire, alleging that, for the reasons therein stated, the Election and Return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as Member for Northumberland, is null and void, and praying that he, the Petitioner, may be declared duly elected.

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1878.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Day, Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Moses, Mr. Watson.

In attendance,—

The Acting Second Clerk Assistant.

1. On motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Lackey was elected Chairman.

2. The Clerk, by direction of the Chairman, read the Extracts from the Votes and Proceedings referring to the appointment of the Committee. [Vide Extracts, pages 3, 4.]

3. The Clerk also, by direction of the Chairman, read the Extract from the Votes and Proceedings referring the Petition of William Turner, Esquire, to the Committee. [Vide Extract, page 3.]

4. The Clerk then, by direction of the Chairman, read the Petition of William Turner, Esquire, as follows:—

"To His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of the "Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the Colony "of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c."

"The humble Petition of William Turner, of Wallsend, Northumberland, in the Colony of New "South Wales, Esquire, —

"That at the last General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the "said Colony, Thomas Hungerford and your Petitioner were severally Candidates to be elected a "Member of the said Assembly, for the Electoral District of Northumberland. "That at the Nomination for the said Election, each of them, the said Thomas Hungerford "and your Petitioner, were duly nominated and proposed as such Member, and the Returning "Officer then called for a show of hands separately in favour of each Candidate, and upon the same "taking place, declared the show of hands to be in favour of your Petitioner, whereupon a Poll "was demanded on behalf of the said Thomas Hungerford, which was afterwards taken. "That before and at the time of the said nomination, and from thence hitherto, your Petitioner "was and is a person duly qualified by law to be elected a Member of the said Legislative Assembly. "That the Returning Officer, on the day of the declaration of the Poll for the said Electoral "District, declared the numbers of votes polled for the respective Candidates to be as follows:— "For the said Thomas Hungerford, one thousand five hundred and seventy-seven; for your "Petitioner, one thousand five hundred and thirty-one; and thereupon declared the said Thomas "Hungerford to be duly elected as Member of the said Assembly for the said Electoral District, "and the said Returning Officer afterwards endorsed on the Writ for the said Election the name of "the said Thomas Hungerford as the person so elected, and returned the said Writ to your "Excellency. "That the said Thomas Hungerford, by agents authorized to act for him, committed acts of "bribery and corruption within the meaning of "The Electoral Act of 1858" during the said "Election, both before and during the hours of polling, by treating large numbers of the electors at "divers places within the said Electoral District, and by supplying considerable numbers of the "electors with meat and drink whilst at the said Election at diverse polling-places and townships "within the said Electoral District where the Polls respectively were being held and whilst "coming to and going from such election, and by giving dinners to considerable numbers of the "electors at divers places within the said Electoral District with a view of influencing their votes, "and by holding out to certain electors of the said Electoral District promises of profit to them- "selves in order to influence their votes. "That one of the Polling Booths at a place for voting was not opened in due time to allow of "voting thereat, to wit, not until ten o'clock in the forenoon. "That at one of the Polling-places, to wit, at Mimi aforesaid, a certain person, to wit, one "John Brown, was allowed to go into and remain, and did in fact go into and remain in the Polling "Booth and the compartments where the respective electors were voting, and by a voting paper "with the name of your Petitioner struck through suggesting to the respective voters to strike out "the name of your Petitioner. That the said John Brown was allowed to remain in and did in "fact remain in the said Booth during the scrutiny of the votes at such Polling-place.

"That
"That your Petitioner, pursuant to the Electoral Act of 1858, has caused the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid into the Bank of New South Wales to the credit of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in relation to this Petition, and the Bank deposit receipt for such payment is hereto annexed.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the said return of the said Thomas Hungerford, as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, for the said Electoral District, may be declared null and void, for the reasons aforesaid, and that it may be declared and determined that the said Thomas Hungerford, for the reasons aforesaid, was not lawfully elected, and is not such Member of the said Assembly, for the said Electoral District, and that it may be declared and determined that your Petitioner was duly elected at the said Election to serve and be a Member of the said Assembly, for the said Electoral District, and is entitled to take his Seat accordingly in the said Assembly as such Member, and that such further order and determination may be made in the premises as shall be just.

Your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Sydney, the fourth day of December, A.D. 1877.

In the matter of the Petition against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as one of the Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

Received from William Turner, Esquire, an elector of Northumberland, the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, to the credit of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in relation to his Petition against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, and in pursuance of the 77th section of the Act 22 Victoria No. 20.

S. NASMITH,
£100 stg.
Pro Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney.”

5. (1) The Clerk submitted a letter from the Honorable the Speaker, enclosing a certified copy of a letter he had received from Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, informing him of his intention to defend his seat, which he read, as follows:

"Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th December, 1877.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—
Gentlemen,—
I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter which has been received by me from Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, sitting Member for Northumberland, giving notice of his intention to defend his return, against which a Petition is now under your consideration.
I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.”

Received, 27 Decr./77.—G.W.A.

Sir,
I beg to inform you that it is my intention to defend the seat I occupy as Member for Northumberland, against the Petition of Mr. William Turner.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
The Honorable the Speaker.
A true copy.—G.W.A., 27 Decr./77.”

(2) The Clerk also submitted a letter from the Honorable the Speaker, enclosing a certified copy of a letter he had received from William Turner, Esquire, withdrawing the Petition presented by him against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, which he read as follows:

"Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1878.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—
Gentlemen,—
I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter received by me yesterday, from William Turner, Esquire, withdrawing the Petition presented by him against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.”

Received, 24 Jany./78.—G.W.A.

Sir,
I have the honor respectfully to request that you will permit me to withdraw the Petition lodged by me against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esq., as Member for Northumberland, and that you will be pleased to cause to be returned to me the deposit thereto of £100, the requisitory notice of the withdrawal of the Petition having been forwarded to the said Thomas Hungerford.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,
The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
Yours obediently,
WILLIAM TURNER.
A true copy—G.W.A.

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6. Committee deliberated.
7. Parties called in.
   Present:—Thomas Hungerford, Esq., (the Sitting Member.)
   William Deane, Esq., (Solicitor for the Sitting Member.)
8. Mr. Deane addressed the Committee on the question of costs.
9. Room cleared.
10. Committee deliberated, and Mr. Watson moved,—
    "That the sum of £10 10s. be awarded to Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, the Sitting Member for
    Northumberland, for costs and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the Petition against
    his Election, and that such costs be paid to him by William Turner, Esquire, the Petitioner."
    Question put and passed.
11. Chairman submitted Draft Report, which he read as follows:—
    "That the Petitioner, William Turner, Esquire, having withdrawn his opposition to the return of
    Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland,
    Your Committee determine and report that the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, was
    duly elected as Member for such Electoral District:"
    "Your Committee award to the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, the sum of £10 10s. for costs
    and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the said Petition, and which is to be paid to
    him by the said William Turner, Esquire."
    Question,—That the Draft Report as read be the Report of the Committee,—put and passed.
12. Parties called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.
13. Chairman to report to the House, and to move in the House for leave to adjourn the sittings of the
    Committee sine die.

Committee adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past Three o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Acting Second Clerk Assistant.
CORRESPONDENCE

WITH REFERENCE TO THE

QUESTION OF CONDITIONAL DISSOLUTION,

OR

QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF MINISTERIAL ADVICE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE MINISTERIAL CRISES OF 1877.

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be Printed,
21st February, 1878.

SYDNEY: THOMAS RICHARDS, GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

1878.
RETURN to an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 19th February, 1878, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—

"Copies of any Despatches addressed by His Excellency to the Secretary of State, and of any Despatches received in reply from the Secretary of State, in reference to the question of Conditional Dissolution or qualified acceptance of Ministerial advice, in regard to the Ministerial Crises of "1877."

(Mr. Greenwood.)

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No. 1.

Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., to the Earl of Carnarvon.

New South Wales.

(Confidential.)

My Lord,

Government House, Sydney, 20 August, 1877.

A VERY nice constitutional question has arisen here, upon which I should feel greatly obliged if your Lordship would favour me with your opinion for my future guidance.

2. The normal state of things here is for the Government to be without supply. If whilst in this position a political crisis arises, and Ministers advise a dissolution, the question is whether the Governor is bound to give either an absolute acceptance or an absolute rejection of this advice; or whether he is justified in giving a qualified acceptance, subject to temporary supply being first obtained, if the public interests should appear to him to render such a middle course desirable.

3. It appears to me that, under certain circumstances, this middle course is proper and politic; but as the precedent which I have established in the matter is new, and one on which differences of opinion exist, I feel that it would be advantageous on public grounds, with a view of maintaining or abandoning such a course for the future, if the sufficiency of my reasons were weighed and pronounced on by competent constitutional authority at Home.

4. I have accordingly embodied in a separate paper a full statement of the facts of the case, which I beg to submit for your Lordship's consideration.

I have, &c.,
HERCULES ROBINSON.

Enclosure in No. 1.

(Confidential.)

Qualified acceptance of Ministerial advice.

THE establishment of a new precedent in constitutional practice is a matter of much importance in its bearing upon the future of a young Country. No apology, therefore, can be necessary for discussing, as it is proposed to do in this paper, whether the course which has been followed by the Representative of Her Majesty in this Colony, on the occasions of the last two crises, of giving a qualified acceptance to the advice of Ministers to dissolve, is an exercise of the prerogative of the Crown in union with sound constitutional principles, and with the permanent interests of the Country.

In considering this question, it is necessary to bear in mind the difference which exists between the working of Parliamentary Government in England and in this Colony. Practices and procedures in connection with supply, at variance with the constitutional practice of the Mother Country, have here been repeated until they have become by usage the normal conditions and established precedents of Parliamentary action. For example, the annual Estimates and Appropriation Act are scarcely ever passed here until after the commencement of the year to which they refer. During the early part of almost every year—in some cases as long as for eight or nine months—the Services are carried on from hand to mouth by temporary
monthly Supply Bills, based on the Estimates of the previous year. A crisis has frequently arisen whilst the financial affairs have been in this condition; and the request of the Crown for supply, to assist a dissolution, has been met by obstruction or by refusal. On being so obstructed, Ministers on one occasion did not hesitate to dissolve without supply and to pay the Services without the authority of Parliament, by an arrangement with the Government Bank. These are precedents for which the Parliamentary history of the Mother Country furnishes no parallel since the institution of the system of Government by party.

As illustrating more precisely the Colonial precedents referred to, the circumstances connected with the last four changes of Government may be briefly reviewed. Towards the close of January, 1872, the Martin-Robertson Government, having been defeated upon the Border Duties question, advised His Excellency the Earl of Belmore to dissolve, and the advice was accepted. As usual, the Estimates and Appropriation Act for the year had not been passed, and provision for the Public Service had only been made for January by a temporary Supply Bill for that month. The Government accordingly moved, on the 31st January, the suspension of the Standing Orders, so as to admit of a temporary Supply Bill for two further months being passed through all its stages in one day, with a view to an immediate dissolution, which had been assented to by the Governor. On this, Mr. Piddington moved an amendment to the effect that an Address be presented to the Governor by the Speaker and the House, representing the many inconveniences and dangers to the public interest which would arise from a dissolution of Parliament in the then condition of public affairs. This amendment was carried, on the morning of the 1st February, against the Government, by a majority of 38 to 19. The same day the House was prorogued, before the Speaker had had an opportunity of presenting the Address, and on the 3rd February Parliament was dissolved by Proclamation, no provision having been made for the Public Service. Ministers, however, appear to have been unable to face the inconvenience and distress caused by such an extreme proceeding, and advised the Administrator of the Government to pay the Civil Servants and other employes of the Government the salaries and wages due to them for the months of February and March. To this advice the Administrator assented, and Parliament was called together on the 30th April. In the meantime, however, an overwhelming majority against Ministers had been returned at the General Election, and they resigned a few days before the meeting of Parliament; but the new Assembly, notwithstanding such resignation, passed and placed on record, by a majority of 36 to 11, an emphatic condemnation of the proceedings of the retiring Ministry, including specifically the transaction entered into by them with the Bank for the payment of the Services without the authority of Parliament. Here are precedents for which no parallel can be found in England. The financial year commenced without provision for the service of the year; the assent of the Crown to a dissolution granted, but the necessary supply for such purpose obstructed. Dissolution without supply follows; and the Public Servants are paid without the authority of Parliament.

The next crisis occurred towards the close of November, 1874. The Parkes Government having escaped defeat on the Gardiner question only by the Speaker's casting vote, Ministers thereupon advised a dissolution; and being in possession of supply to the end of the year, they were enabled to meet a new Parliament before the close of January, in time to ask for temporary supply for that month. This dissolution was, therefore, not hampered by any question of supply.

The next crisis occurred in March, 1877. In the early part of that year the Robertson Government had been subjected to successive defeats upon matters of administrative detail, and adverse motions upon other matters of a similar character were before the House. Whilst things were in this state, Mr. Parkes moved, on Tuesday, March 6th, a resolution affirming that the retention by the Government of office after the defeats which it had suffered was unconstitutional, and the resolution was carried by a majority of 3. The wording of the resolution was significant, pointing unmistakably to the retirement of the Ministry, and excluding the alternative of a dissolution. It was obvious, therefore, that if the Ministry disregarded this indication of the feeling of the House and advised dissolution, the question of allowing them to get supply would be a matter for consideration by the Opposition. The Estimates and Appropriation Act for the year were, as usual, in arrear. Provision for the Services of January and February had only been made by temporary Supply
Bills, and provision for March had not been made at all. Mr. Robertson, however, advised a dissolution, and His Excellency the Governor accepted that advice, reserving to himself the right of reconsideration if supply were refused. With this qualified acceptance, Mr. Robertson appears to have been satisfied; and on his Treasurer moving the House into Committee with the view of obtaining two months’ supply to provide for the Public Service during a General Election, an amendment was moved declining to grant supplies to the Government then in office, and this amendment was carried by a majority of 33 to 27. Ministers then tendered their resignations, and Mr. Parkes was entrusted with the formation of a new Administration. Here again are conditions for which no parallel can be found in England. Nearly a fourth of the year had elapsed without any permanent provision for the Services of the year. Ministerial advice to dissolve had been accepted by the Crown, but temporary supply for such purpose was refused by the Assembly.

After four months’ experience of office, Mr. (now Sir Henry) Parkes found that the public business, with the exception of the Estimates, was in much the same condition as he found it, and that he was powerless to carry out any policy of Government. After repeated defeats upon minor issues, a motion was submitted by Mr. Garrett upon the legal interpretation of the 31st clause of the Land Act, which Sir Henry Parkes declared he would consider a vital issue; and this resolution was carried against the Government by a majority of 2. Upon this, Sir Henry Parkes moved the adjournment of the House, with a view of considering the course he would adopt. On Tuesday, 7th August, he stated that the Government had determined to take, if they could get it, the Appropriation Act for the year, and abandoning, if desired, all their other measures, to recommend the Governor immediately to dissolve. On the following day (the 8th August), when the Treasurer moved that the House should resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the question of the San Francisco Mail Service, Sir John Robertson moved, as an amendment, the adjournment of the House. Sir Henry Parkes at once announced that if the amendment were carried, he would treat the vote as equivalent to a refusal of the Appropriation Act. Nevertheless the adjournment was carried against the Government by a majority of 30 to 24. On the following day (9th August) Sir Henry Parkes informed the House that he had waited on the Governor and tendered formal advice to dissolve. He stated that His Excellency had asked him how he proposed to carry on the Public Service pending the meeting of a new Assembly, to which he had replied that he would endeavour to obtain the necessary temporary supply. His Excellency had then inquired how he would act if the necessary supply was refused, to which he had replied that he could only say that in such case he would certainly see His Excellency again. His Excellency thereupon said that he could only give him the same answer as he had given to his predecessor, namely, that he was prepared to accept the advice to dissolve, reserving to himself as well as to Sir Henry Parkes the right of reconsideration if supply were refused. With this reservation Sir Henry Parkes stated that he was not satisfied, and he had accordingly tendered his resignation, which had been accepted provisionally, pending the appointment of his successors. Here again is a state of things for which it would be difficult to find a parallel in the political life of the old Country. The eighth month of the year had been reached, and the Appropriation Act had not been passed. The first seven months of the year had been only partially provided for by seven temporary Supply Bills. The Government, which had got into office in March by refusing supplies for a dissolution to their predecessors, had proved too weak to carry out any policy, and were asking in August for the Appropriation Act to enable them to make the appeal to the Country which they had prevented in the case of their predecessors. Upon this being refused by a similar majority of the Assembly to that which had refused supplies in March, the Premier was advising a dissolution, and refusing to accept anything short of an absolute surrender of the prerogative, he himself being unable to state definitely to the Representative of the Crown what course he would pursue with it under a specified and by no means improbable contingency.

These being the facts which presented themselves on the occasions of the last and of the previous crisis, the question for consideration is, was His Excellency the Governor right or wrong in giving only a qualified assent to the Ministerial advice to dissolve? On the first occasion, in March last, the advice to dissolve having been tendered by Mr. Robertson, it is obvious that His Excellency had only three courses open to him, namely:—(1) Absolute acceptance; (2) absolute rejection; and (3) qualified acceptance. The first course—absolute acceptance—would have involved
the risk of dissolving without supply,—a measure entailing so much inconvenience and distress as to be admissible only as a last resort. His Excellency may well have thought it inexpedient to incur such a risk, in view of the significant phraseology of the resolution which had led to the crisis, and in view too of the precedents established in the previous crisis of February, 1872, when the House obstructed supply after a dissolution had been absolutely assented to by the Governor, and when the Martin-Robertson Government dissolved without supply, paying the Public Servants without the authority of Parliament. It seems only right, in view of these circumstances, for the Governor to have protected himself from any risk of being placed, by any pledge beforehand, in the position of being obliged to dissolve without supply against his own judgment, and of having then no choice but to subject the Public Servants to great and unmerited hardships, or to assent to an irregular mode of paying them which had already been emphatically condemned by Parliament. The second course—absolute rejection—would only have been justifiable if His Excellency had considered that a dissolution was undesirable in the public interest. If, however, as seems probable, he considered that, looking to all the surrounding circumstances—to the equal division of parties and the impracticable character of the House—a dissolution was on the whole desirable, provided supply could be got, and that Mr. Robertson had some claim to a dissolution, nearly two and a quarter years of a triennial Parliament—a Parliament which had been elected under the auspices of his predecessor—having expired, then an absolute rejection of the Ministerial advice could only have been justified by the uncertainty as to whether or not the House would grant supply. To have acted conclusively on such a doubt would have been to assume that the House would disregard all Home precedent and refuse supply. If a dissolution had been refused on this assumption—the correctness of which would not then have been susceptible of proof—Mr. Robertson and his party would, and with some reason, have felt themselves aggrieved, and the result might possibly have been a system of "stone-wall" obstruction, such as had been adopted shortly before in Victoria, under somewhat similar conditions, to the serious detriment of the public interests. The third course—qualified acceptance, reserving the right of re-consideration if supply were refused—appears to have been on the whole the course least open to serious objection; and although it has been followed by a refusal of supply, and by the prolongation of the existence of an impracticable Assembly, it is by no means certain that more serious consequences would not have resulted if His Excellency the Governor had adopted either of the other courses open to him.

In the last crisis, when Sir Henry Parkes tendered advice to dissolve, it is clear that all the considerations which bore on the decision in the previous crisis applied with even greater force to his case. Here was a Government which had succeeded to office by refusing their predecessors supply to enable them to dissolve. Having thus, as it were, grasped the reins of office, they found that they had overrated their ability to guide the House or to carry out any definite policy. Sir Henry Parkes had doubtless himself been misled by the action of the House; but such an erroneous calculation, and such a futile attempt to carry on the Government, constituted no valid claim for special consideration. He asked, too, for an unqualified acceptance of his advice to dissolve, without being able to say how he would act if the House reiterated its refusal to entrust his Government with supply pending an appeal to the Country. In short, in such a contingency—by no means an improbable one—he insisted on being made free beforehand to use the prerogative of the Crown as he might think proper, denying to the Representative of the Crown the right of judging whether the time had or had not arrived for the extreme measure of dissolution without supply. It is not surprising that His Excellency declined to entertain such pretensions, as it must be obvious to every impartial person that if such an extreme step should ultimately prove unavoidable, Sir Henry Parkes's Government was not the one primarily entitled to such a concession.

It has been urged that if Sir John (then Mr.) Robertson had been given an unqualified dissolution in March last, the House would have granted supply and a dissolution might then have taken place. It is of course only natural that those who find they have, by disregarding Home precedent, prejudiced the public interests and made a grave party blunder, should seek to shift the blame on to other shoulders, by finding fault with the manner in which the proposal was submitted to them. Looking, however, to the temper of the House at that time, and to the willingness habitually evidenced here to use supply as a weapon of party warfare—looking too to the significant
phraseology of the resolution which had led to the crisis, and to the precedent of 1872, when a dissolution having been granted without qualification, supply was obstructed—there seems to be no reason for concluding that if on this occasion an unconditional dissolution had been granted the result would have been other than what it was.

Even if it were otherwise, the question remains, would it be proper for the Governor to surrender absolutely the prerogative with the simple object of enabling a Minister to coerce the House into doing what it ought to do without any such pressure? In view of the precedent established in 1872, of dissolving without supply, and of paying the Public Servants in an irregular, round-about manner, without the authority of Parliament,—in view, too, of the fact that the Ministry that adopted this course was presided over by a distinguished lawyer, since appointed Chief Justice, and by a gentleman who had been seven times a Minister of the Crown,—would it have been right for the Governor to run the risk of being precluded from saying "no" if a similar course were again proposed, merely for the purpose of enabling a Minister to go down to the House and say—"I have a dissolution in my pocket, supply or no supply, and let those who refuse take the responsibility of their action"? Apart from the risk, would it be dignified for the Crown to assist in playing—as it were—such a mere game of political brag?

It has been argued that the Crown, by making its assent to a dissolution contingent upon the obtaining of supply, in effect remits the question of dissolution to the House itself. This is doubtless to some extent true, but it is the necessary consequence of the Crown being left dependent upon monthly doles for the maintenance of the Public Service, instead of being granted twelve months' supply in advance before the close of each financial year, in conformity with the constitutional practice of the Mother Country. If this practice were adhered to, the Crown would be free to deal with advice to dissolve upon the merits of each case, unhampered with any question of supply. The contention, therefore, simply amounts to this,—that being dependent, the Crown does not act independently. When a crisis occurs at a time when there is no supply, and a dissolution is advised, there is no course possible which is altogether free from difficulty and danger—there is but the choice between evils; and being so situated, it can scarcely be said to be the duty of the Crown to exercise its prerogative in the political interest of the Ministry of the day, without regard for the interest of the Civil Servants and other employees, who, at all events, are not in any way responsible for making the function of dissolution habitually dependent on supply in the irregular manner described.

It is this improper dependence of the executive function of dissolution upon the legislative function of supply which is really the source of all the trouble which has arisen here in reference to dissolutions. Ever since the establishment of Responsible Government, due provision for the service of the Crown before the commencement of each financial year has been the exception and not the rule. In twenty-one years the Appropriation Act has only on two occasions been passed before the commencement of the year to which it refers, as will be seen from the following statement—

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It is difficult to exaggerate the evils arising from the irregularity above disclosed. They are greatly enhanced too by the fact that here there is no Civil Service Act, and that with the exception of about £20,000 a year permanently appropriated by the Constitution Act for the salaries of a few high officials, the whole Public Service is dependent upon the annual votes of Parliament. Without going into details, however, it will be sufficient to state generally that the practical effect of this departure from the constitutional practice of the Mother Country in reference to supply has been to weaken the check of the tax-payers upon the public expenditure, to demoralize parties in the Assembly, and to detract from the efficient administration of public affairs. Under such a system Ministers drag on a feeble and uncertain existence, dependent from month to month upon a small majority, which may at any moment be alienated by disaffection or disappointment. The inevitable tendency of the system is to make Ministers pliable, and to add to the influence of individual votes. It is possible that there may be Members in the Assembly who find enjoyment and advantage in the uncertainty and confusion which result; but no impartial looker-on can note the operation of such a system in all its bearings without becoming convinced that it will, if continued, prove fatal to the success of Parliamentary Government in this Country.

It is in its bearing upon this objectionable practice of deferring supply that the question under consideration of qualified assent to Ministerial advice to dissolve assumes its gravest importance. If a political crisis arises when the Crown is without supply, and the Minister is entitled to ask that the prerogative should be handed over absolutely to him, so as to enable him to threaten the Assembly, and, should such threats prove ineffectual, to carve his way out of his difficulty at the expense of the Public Servants, then there would seem to be little prospect of a change in the present objectionable practice. But when the leaders on both sides find, as they have now done, that if Ministers neglect to make timely provision for the service of the Crown, and a crisis arises, their claim to a dissolution will in all probability be contingent upon their ability to obtain supply, a strenuous and united effort will perhaps be made to arrange for supply in advance, in accordance with the constitutional practice of the Mother Country.

The conclusion arrived at, therefore, upon a careful and impartial consideration of the question in all its bearings, is this: that whenever a crisis arises when the Crown is without supply, and a dissolution is advised, an absolute acceptance of such advice, in view of what has occurred here, is not only unadvisable but improper—at all events until every effort to obtain supply has been exhausted. If a dissolution is undesirable on public grounds, the advice should of course be absolutely rejected; but if a dissolution is held to be desirable in the interests of the public, provided supply can be got, then the advice should be accepted, but only subject to that qualification. These simple rules are based upon considerations affecting the public welfare, and not the predominance of particular sections or parties in the Assembly. They are, it is submitted, consistent with sound constitutional principles, in view of the normal state of things existing here of the Crown being left habitually without supply; and if their adoption on the last two occasions be regarded as precedents for future guidance, they will, it is to be hoped, tend to put an end to an irregularity in the working of the Constitution which is inconsistent with the good government of the Country.

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No. 2.

Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., to the Earl of Carnarvon.

New South Wales.

(Confidential.)

My Lord,

Government House, Sydney, 21 September, 1877.

IN my confidential despatch by the last mail I reported the formation of a Government by Sir John Robertson, and the adjournment of the House pending the re-election of Ministers.
2. Parliament reassembled on the 18th instant; and as soon as Ministers were sworn in, Mr. Eamell at once gave notice that he would move, on the following day, "That this House has no confidence in the present Administration." This motion would, it is believed, have been carried by a considerable majority, but Ministers refused to postpone the Government measures to admit of a debate upon it, and took a division upon a temporary Supply Bill for September, on which they were defeated by a majority of two.

3. Upon this Sir John Robertson waited on me yesterday afternoon, and advised a dissolution "whether supply is granted or not"; but I felt that it would not be right to adopt such an extreme course until I had satisfied myself as to the impossibility of forming a Government out of the existing House, that could command sufficient support to pass the Estimates and Appropriation Act for the current year; as a dissolution at the present time, and in the existing condition of public business, would render it difficult to pass the annual Appropriation Act before the close of the year to which it refers.

4. I am by no means sanguine of success, but I feel it right to make the attempt, and I shall communicate the result to your Lordship by the Suez mail which leaves this next week.

I have, &c.,
HERCULES ROBINSON.

No. 3.
Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., to the Earl of Carnarvon.

New South Wales.
(Confidential.)

My Lord,

Government House, Sydney, 29 September, 1877.

IN continuation of my confidential despatch of the 21st instant, forwarded by the San Francisco mail, I have now the honor to report that I the same day sent for Mr. Alexander Stuart, formerly Colonial Treasurer, and one of the ablest and most respectable of the Members sitting on Sir John Robertson's side of the House. I pointed out to him the paramount importance of passing the Appropriation Act before a dissolution, for the reasons which I had embodied in a memorandum a copy of which is enclosed, and asked him if he would be willing to make the attempt. He entirely concurred in my view of the effect of dissolving without the Appropriation Act, which Sir John Robertson had then no prospect of passing, and said that although the acceptance of office would entail on him serious pecuniary and very considerable domestic sacrifices, yet he felt constrained by a sense of duty, and a desire to extricate the Country from impending difficulties, to attempt the formation of a Government as I desired.

2. On the 26th instant Mr. Stuart called again and informed me that he had hoped until late the previous evening that he would have succeeded in forming a strong Administration, but some of those upon whom he relied had then declined to join him, and he felt that he had no longer sufficient grounds to justify him in going on. The position of parties in the House was very peculiar. The House is composed of 73 Members, and after deducting the Speaker, and those absent from the Colony, the voting power is reduced to 69. Of these, 32, when present, usually vote with Sir Henry Parkes—30 as steadily support Sir John Robertson—whilst a third party of 7, holding the balance of power, has for many months rendered government by either of the chief parties impracticable. It appeared to Mr. Stuart that the only way out of the dead lock was to seek to draw together some of the leading men from his own side of the House and from the cross benches. This he endeavoured to do, but as at the last moment the leader of the third party of 7—Mr. Farnell—refused to join him, he felt bound to return to me the Commission with which I had entrusted him.

3. I then sent for Mr. Stephen Brown, who occupies on Sir Henry Parkes's side of the House the same independent and influential position that Mr. Stuart does on the other, with a view of testing whether there was any possibility of effecting a coalition between the third party of 7 and the party of 32 with which Mr. Brown was associated. Mr. Brown said that he had, as I was aware, for a number of years repeatedly refused to take office, but that at the present juncture he felt bound in
duty to comply with my invitation to endeavour to form a Government strong enough to pass the Appropriation Act before a dissolution, and he would accordingly make the attempt. On the following evening, however, the 27th, he called on me and told me that although he had succeeded in persuading Mr. Farnell—the leader of the 7—to join him, he had found it difficult to form what he would himself consider an unexceptionable Government, and that failing this he thought it would be better to let Sir John Robertson take a dissolution. He said that after the double failure of Mr. Stuart and himself to form a new Government, he, for one, would now support Sir John Robertson in passing the Appropriation Act for the current year, before a dissolution—which was really the point for which I was contending.

4. I then wrote to Sir John Robertson the same night—the 27th—informing him that I was at length reluctantly compelled to accept the opinion expressed by him, that there was no reasonable prospect of forming any Ministry out of the existing House that could command the support of Parliament; and that I was accordingly prepared to accept the advice tendered by him to dissolve the present Parliament forthwith, whether supply be granted or not. I enclose a copy of the letter referred to, and also of all the correspondence which has passed between Sir John Robertson and myself, since his defeat, on the 19th instant, when moving a temporary Supply Bill for the current month.

5. I have only further to remark, that although the negotiations, which I felt it my duty to enter upon for the formation of a new Government, have failed, the attempts which I made will, I think, be productive of much good to the public. If I had accepted Sir John Robertson's advice, of the 20th instant, to dissolve, he would not then have had the slightest chance of obtaining the Appropriation Act of this year before a dissolution; and it is quite possible that in the then temper of the House he might again have been refused even temporary supply. Now he will have no difficulty in obtaining two months' supply to carry on the Government pending a General Election, and I am not without hope that he may even be able to carry the Appropriation Act.

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I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.

No. 4.

Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., to the Earl of Carnarvon.

New South Wales.

(Confidential.)

My Lord,

Government House, Sydney, 18 October, 1877.

In my last confidential report of the 29th ultimo, I stated that I was then not without hope that Sir John Robertson might be able to pass the Appropriation Act for the current year before a dissolution, it having by that time been clearly shown that there was no longer any possibility of forming another Government out of the then existing House that could command the support of Parliament. This hope, I am glad now to be able to report, has been realized. The Appropriation Act and Loan Acts were passed on the 10th inst. Parliament was prorogued by Proclamation on the 11th, and the Legislative Assembly was dissolved on the following day. The writs for a General Election have since been issued, and the new Parliament will be summoned to meet for the Session proper to the year on Tuesday the 27th November, about a fortnight earlier than last year, but still many months behind the proper time of meeting.

2. On reviewing now as impartially as I can the transactions of the past Session, it appears to me that the course which I pursued throughout, in exhausting every reasonable chance of forming a strong Government before consenting to dissolve without supply, was the proper one, and the result has been on the whole satisfactory. The Appropriation Act has been passed before the dissolution, and there is now, I think, a general desire to revert as soon as possible to the system of supply in advance, in accordance with the constitutional practice of the Mother Country.

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I have, &c.,

HERCULES ROBINSON.
No. 5.

The Earl of Carnarvon to Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G.

New South Wales.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing-street, 15 December, 1877.

I HAVE received, and had under my consideration, your confidential despatches of the 20th of August and 19th of September, in which, with reference to the last two Ministerial crises which have occurred in New South Wales, you request my opinion whether, when supply is in arrear, the Governor is justified in giving only a qualified acceptance to the advice of his Ministers to dissolve Parliament, and contingent upon their first obtaining temporary supply.

2. I have also received and considered in connection with the same matter, your confidential despatches of the 21st and 29th of September, in which you inform me of the circumstances attending the last Ministerial crisis.

3. As the question which you have raised is one of much interest and importance, I have thought it desirable to consult Sir Thomas Erskine May upon the subject; and I enclose, for your information, a copy of the opinion with which he has furnished me, together with a copy of the letter in which I caused the question to be submitted to him for his consideration.

4. I will not allow this correspondence to close without expressing my approval of the course you took in endeavouring to check the usage of delaying to obtain supply, and of carrying on the Government either without supply or upon temporary Supply Bills; and I sincerely hope that your action in the matter may tend to open the eyes of the people of New South Wales to the danger of practices which are inconsistent with the true spirit of representative Government.

5. I have to add that, although the correspondence has been marked confidential, you are at liberty to use your own discretion as to giving more or less publicity to it.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

Enclosure 1 in No. 5.

Mr. Herbert to Sir T. Erskine May, K.C.B.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing-street, 3 December, 1877.

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acquaint you that the Governor of New South Wales has asked for His Lordship’s opinion upon a constitutional question which has arisen in the Colony under his government.

2. It appears that it is not unusual for a Ministry in New South Wales to be without supply, and that Ministers are content to accept this position, provided they can find any expedient or excuse for holding office under it.

3. Sir H. Robinson desires to be informed whether, if whilst in this condition a political crisis arises and Ministers advise a dissolution, the Governor is bound either to accept or to reject this advice absolutely, or whether he would be justified in consenting to dissolve conditionally upon temporary supply being first obtained, if in his opinion the public interests should appear to render such a middle course desirable.

4. Lord Carnarvon desires me to enclose a copy of the despatch in which Sir H. Robinson has submitted this question for consideration, accompanied by a paper which he has drawn up containing a full statement of the circumstances attending the late Ministerial crises in New South Wales, and of the action which he has taken on these occasions.

5. It will be seen that on the last two occasions Sir H. Robinson has accepted the advice of his Ministers to dissolve, but has reserved to himself the right of reconsidering his decision if supply were refused.

6. Lord Carnarvon apprehends that from one point of view Sir H. Robinson may be considered to have been substantially right in the course he adopted. It would be the duty of the Governor in a Colony having Parliamentary Government on the English system to discountenances any course which would have even a
tendency to render the Executive Government independent of supply, but His Lordship also thinks that it may not unreasonably be contended as a matter of argument, that in point of form it would have been better if in his answer to his Ministers the Governor had confined himself to the state of facts which had then arisen, and had not anticipated the future by giving a hypothetical decision; since, if he had informed his Ministers that, inasmuch as they had not got supply he was unable to grant them a dissolution, he would not have laid himself open to the criticism that he was attaching a qualification or proviso to their advice, which it may be urged was his duty to accept or reject without amendment.

7. His Lordship would however be greatly obliged if you would favour him with your opinion upon the whole subject.

I am, &c.,
ROBT. G. W. HERBERT.

P.S.—Since the above was written, Lord Carnarvon has received two further despatches, copies of which are enclosed, which seem to render it somewhat doubtful whether Sir H. Robinson can fairly be said to have attached a condition to his acceptance of the advice of his Ministers on the question of dissolution.

Enclosure 2 in No. 5.
Sir T. Erskine May, K.C.B., to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

House of Commons, 6 December, 1877.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, together with the correspondence and papers transmitted to me by direction of Lord Carnarvon; and I will briefly state my views upon the subjects referred to, as desired by His Lordship.

1. The first question raised by these papers is, whether the Governor of New South Wales, in giving a qualified assent to the advice of his Ministers to dissolve Parliament, adopted a constitutional course. It seems to me that as the power of dissolution rests absolutely with the Governor, as Representative of the Crown, he is entitled to insist upon such conditions as he may deem necessary for the public interests, before he proceeds to exercise that power. He was therefore warranted in giving a qualified or conditional assent according to his own discretion.

2. At the same time, the form in which his conditional assent was given appears open to some objections. His resolution being communicated by his Ministers to the Parliament, it practically gave to that body a veto upon its own dissolution, and even encouraged it to withhold the supplies. And further, the Governor took upon himself the responsibility of granting or refusing a dissolution, instead of laying that responsibility upon his constitutional advisers.

3. I think that the course more recently taken by the Governor, in regard to Sir John Robertson's Administration, was entirely free from these objections, and was in every respect judicious and constitutional, according to the usage of the Mother Country.

4. To dissolve Parliament before provision has been made for the Public Service is so serious an evil that the Governor is entitled to the highest credit for his endeavours to discourage such a practice, and I have no doubt he will continue to discontinue it by every means in his power. But I should venture to suggest that in future the Governor, after discussing with his Ministers all the circumstances under which they advise a dissolution, including the financial situation and the probability of obtaining supplies, should either accept or decline their advice without conditions, or should defer his decision until every effort had been made to secure the supplies or to avert a dissolution.

5. It is to be hoped that the difficulties which have arisen, and the great public inconvenience caused by the present methods of providing for the Public Service in New South Wales, will lead to improved financial arrangements, and to the separation of questions relating to the supplies from the conflicts of political parties.

I am, &c.,
T. ERSKINE MAY.
Dear Lord Carnarvon,

Glynde, Lewes, 10 December, 1877.

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant, transmitting papers with reference to the recent political crisis in New South Wales.

I have also heard from Sir Erskine May that the same papers have been referred to him by your direction, and that he reported his opinion at length in a letter of the 6th instant, a copy of which he has sent me.

I have carefully gone through the papers, and I concur generally in the substance of Sir Erskine May’s report upon them.

I apprehend that there can be no doubt of the right of the Governor, acting in the public interest, to qualify his acceptance of Ministerial advice, although by so doing he incurs serious responsibility.

The course taken by Sir Hercules Robinson upon the recent occasion of a political crisis seems to have been thoroughly constitutional. He declined to accept unconditionally the advice of his Ministers until he had endeavoured through other political arrangements to carry on the Government, and when his several attempts had proved abortive, he then acquiesced in the advice originally tendered by his Ministers.

It appears to me that the Governor and his Ministers and the Legislative Assembly can never be placed in proper relationship, so long as the present system prevails of deferring supply; for the Governor ceases to be independent, the Ministers are hampered by the constant need of temporary Supply Bills, and the House has a strong inducement to stop supply, in order to prolong its own existence.

It is to be hoped that the complications arising out of the several crises occurring recently in New South Wales, will open the eyes of the Colony to the propriety of voting supplies more in accordance with the practice of the Mother Country.

Believe me, &c.,

H. BRAND.