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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1858.

1. Opening of Parliament:—The House met at Twelve o'clock; at noon, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 22nd day of February last, of which the following is a copy:—

" PROCLAMATION.

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

" In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me, as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue of the Act intituled, ' An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,' as assented to by Her Majesty under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the reign of Her said Majesty, intituled, ' An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill amended, of the Legislature of New South Wales, to confer a Constitution on New South Wales; and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,' I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of March next, at 12 o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, and the Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the twenty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" (L. S.) W. DENISON.

" By His Excellency's Command,

" CHARLES COWPER.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

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

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

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

" To all to whom these presents shall come,

" Greeting,

" Whereas, by Proclamation made on the twenty-second day of February last, by His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, Our Governor General of Our Australian Colonies, and Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales, the said Sir William Thomas Denison did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of New South Wales, by

" virtue

“ virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled, ‘ *An Act to confer a Constitution on the said Colony, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,* ’ as assented to by Us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of the said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of March now instant: And whereas for certain causes Our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the Opening of the said Session on the said twenty-third day of March: Now know ye, that We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved The Honorable Sir William Westbrooke Burton, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, The Honorable Alfred James Peter Lutwyche, Esquire, Solicitor General of New South Wales, and the Honorable George Allen, Esquire, Do give and grant by the tenor of these presents, unto the said Sir William Westbrooke Burton, Alfred James Peter Lutwyche, and George Allen, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power, in Our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, on the said twenty-third day of March, on Our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done, in Our name, or in the name of Our Governor of Our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament: Commanding also, by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir William Westbrooke Burton, Alfred James Peter Lutwyche, and George Allen, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

“ In Testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

“ Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General in and over all Our Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, on the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

“ W. DENISON.

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

“ CHARLES COWPER.”

After which, the President acquainted both Houses that he had it in command from His Excellency the Governor General to let them know that they would be informed by His Excellency in person of the cause of this Parliament being called together; and, addressing the Assembly, added:—“ It being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly should first be chosen, the Commissioners request that you now repair to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of your Speaker.”

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

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

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir William Thomas Denison, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable Charles Cowper, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, The Honorable James Martin, Esquire, Attorney General, and The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Territory, at Government House, Sydney, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the twenty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ W. DENISON.

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

“ CHARLES COWPER.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Cowper took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable James Martin, Esquire, and the Honorable Robert Campbell, Esquire, and then the Commissioners administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members subscribing the Roll of the House, as they were severally called to the Table.

- 3. Election of Speaker :—Richard Jones, Esquire, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir Daniel Cooper, and moved—“That Sir Daniel Cooper, Knight, do take “the Chair of this House as Speaker,” which motion was seconded by Edward Flood, Esquire.

The House then calling Sir Daniel Cooper to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Sir Daniel Cooper to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Jones and Mr. Flood, and conducted to the Chair; where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Cowper, having congratulated the Speaker, acquainted the House that he had previously ascertained from the Governor General that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock, a m. Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at a quarter past One o'clock, until to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.

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

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Presentation of Speaker:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor General,—
And the House having returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, and had there informed the Governor General that it had been thought courteous to acquaint His Excellency that the Legislative Assembly had, in the exercise of their undoubted right, elected their Speaker, and to present him to His Excellency as the member a second time distinguished by the choice of him by the Assembly for that high and honorable office; whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer to him his congratulations on the high honor and dignity conferred on him by the House; after which he had, on their behalf, laid claim to all the undoubted rights and privileges of the Assembly, and had requested that the most favorable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their words and acts, and that His Excellency had been pleased fully to acknowledge all those rights and privileges which the House could legally claim.
2. Message from the Governor General:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message—"That it is the pleasure of the Governor General that this "Honorable House do attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council "Chamber."
The House went, and being returned, adjourned till Three o'clock.
3. Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The House having resumed, the Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—
"By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Commander of the
"Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General in and over all
"Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South
"Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain General and Governor-in-
"Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and
"Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.
"To all to whom these Presents shall come,
"GREETING:
"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WILLIAM
"THOMAS DENISON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby
"authorize the Honorable Sir Daniel Cooper, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative
"Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may
"require, to any Members of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have
"been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty
"the Queen, required by Law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such
"Member before he shall be permitted to Sit or Vote in the said Legislative
"Assembly.
"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Territory, at Govern-
"ment House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of March, in the
"year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and fifty-
"eight, and in the twenty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty
"Queen Victoria.
"W. DENISON.
"By His Excellency's Command, and with the advice of the
"Executive Council.
"CHARLES COWPER."

4. Member Sworn :—James Dickson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs.
5. Government Railways Bill :—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation of the same,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
6. Election Petitions :—Mr. Cowper, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the following Election Petitions which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor General :—
 - (1.) A Petition from James Pye of Parramatta, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, complaining of the Election and Return of George Oakes, Esquire, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the Town of Parramatta, and praying that the said Election and Return may be declared to be wholly null and void, and that it may be further declared that Petitioner was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as one of the Members for the said Electoral District, and that the Return to the Writ of Election for the same may be amended accordingly.
 - (2.) A Petition from Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of New England and Macleay, and praying that an amended return may be made to the Writ for returning two Members to represent the said Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table Report from Board of Inquiry into the Management of Cockatoo Island, with Appendices A to E.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Martin laid upon the Table certain Rules of Court made and promulgated by their Honours the Judges, since the last Rules of Court were laid before Parliament.
Ordered to be printed.
8. The Governor General's Opening Speech :—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor General in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency delivered an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he then read to the House at length, as follows :—

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

1. The late Parliament having been, by the advice of the Responsible Ministers of the Crown, dissolved, in order to afford the various constituencies an opportunity of expressing their views upon public affairs, and a new Parliament having been summoned, I have called you together for the transaction of public business at the earliest possible period after the close of the Elections.
2. The chief measure which I propose to lay before you, during the present Session, is a Bill for the amendment of the Electoral Law, by which it is intended to provide for the equitable distribution of the Members, to enlarge their number, and to place the suffrage of the Electors upon a simple and an extended basis.
3. At the commencement of the last Session of Parliament, in the expectation that the Electoral System of the Colony would be revised during that Session, I drew the attention of the Legislature to the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council, and expressed an opinion that a fitting opportunity for considering that question would be afforded, when, in consequence of such revision, the opinion of the country upon this fundamental question could be clearly ascertained. To that opinion I still adhere, and when an amended Electoral Law shall have been passed, the subject will, I trust, receive early and careful attention.
4. The question of a Federal Legislature is still under discussion by the Legislatures of the neighbouring Colonies; but I am of opinion that the consideration of this subject may also, without inconvenience, be deferred for future consideration.
5. In accordance with the desire which has been generally expressed, that Legislation with reference to the Public Lands should be deferred until after a Parliament shall have been chosen under a new Electoral Law, it is not considered expedient to introduce any general measure regulating their disposal. This important subject has nevertheless occupied the anxious attention of the Executive Government, and steps have already been taken to facilitate the Survey and Sale of the Crown Lands, and to provide for the more speedy settlement of the waste and unoccupied portions of this vast territory. Reforms calculated to produce these results have been introduced into the Department of the Surveyor General, and changes made by which the Staff of that Department has been placed upon a more economical and efficient footing. Under these new arrangements, and others which are in contemplation, and which will be carried out so far as the law in its present state will admit, it is confidently anticipated that lands will be surveyed with greater dispatch than heretofore, at a less cost to the public, and in localities more favorable for their ready sale.
6. Although it is not intended to propose any Bill of a general character relating to Crown Lands, there is one point which requires the immediate action of the

the Legislature, and in reference to which I have to invite your co-operation. The Law Officers being of opinion that Deeds of Grant or of Lease cannot be issued for such Lands as have been promised for public purposes since the Constitution Act came into force, and the delay in issuing such Deeds being, in many instances, attended with serious inconvenience, I recommend that a short Act be passed to enable the Crown to issue the Deeds.

7. Since the Legislature was last in Session, I have received further representations impressing upon the Government the very great injury which is daily felt by suitors in the Supreme Court, and especially in the Equity Branch of its Jurisdiction, from the want of an additional Judge. I do not therefore feel myself justified in abstaining from again proposing the appointment of a fourth Judge, to correct the evils complained of.

8. Under an impression that the Sikhs in India had risen, and feeling convinced that a large portion of the troops in New South Wales could, without danger to the public safety, be spared, while it was probable that an augmentation of the Forces in India would be advantageous, the Government proposed to the General Commanding in the Australian Colonies that the 77th Regiment should proceed to India, leaving only two Companies to perform Military duty in the Colony. It was also proposed that the Company of Artillery should be detached for a time, to assist in quelling the disturbances in the Indian territories, and that a number of horses to remount the battery should be provided at the expense of the Colony, in order by such contribution to shew the sympathy of the people of New South Wales with their fellow countrymen in India in their time of danger and necessity.

9. Later accounts from India give reason to hope that the insurrection there has been put down; but instructions from the War Office have arrived by the last Mail ordering the 77th Regiment to Hong Kong, and directing that the Commander of the Forces shall make arrangements for stationing a sufficient number of soldiers belonging to another Regiment in this Colony. The withdrawal of so large a number of the regular troops will render it desirable that greater interest than has been hitherto evinced should be taken to secure the formation of a Colonial Corps, of a permanent character, to be in a state of readiness for service, if required.

10. The very irregular manner in which the European and Australian Mail Company has continued to carry out its Contract has been the subject of repeated remonstrance to the Imperial Government, and in the last communication which was addressed by me to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon this question, a desire was expressed that steps should be taken by the Home Government to compel the Company to adhere to the terms of its Contract. I recommend Parliament to consider whether steps should not be taken for the purpose of vacating the present Contract, with the view to the adoption of some satisfactory arrangement for the conduct of the Postal Service between this Colony and Europe.

11. Immigration from the Mother Country still takes place to the extent of the funds supplied by Parliament, and under the Assisted Immigration Regulations considerable additions of a desirable class of persons are being made to our population. In consequence of the removal of the restrictions which formerly existed, it is gratifying to perceive that the number is materially on the increase.

12. Reports have been from time to time laid before the Legislature from Boards appointed to inquire into the state of several of the Government Departments, and, either in consequence of their recommendations, or otherwise, changes have been introduced into the Administrative Branches of the Public Service. Further alterations and reductions are however contemplated, by which, while increasing their efficiency, their cost to the public may be rendered less burdensome.

13. An investigation has also been instituted into the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, and an elaborate Report from the Board of Inquiry has been presented to the Government. That Report, and the Evidence upon which it is founded, will be laid before Parliament. The system of Secondary Punishments in force in the Colony being based upon the original Convict arrangements requires to be thoroughly revised. It is believed that changes can be made by which the discipline of the gaols may be materially improved, and the expense to the public very much lessened, the gaols being made to a great extent self-supporting. An alteration of this kind, however, would render necessary a large immediate outlay, and its details will require careful consideration.

14. The Benevolent and Educational Institutions of the Country continue to be regarded with deep interest and solicitude by the Government, but as the present Parliament will, probably, be of short duration, it is not contemplated during this Session to introduce any measures affecting their management.

15. Of the Bills which were under consideration when Parliament was dissolved, some will be again submitted, and I anticipate considerable advantage from their being passed into law. The more important are the District Courts Bill, the Municipalities Bill, and the Main Roads Bill.

16. The continued influx of Chinese has not failed to attract the notice of the Government, and as there is reason to believe that additional arrivals may be expected, it is considered desirable that this kind of Immigration should be regulated by law. With a view to provide funds for meeting expenses which will necessarily be incurred on their account, the Government propose to levy a tax upon each individual on landing in the Colony. A Bill to effect both these objects will be laid before you.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

17. Notwithstanding the commercial and monetary panic which has been attended with such disastrous results in other parts of the world, it is highly satisfactory to know that the effects have not, as yet, been productive of any serious embarrassment in this Colony. The Revenue during the first two months of the year has not suffered any material reduction, upon a comparison with the same period in 1857, and there is every reason to anticipate that the estimated amount for the remainder of the year will be realized.

18. The Supplementary Estimates for the year 1857, and the Estimates for the current year, which were laid before the Assembly during the last Session, will be submitted to you, accompanied by a Memorandum explanatory of such alterations as have since appeared desirable.

19. Although the Expenditure will be, in some instances, considerably reduced below that which was contemplated when the Estimates were prepared, a deficit in the Ways and Means will have to be provided for to cover the ordinary Expenditure for the year, including a Supplementary Estimate, which it will be necessary to bring forward. An additional amount of Revenue must therefore be raised, and the most legitimate source from which to obtain such provision for the Public Service would appear to be from the tenants of the Crown Lands. The Assessment Act having expired, there is, at present, no Law in force for levying any charge for the occupation of the Public Lands beyond the Settled Districts, exclusive of the License Fee demanded under the Orders in Council; and a Bill will therefore be laid before you authorizing the collection of an Assessment to an equitable amount.

20. The chief difficulty with which the Government has to contend in its financial arrangements has reference to the amount required to defray the cost of Public Works, for which purpose loans have been sanctioned, under Acts passed by the Legislature. That difficulty has been mainly created by the unsaleable character of Intermittent Debentures which were issued to a large amount during the earlier part of the year 1857, in consequence of which there has been a manifest unwillingness to purchase Government Debentures, even when payable within a definite period. Owing to this state of things, and to the monetary difficulties in the Mother Country, the Government has been unable to negotiate any Loans, or to dispose of any considerable amount of Treasury Bills, the issue of which was authorized by the Parliament during the last Session. There is, however, every reason to hope that the more favourable state of the money market elsewhere, of which intelligence has just reached the Colony, will enable the Government to dispose of its securities upon advantageous terms.

21. The recent financial embarrassment, affecting as it did the Government as well as private individuals, has led the Government to consider whether some steps should not be taken at an early period to regulate, by Legislative enactment, the monetary affairs of this Colony, and to mitigate, in some degree, the evils arising from those periodical crises which, in a large commercial community like this, it is impossible entirely to prevent. A National Bank of Issue would, it is thought, be effective for such a purpose; but the Government do not propose, during the present Session, to deal with this most important subject.

22. There is also ample ground for believing that by a total revision of our system of taxation, and by including within our Tariff some articles upon which duty is not now levied, a much larger amount of revenue than has been hitherto collected might be raised for the purposes of Government, without its being felt to be in any degree oppressive. The important subject of the financial condition of the country must engage the earliest attention of the Government so soon as a Parliament shall have been called together under the new and enlarged system of Representation.

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

23. The numerous and varied resources which this country undoubtedly possesses are sure indications of its capacity for future greatness, and may well justify our expectation that it will eventually assume a high if not a leading position among the Australian Colonies. But its attainment of that position must depend, in a great measure, on the adoption of such means as are calculated to develop and expand its resources.

24. Amongst those means, increased facilities for communication with the interior must be regarded as highly important, and indeed essential; and you will not, I am persuaded, overlook the subject in your deliberations.

25. But beyond all physical and material advantages which the country possesses, must be placed the moral and religious character of the people, and their cultivation of those virtuous, frugal, and industrious habits, which are the surest guarantee of the permanent prosperity of a nation. And I earnestly pray that Almighty God may so guide all your counsels and decisions, that through them the present and lasting welfare of this rising Colony may be effectually secured.

Mr. Owen then moved, and Mr. Williamson seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, on opening this first Session of the second Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.)

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. White, and the Mover and Seconder.

Question put and passed,—

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

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

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

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

“ 2. We are deeply sensible of the necessity which exists for an Amendment of the Electoral Law, which will provide for the equitable distribution of the Members, for the increase of their number, and for placing the suffrage on a more simple and extended basis, and we shall cordially co-operate with your Excellency in any measure which may appear calculated to promote objects in every way so desirable.

“ 3. We agree with your Excellency that until our Electoral system has been revised it is not expedient to interfere with the Constitution of the Legislative Council, and we are also of opinion that the consideration of a Federal Legislature may, under existing circumstances, without inconvenience, be deferred.

“ 4. It affords us much gratification to hear that reforms have been made in the Department of the Surveyor General, and that steps have been taken to expedite the sale of the public lands, and to reduce the charges attendant on their survey. The general question of the management and disposal of those lands may, we think, with propriety, be postponed until the first Session of the next Parliament; by which, on the passing of a new Electoral Act, the present Legislature will be succeeded.

“ 5. The Bill to provide for the appointment of a fourth Judge shall receive our attentive consideration.

“ 6. It would have afforded us the highest gratification to have been able to co-operate with your Excellency in your proposal for the transmission of the 77th Regiment and the Company of Artillery stationed in Sydney to India had the supposed necessity arisen. We rejoice, however, that the singular heroism of Her Majesty's troops, and the success by which that heroism has been so speedily followed, have rendered it unnecessary to incur expenses which our feelings of loyalty to our Sovereign, and sympathy with our fellow subjects in India, would have led us cheerfully and promptly to contribute.

“ 7. It is impossible to condemn in terms stronger than the occasion justifies, the grossly irregular manner in which the contract for the transmission of the Mails between this Colony and Europe has been hitherto carried out, and we shall deem it our duty to take the whole matter into our most serious consideration, with a view of placing the postal service for the first time on an efficient and satisfactory footing.

“ 8. It is gratifying to be assured that a desirable class of persons is being introduced in pursuance of the Assisted Immigration Regulations, and that under their operation, as now amended, the number is on the increase.

“ 9. In a Session like the present, called more especially for the purpose of passing one leading measure, we do not think that our labours should extend over so wide a field as under other circumstances the public interests would call upon us to traverse. We shall at the same time, carefully consider the various measures which your Excellency thinks require our immediate attention. Among them, we are of opinion that Legislation with reference to Chinese Immigrants is not the least important.

“ 10. The Estimates of Expenditure, and the mode of providing the Ways and Means to meet that expenditure shall, when laid in detail before us, be considered by us with that care and deliberation which it is our duty to devote to them.

“ 11. We unite with your Excellency in the confident expectation which you express as to the future greatness of this Colony; we concur also most cordially with your Excellency in opinion that increased facilities for communication with the interior are essential to the development of its resources; and we pray that, with the Divine assistance, the inhabitants of this Colony, now and hereafter, will be actuated by those moral and religious principles, without which no people can ever be truly prosperous or happy.”

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

Debate ensued.

9. Member Sworn:—William Forster, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and Subscribed the Roll, took his seat as member for the Electoral District of the County of Murray.

10. The Governor General's Opening Speech:—The debate on the motion of Mr. Owen, that the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House, interrupted by administering the Oath to Mr. Forster,—resumed.
Question put and passed.
11. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Copy of a Correspondence between the Government and the Chief Justice, relative to Mr. Justice Milford having left Moreton Bay for a short time to assist the Judges in Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock, to present to the Governor General their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25.

MEMO:—The House meet this day, at Three o'clock, P.M., to proceed to Government House, there to present to the Governor General their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. Mr. HAY to move, on motion being made That W. M. Arnold, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House, during the present Session,—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Robert Owen, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House, during the present Session."

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. COWPER to move, That William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.
2. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Piddington, with an instruction to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible, and with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
3. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Scott,—with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
4. Mr. COWPER to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for the dispatch of Business, at Three o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
5. Mr. COWPER to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, Government Business take precedence of all other Business.
6. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
7. Mr. COWPER to move, That it be an Order of this House for the present Session, That if at any time after the commencement of the Business of the day, notice be taken that there is not a quorum of Members present, the Serjeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Speaker, shall ring the Division Bell before the Speaker proceed to count the House.
8. Mr. COWPER to move, That until Standing Rules and Orders be formally adopted, this House will observe the Standing Rules and Orders in force during the last Parliament.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

Question:—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he be aware of any Despatch having been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which a Copy of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, after its second reading by the late Legislative Assembly, was especially alluded to?

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council, during the years 1856 and 1857, upon the subject of the Separation of Moreton Bay from New South Wales; also, copies of all Despatches upon this subject which may have been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State, especially of any Despatch written since the second reading of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Government, during the Session of the late Parliament in 1857, but not passed.

2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the various Colonial Banking Institutions of New South Wales, from 8th September, 1857, to 24th March, 1858, upon the subject of the monetary assistance desired by the Government, together with Copy of any Minutes, which may exist, of a Meeting held at the Treasury, in the month of February or March, 1858, at which the Representatives of certain Banking Institutions were invited to be present.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the Weekly state of the Treasury of New South Wales, in a tabular shape, from 1st January, 1857, to 31st March, 1858, in the form adopted at the Treasury for each week.
 - (2.) A Return of all Debentures and Treasury Bills issued from the Treasury of New South Wales, from 1st September, 1857, to 31st March, 1858.
4. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, a Return to an Address relating to the accounts of the Colonial Treasurer, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 6th August, 1856, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for books and papers on the subject, and to examine witnesses.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?
2. DR. BOWKER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision, during the present Session, for a Steam Tug for the Port of Newcastle?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

Government Railways Bill: Second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH, 1858.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I acknowledge thankfully the expressions of loyalty and affection for Her Majesty's person and Government contained in the Address just presented. And I receive with pleasure the assurance of your co-operation and support in the promotion of the measures which will be submitted for your consideration.

The Government and the people of India will, I feel certain, appreciate that ready sympathy expressed by you, and your willingness to extend to them every assistance in your power,—which I shall take the earliest opportunity of communicating to the Most Noble the Governor General.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25 March, 1857.*

W. DENISON.

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers,—

1. Assets and Liabilities of the several Banks of the Colony, for the Quarter ended 31 December, 1857.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Return to the Order, in reference to Stock sold out of the Sofala Pound, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on 3rd December, 1857.

(2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers,—

3. The first Yearly Report of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney of their proceedings in reference to the Sewerage and Water supply.

4. Return to the Address in reference to the Separation of Moreton Bay, adopted, on motion of Mr. Buckley, on the 13th November, 1857,
Ordered to be printed.

3. Chairman of Committees:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, "That" William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.

Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to *contingent notice*, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "Robert Owen, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session."

Debate ensued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Forster,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. J. Macarthur,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

4. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Piddington, with an instruction to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible; and with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
 5. Library Committee:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Scott,—with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
 6. Days for Dispatch of General Business:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for the dispatch of Business, at Three o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Question put and passed.
 7. Days for Dispatch of Government Business:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, Government Business take precedence of all other Business.
Question put and passed.
 8. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
 9. Counting the House:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be an Order of this House for the present Session, That if at any time after the commencement of the Business of the day, notice be taken that there is not a quorum of Members present, the Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Speaker, shall ring the Division Bell before the Speaker proceed to count the House.
Question put and passed.
 10. Temporary Observance of Standing Orders of last Parliament:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That until Standing Rules and Orders be formally adopted, this House will observe the Standing Rules and Orders in force during the last Parliament.
Question put and passed.
 11. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a correspondence having reference to the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the National Education Board.
Ordered to be printed.
- The House adjourned at ten minutes after Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the Oriental Bank upon the subject of the sale of, and advances upon, Government Debentures, from 7 September, 1857, to 24 March, 1858.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Government (or any person acting by direction of any Member of the Government) and any Government Officers upon the subject of the exercise of the Elective Franchise, or of the interference in Elections by such Government Officers—especially of any Correspondence upon this matter between the Sheriff of the Colony and the Deputy or Under Sheriff at Parramatta, or other person.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to bring in a Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.
2. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to bring in a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions.

Questions:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he be aware of any Despatch having been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which a Copy of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, after its second reading by the late Legislative Assembly, was especially alluded to?
2. MR. SCOTT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Dredging Machine now building, and to be employed hereafter on the Hunter, will be finished according to Contract time, and, if not, what penalties are attached to non-fulfilment of said Contract; and whether it is the intention of the Executive to enforce rigidly all such penalties?
 - (2.) Whether the Civil Engineer, Mr. Moriarty, has sent in any Report, stating what portions of the original recommendations, as to deepening the River at those places known as the Flats, have already been carried out, and the effects such works have had on the channel or channels, since Mr. Moriarty's last examination before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into that subject by the late Parliament; and, if so, whether such Report can be laid on the Table of this House for the information of Honorable Members?
3. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If the amount of Interest due upon Debentures held in Europe on 30th June, 1858, has been already remitted to London?

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council, during the years 1856 and 1857, upon the subject of the Separation of Moreton Bay from New South Wales; also, copies of all Despatches upon this subject which may have been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State, especially of any Despatch written since the second reading of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Government, during the Session of the late Parliament in 1857, but not passed.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the various Colonial Banking Institutions of New South Wales, from 8th September, 1857, to 24th March, 1858, upon the subject of the monetary assistance desired by the Government, together with Copy of any Minutes, which may exist, of a Meeting held at the Treasury, in the month of February or March, 1858, at which the Representatives of certain Banking Institutions were invited to be present.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the Weekly state of the Treasury of New South Wales, in a tabular shape, from 1st January, 1857, to 31st March, 1858, in the form adopted at the Treasury for each week.
 - (2.) A Return of all Debentures and Treasury Bills issued from the Treasury of New South Wales, from 1st September, 1857, to 31st March, 1858.
4. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, a Return to an Address relating to the accounts of the Colonial Treasurer, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 6th August, 1856, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for books and papers on the subject, and to examine witnesses.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover.

5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, to be obtained from the various Official Assignees—commencing 1 January, 1854, and ending 31 December, 1857—shewing the name of each Insolvent Estate which has fallen to their management during that period; the amount of fees charged by them in each estate; the rate of dividend paid in same; the amount of law costs paid in each estate, together with the names of the Attorneys to whom such costs have been paid; and also a statement of all estates, in which no dividend, or final dividend, has been declared, still in their hands, with particulars also above enumerated.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION;—

1. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?
2. DR. BOWKER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision, during the present Session, for a Steam Tug for the Port of Newcastle?
3. MR. DICKSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision during the present Session for the extension of the Electric Telegraph to Maitland, Newcastle, and Armidale?
4. MR. TOORU to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government has received any intelligence from the Island of Tauna, New Caledonia, of the fate of Captain Outtrim, of the schooner "Ann and Jane," and whether the Government intend to take any steps to discover the truth of the report of the murder of Captain Outtrim and some of his party?
5. MR. RYTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he is aware of the very irregular manner in which the present contract for the conveyance of mails to Bathurst is now being conducted; and whether the Post Office authorities cannot make such arrangements as will ensure to the inhabitants of Bathurst a due delivery of their letters in time to enable them to take advantage of the return mail to send their answers?
6. MR. RYTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intends *immediately* to adopt any means necessary for the proper control of, and maintenance of order amongst the immense number of Chinese now congregated on the Western Gold Fields?
7. MR. THORNTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Whether any Correspondence has taken place between the Colonial and Home Governments upon the subject of the occupation of the range of Buildings in Lower George-street, known as the Commissariat Stores, for the use and benefit of this Colony?
(2.) Whether the Government have considered as to the propriety or necessity of establishing a Government Bonded Warehouse, or Warehouses, in the City of Sydney, and the public convenience and great utility of the above range of Buildings for such purposes?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

MR. MARTIN to move, on the first reading of the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Buckley, Mr. Denihy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and Mr. Williamson.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Judge, other than one of the present Judges, for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

Government Railways Bill: Second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 MARCH, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
The Clerk Summoned :—The Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had been summoned to attend at the Central Police Office, Sydney, on Monday, the 29th instant, at Ten o'clock, there and then to produce certain Appendices marked A and F, attached to the proceedings of a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales on the "Treasury Accounts," and of which Edward Flood, Esquire, was Chairman; and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House,—
Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said summons, personally, or by one of his assistants, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the *affirmative*.
2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

" LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

" Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative
" Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1851, I do hereby appoint

" Richard Jones, Esquire,
" The Honorable John Hay, Esquire,
" Robert Thomas Jamison, Esquire,
" Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire,
" Alexander Walker Scott, Esquire,
" Samuel Deane Gordon, Esquire, and
" Robert Owen, Esquire,

" being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections
" and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the
" Assembly aforesaid.

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

" DANIEL COOPER,
" Speaker."

3. Member sworn :—William Bede Dalley, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the Cumberland Boroughs.
4. Estimates for 1857-8 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 1.

In compliance with the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, and in accordance with his opening Speech, the Governor General invites the Legislative Assembly to make provision for the Public Service, agreeably to the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, and the Estimates for 1858, which were submitted and partly voted during the last Session of the first Parliament, with such modifications as are explained in the memorandum which accompanies the copies of those Estimates herewith transmitted.

As the Vote of Credit obtained from the last Parliament will be exhausted on the 31st of March current, and, as considerable sums will be falling due instantly thereafter, especially for the Mail Contract Service, the Governor General invites the prompt attention of the Assembly to the pressing necessity which exists for perfecting the appropriation of the sums granted in the last Session, and for making
immediate

immediate provision for those other services for which grants will be asked in accordance with the sums set out in these Estimates.

*Government House,
26th March, 1858.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Memorandum.

5. Chairman of Committees:—Adverting to a question which had arisen yesterday, as to the time at which the Chairman of Committees ought to make his acknowledgment to the House for his election,—the Speaker quoted the practice of the Imperial Parliament and of Congress in elections to that office, from which it does not appear whether any acknowledgment at all is made in such cases in England or America, and said,—that as it would seem the House had no precedents to go by, but those furnished by its own practice, he would state that practice to be, as he found it,—that a Chairman present when elected makes his acknowledgment at once, while a Chairman absent when elected makes his acknowledgment on occasion of the first motion for going into Committee; and added, in reference to a remark which had fallen from an Honorable Member yesterday, that he hoped the House would take it in good part that he should now lay claim—trusting to its good sense and good feeling,—to perfect exemption from either imputation or suspicion of “preconcert” with any Member or Members who may hereafter, as heretofore, have occasion to consult him on the practice of this House, or the usage of Parliament.
6. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers—
 - (1.) The Penrith Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1856.
 - (2.) The Narellan Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (3.) The Narellan Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1856.
 - (4.) Return to the Order, in reference to applications for money to be expended upon the construction of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 14th August, 1857.
 - (5.) And, in answer to a Question put to him by Mr. Scott,—Certain Papers in reference to the new Steam Dredge, and to the progress made in carrying out the original recommendations for deepening the Hunter River at the Flats.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. Government Debentures from April, 1857:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the Oriental Bank upon the subject of the sale of, and advances upon, Government Debentures, from 7 September, 1857, to 24 March, 1858.
Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the figure and word “7 September,” in order to the insertion in their place of the figures and word “23 April.”
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the figure and word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the figures and word proposed to be inserted in place of the figure and word omitted be so inserted,—put and passed;—
Whereupon Question,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the Oriental Bank upon the subject of the sale of, and advances upon, Government Debentures, from 23 April, 1857, to 24 March, 1858.—put and passed.
8. Exercise of the Elective Franchise by Government Officers:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Government (or any person acting by direction of any Member of the Government) and any Government Officers upon the subject of the exercise of the Elective Franchise, or of the interference in Elections by such Government Officers—especially of any Correspondence upon this matter between the Sheriff of the Colony and the Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta, or other person.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Main Roads Bill:—Mr. Robertson *by consent*, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Cowper, for leave to bring in a Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Main Roads Bill:—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony*,” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time next Wednesday week.
12. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions*,” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time next Wednesday week.
The House adjourned at a quarter before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council, during the years 1856 and 1857, upon the subject of the Separation of Moreton Bay from New South Wales; also, copies of all Despatches upon this subject which may have been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State, especially of any Despatch written since the second reading of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Government, during the Session of the late Parliament in 1857, but not passed.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the various Colonial Banking Institutions of New South Wales, from 8th September, 1857, to 24th March, 1858, upon the subject of the monetary assistance desired by the Government, together with Copy of any Minutes, which may exist, of a Meeting held at the Treasury, in the month of February or March, 1858, at which the Representatives of certain Banking Institutions were invited to be present.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the Weekly state of the Treasury of New South Wales, in a tabular shape, from 1st January, 1857, to 31st March, 1858, in the form adopted at the Treasury for each week.
 - (2.) A Return of all Debentures and Treasury Bills issued from the Treasury of New South Wales, from 1st September, 1857, to 31st March, 1858.
4. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, a Return to an Address relating to the accounts of the Colonial Treasurer, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 6th August, 1856, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for books and papers on the subject, and to examine witnesses.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, to be obtained from the various Official Assignees—commencing 1 January, 1854, and ending 31 December, 1857—showing the name of each Insolvent Estate which has fallen to their management during that period; the amount of fees charged by them in each estate; the rate of dividend paid in same; the amount of law costs paid in each estate, together with the names of the Attorneys to whom such costs have been paid; and also a statement of all estates, in which no dividend, or final dividend, has been declared, still in their hands, with particulars also above enumerated.
6. MR. SCOTT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the proceedings, together with all evidence connected therewith, relating to the investigation ordered by the Government into the conduct of Mr. Dunlop, when Police Magistrate at the Wollombi, which proceedings have been duly entered on the records of that Bench, and which ultimately led to the dismissal of that gentleman from the Commission of the Peace.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION;—

1. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Com- of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates and Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857–8.
3. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Qucanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Govern- ment?
2. DR. BOWKER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision, during the present Session, for a Steam Tug for the Port of Newcastle?
3. MR. DICKSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision during the present Session for the extension of the Electric Telegraph to Maitland, Newcastle, and Armidale?
4. MR. TOOTH to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government has received any intelligence from the Island of Tanna, New Caledonia, of the fate of Captain Outtrim, of the schooner "Ann and Jane," and whether the Government intend to take any steps to discover the truth of the report of the murder of Captain Outtrim and some of his party?

5. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he is aware of the very irregular manner in which the present contract for the conveyance of mails to Bathurst is now being conducted; and whether the Post Office authorities cannot make such arrangements as will ensure to the inhabitants of Bathurst a due delivery of their letters in time to enable them to take advantage of the return mail to send their answers?
6. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intends *immediately* to adopt any means necessary for the proper control of, and maintenance of order amongst the immense number of Chinese now congregated on the Western Gold Fields?
7. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Whether any Correspondence has taken place between the Colonial and Home Governments upon the subject of the occupation of the range of Buildings in Lower George-street, known as the Commissariat Stores, for the use and benefit of this Colony?
 (2.) Whether the Government have considered as to the propriety or necessity of establishing a Government Bonded Warehouse, or Warehouses, in the City of Sydney, and the public convenience and great utility of the above range of Buildings for such purposes?
8. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If he has been made acquainted with the present unsafe condition of the Denison Bridge, over the Macquarie River, at Bathurst, through the embankment of the said river at the abutments of the Bridge having been washed away by the late floods, and whether the Government intend to cause the said embankment to be made good, and thereby prevent, probably, the total loss of the Bridge in the event of another flood?
9. MR. HAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to carry out the proposal for establishing a Court of Petty Sessions, and appointing a Police Magistrate at or near Lang's Crossing-place, on the Murrumbidgee River, and main line of road from Bathurst to Victoria?
10. MR. HAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Whether the Government is aware that some of the Licensed Surveyors have been, and are, in the habit of making charges, not recognized by Government, for the measurement of lands applied for under pre-emptive right?
 (2.) Whether steps will be taken to put an end to such a dangerous practice?
11. MR. HAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Whether the Ministers intend to propose any measure for "*affirming the principle upon which is to be determined the compensation, if any, to be awarded*" to the lessees of Crown Lands which may be required for sale before the expiry of the leases?
 (2.) Whether the Government intend to offer any equitable terms of compensation to certain individuals holding leases under the Hand of the Governor General, of runs near Albury, portions of which have been sold by order of the Government?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

MR. MARTIN to move, on the first reading of the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Buckley, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and Mr. Williamson.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Judge, other than one of the present Judges, for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That W. J. Lennon, Esquire, be appointed by the Assembly, one of the Auditors of the Accounts of the Commissioners of Railways, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 18 Vict., No. 40, in the room of George King, Esquire, resigned.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

Government Railways Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 5.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn :—Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the Southern Boroughs.
2. Tamworth Assizes :—Mr. Jenkins presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Licensees of Crown Lands, Miners of the Hanging Rock and Peel River Gold Fields, and other Residents of the Town of Tamworth and the Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains and the Gwydir, praying that Tamworth may be constituted an Assize Town. Petition received.
3. Mr. Francis O'Meara :—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Francis O'Meara, of Bathurst-street, in the City of Sydney, representing that for his services as Conductor of Police in this Colony he had been promised the grant of an allotment of land in the Township of Parramatta, which he has never been able to obtain possession of, and praying the House to take the matter into favorable consideration. Petition received.
4. Bonded Warehouses :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Bonded Storekeepers in the City of Sydney, praying the repeal of the Bonded Warehouse Act of 1857. Petition received.
5. Members sworn :—
 - (1.) Arthur Hodgson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Clarence and Darling Downs.
 - (2.) Peter Faucett, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of King and Georgiana.
6. Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Martin laid upon the Table certain Rules of Court made and promulgated by His Honor the Resident Judge at Moreton Bay. Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order in reference to Government Debentures, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 26th instant. Ordered to be printed.
7. Separation of Moreton Bay :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council, during the years 1856 and 1857, upon the subject of the Separation of Moreton Bay from New South Wales; also, copies of all Despatches upon this subject which may have been addressed by His Excellency the Governor General to the Secretary of State, especially of any Despatch written since the second reading of the Moreton Bay Debt Bill, which was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Government, during the Session of the late Parliament in 1857, but not passed. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
8. Paper :—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table Copy of a Letter from His Honor the Chief Justice to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated 27th February, 1858, having reference to the appointment of a fourth Judge. Ordered to be printed.

9. Bank Assistance to Government :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the various Banking Institutions carrying on business in Sydney, from 8th September, 1857, to 24th March, 1858, upon the subject of the monetary assistance desired by the Government, together with Copy of any Minutes, which may exist, of a Meeting held at the Treasury, in the month of February or March, 1858, at which the Representatives of certain Banking Institutions were invited to be present.
Question put and passed.
10. Government Debentures and Treasury Bills, from 1st September, 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,— A Return of all Debentures and Treasury Bills issued from the Treasury of New South Wales, from 1st September, 1857, to 31st March, 1858.
Question put and passed.
11. Treasury Iron Chest and Accounts :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to *amended* notice :—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, a Return to an Address relating to the Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 6th August, 1856, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for books and papers on the subject, and to examine witnesses; and that all proceedings before the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover.
And Mr. Donaldson having required that the proposed Committee—if granted—be appointed by Ballot—
Question (1.)—That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, a Return to an Address relating to the Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 6th August, 1856, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for books and papers on the subject, and to examine witnesses; and that all proceedings before the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee—put and passed ;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Lord, Mr. R. Campbell, and Mr. Donaldson.
12. Custody of Papers :—The Speaker having reported that the Clerk had been called upon to return to the Colonial Treasurer a certain Exhibit Voucher which had been during last Session handed in to the Select Committee on the Treasury Iron Chest and Accounts by the Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Lane, in which certain Government Moneys are acknowledged by Mr. Hollinworth to be in his possession,—
Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the said Exhibit Voucher be by the Clerk returned to the Colonial Treasurer.
Debate ensued.
Question put and *negatively*.
13. Insolventcies :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, to be obtained from the various Official Assignees—commencing 1 January, 1854, and ending 31 December, 1857—showing the name of each Insolvent Estate which has fallen to their management during that period; the amount of fees charged by them in each estate; the rate of dividend paid in same; the amount of law costs paid in each estate, together with the names of the Attorneys to whom such costs have been paid; and also a statement of all estates in which no dividend, or final dividend, has been declared, still in their hands, and showing the balance to the credit of every such estate, with other particulars as above enumerated.
Question put and passed.
14. Investigation into Mr. Dunlop's conduct :—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the proceedings, together with all evidence connected therewith, relating to the investigation ordered by the Government into the conduct of Mr. Dunlop, when Police Magistrate at the Wollombi, which proceedings have been duly entered on the records of that Bench, and which ultimately led to the dismissal of that gentleman from the Commission of the Peace.
Question put and passed.
15. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
16. Supply :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates and Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857–8; and that Richard Jones, Esquire, do take the Chair of such Committee in the absence of the Chairman of Committees.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;

Whereupon

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

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, and then reported the following Resolutions:—

1. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £80,485 1s. 9d. in renewal of the grants of last Session, to defray the Supplementary Expense of the following Services and Establishments, for the year 1857, viz. :—
 - (1.) A sum not exceeding £627 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Council Establishment.
 - (2.) A sum not exceeding £513 6s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment.
 - (3.) A sum not exceeding £528 19s. 2d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishments of the Legislative Council and Assembly.
 - (4.) A sum not exceeding £149 6s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Executive Council Establishment.
 - (5.) A sum not exceeding £315 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Principal Secretary's Establishment.
 - (6.) A sum not exceeding £446 12s. 1d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Registrar General's Establishment.
 - (7.) A sum not exceeding £514 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Postmaster General's Establishment.
 - (8.) A sum not exceeding £25 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Protestant Orphan School.
 - (9.) A sum not exceeding £20 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta.
 - (10.) A sum not exceeding £2,430 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Immigration Establishments at Sydney and Brisbane.
 - (11.) A sum not exceeding £506 19s. 4d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Sydney Police.
 - (12.) A sum not exceeding £654 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Police in Country Districts.
 - (13.) A sum not exceeding £250 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Gold Guards.
 - (14.) A sum not exceeding £700 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Native Police in the Northern Districts.
 - (15.) A sum not exceeding £87 9s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Parramatta Gaol Establishment.
 - (16.) A sum not exceeding £165 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Observatory Establishment.
 - (17.) A sum not exceeding £28 19s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta.
 - (18.) A sum not exceeding £1,219 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Military Establishment.
 - (19.) A sum not exceeding £1,600 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions,—being £100 in aid of the Mechanics' Institute at Singleton, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £500 in aid of the Maitland Mechanics' Institute, on the like condition; and £1,000 for building a Mechanics' School of Arts at Goulburn, on the like condition.
 - (20.) A sum not exceeding £400 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Charitable Allowances,—being £100 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions; £100 in aid of the Hospital at Mudgee, on the like condition; and £200 Outfit for the said Hospital at Mudgee.
 - (21.) A sum not exceeding £4,856 3s. 11d. to defray the Supplementary Charge for Miscellaneous Services,—being £200 for Naval and Military Postage; £127 8s. 4d. for Clerk to the Secretary to the Crown Law Officers, at £200 from 12th May; £228 15s. 7d. to indemnify Gilbert Elliot, Esq., for the payment of Costs incurred in defending an action brought against him while in the discharge of his Official Duties as Sheriff of the Colony; £200 for the Maintenance and Conveyance of Shipwrecked Seamen in Distress; £2,500 for Premiums on Bills of Exchange purchased for Remittance to England; £1,500 for the employment of the Steam Dredge; and £100 as Compensation to Mrs. Elizabeth Wynter, in lieu of Commission received by Edward Denny Day, Esq., for superintending the Sale of Crown Lands on the 17th of January, 1854, and which ought to have been paid to the representatives of the late William Wynter, Esq.
 - (22.) A sum not exceeding £176 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Treasury Establishment.
 - (23.) A sum not exceeding £248 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Customs Establishment.
 - (24.) A sum not exceeding £185 10s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, being Compensation to the Importers of certain quantities of Blasting Powder which had been stored by Government in the Floating Magazine, "Lady Mary," and there damaged by leakage in the deck of the vessel.
 - (25.) A sum not exceeding £1,472 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment.

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- (26.) A sum not exceeding £30 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Steam Navigation Board, at Brisbane.
- (27.) A sum not exceeding £164 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Port Master's Establishment.
- (28.) A sum not exceeding £336 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Beacon Light at Newcastle.
- (29.) A sum not exceeding £335 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Floating Light at Moreton Bay.
- (30.) A sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gold Fields Establishment, being to raise the Salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions of Sofala to that of Sub-Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- (31.) A sum not exceeding £4,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Commission on Sales of Land, Rents of Offices, and advertising.
- (32.) A sum not exceeding £1,352 11s. 2d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Works, being—£400 for cost of placing two Lights at Newcastle, so as to show, when in line, the fairway into or out of the Harbour; £66 for enclosure of Sand Hills, Newcastle; £86 11s. 2d. for laying down Water Pipes to Government House; £400 to complete the repairs to the Roadway and Dam over Cook's River; £300 for the repair of the Dam at Parramatta; and £100 for making landing-places for the accommodation of Passengers across the Ferry between North Brisbane and Kangaroo Point.
- (33.) A sum not exceeding £6,987 3s. 3d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Buildings, being—£450 for the erection of a Watch House between Maitland and Singleton; £750 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Cassilis; £900 for the erection of Watch Houses at South Gundagai and Jugiong; £350 for additions and repairs to the Court House at Brisbane; £250 for purchase of Buildings for Police purposes at Louisa Creek; the further sum of £250 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at West Kempsey; £24 for the completion of the Watch House at Collector; £3,363 3s. 3d. for repairs and alterations at the Commissariat Stores at Sydney; and £150 for fixing the Steam Engine at the Government Printing Office.
- (34.) A sum not exceeding £18,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Roads and Bridges.
- (35.) A sum not exceeding £368 16s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishment of the Surveyor General and Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- (36.) A sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Auditor General's Establishment,—being the difference between £900, the salary provided in Schedule A to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 54, and that of £1,000 per annum, notified to the present Auditor General, on his appointment, as attached to the Office.
- (37.) A sum not exceeding £2,100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of an addition to the Salaries of their Honors the Judges.
- (38.) A further sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment.
- (39.) A further sum not exceeding £20 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Police in Country Districts.
- (40.) A sum not exceeding £2,500 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Government Printing and Bookbinding Department.
- (41.) A further sum not exceeding £1,034 7s. 4d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Military Establishment.
- (42.) A further sum not exceeding £1,500 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions—being £1,000 in aid of the Building Fund of the Bathurst School of Arts, on condition that an equal sum be raised by private contribution; and £500 in aid of the Building Fund of the Parramatta School of Arts, on the like condition.
- (43.) A further sum not exceeding £5,300 to defray the Charge of Miscellaneous Services—being £50 Gratuity to John Doyle, formerly of the Police Force, and lately a letter carrier at West Maitland, disabled in the execution of his duty; £4,500 to defray the expenses of an Expedition in search of Dr. Leichhardt; £600 to defray expenses incurred for the relief of Sufferers by the late Floods in the Hunter River District; and £150 for the erection of a Tablet over the remains of the Sufferers by the Wrecks of the "Dunbar" and "Catherine Adamson."
- (44.) A sum not exceeding £1,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Supreme and Circuit Courts.
- (45.) A sum not exceeding £27 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Moreton Bay Court.
- (46.) A sum not exceeding £600 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Sheriff's Establishment.
- (47.) A sum not exceeding £1,800 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Quarter Sessions Establishment.
- (48.) A further sum not exceeding £6 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Treasury Establishment, being to meet the claim for re-payment to Mrs. Catherine Doniher of a like sum lodged by her in the Treasury, in 1853.
- (49.) A further sum not exceeding £150 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment,—being Rent of Brig "Lady Mary" employed as a Temporary Floating Magazine from 1st July to 31st December.
- (50.)

(50.) A sum not exceeding £610 9s. 3d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board Establishment.

(51.) A further sum not exceeding £13,842 8s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Works and Buildings, being—£2,800 for the construction of a New Lighthouse on the Inner South Reef, Port Jackson; £500 for the erection of Obelisks as leading marks to assist in the navigation of the various channels in Port Jackson; £700 for the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head; £1,000 for the survey of the lands adjacent to the River Hunter, with a view to ascertain whether any measures can be adopted to lessen the injury from floods in future; £5,000 for the repairs of the damages done to Roads and Bridges by the recent floods; a further sum of £148 10s. for additions and repairs to the Court House, Brisbane; £1,000 for repairing the Main North Road at Warland's Flat; £100 for repairs to Road between Binalong and Bowning; £100 for repairs on the Binalong and Burrowa Road; £100 for repairs to Road from Binalong to Murrumbuna; £100 for sundry small repairs to Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries; £1,000 for the repairs of the Bathurst Road; and £1,293 18s. to cover expense of depositing silt on the reclaimed space in the Botanic Gardens.

2. Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £28,332 19s. 5d. in renewal of the grants agreed to in Committee last Session, to defray the expense of the following Services and Establishments for the year 1858, viz. :—

(1.) A sum not exceeding £100 to meet necessary additional expenditure under Schedule (A) to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 54,—being to cover the increase of the salary of the Auditor General from £900 to £1,000.

(2.) A sum not exceeding £733 6s. 8d. to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 54,—being £200 to Lady Forbes, widow of Sir Francis Forbes, formerly Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Dowling, widow of Sir James Dowling, late Chief Justice; £100 to Mrs. Anne Kinchela, widow of the late Mr. Justice Kinchela; £133 6s. 8d. to Mr. Edward Robert Stack, late Master of the Benevolent Asylum, at Sydney; and £100 to Mrs. Anne Petrie, the daughter of the late Captain Flinders.

(3.) A sum not exceeding £14,328 8s. to meet necessary additional expenditure under Schedule (C) to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 54.

(4.) A sum not exceeding £2,316 9s. 9d. to defray the salaries and contingencies of His Excellency the Governor General's Establishment.

(5.) A sum not exceeding £4,964 15s. to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment.

(6.) A sum not exceeding £5,890 to defray the salaries of the Legislative Assembly Establishment.

Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

17. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Electoral Law,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow fortnight.
18. Postponement:—Mr. R. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Thursday next. The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, on the first reading of the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Buckley, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and Mr. Williamson.
2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, (in Committee of Supply) That there be appropriated a sum not exceeding £114,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the month of April, 1858.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Judge, other than one of the present Judges, for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay.

2. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That W. J. Lennon, Esquire, be appointed by the Assembly, one of the Auditors of the Accounts of the Commissioners of Railways, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 18 Vict., No. 40, in the room of George King, Esquire, resigned.
3. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Punishment of Frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with property.
4. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.
5. Mr. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to Increase the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Railways Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. GORDON to move, That the Petition praying the repeal of the Bonded Warehouses Act of 1857, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
2. Mr. JENKINS to move, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
3. Mr. GORDON to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the repeal of the Bonded Warehouse Act, No. 21, of 1857.
4. Mr. DALLEY to move, That the Petition of Mr. Francis O'Meara, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
5. Mr. HONGSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this Parliament for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, as returned by the Returning Officer for the said Electoral District upon two occasions.

Questions :—

1. Mr. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask The SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What the Government have done or intend to do towards the erection of a Bridge over the Jugiong Creek ?
2. Mr. LORD to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps have been taken by the Government to meet the necessity for a defined route, with Reserves along its line, by which Stock may be driven from the Northern Districts towards Victoria, without being exposed to the grievous obstruction and loss at present occasioned by Lessees of Waste Land refusing a right-of-way through their Runs ? If not, is it the intention of the Government to take any such steps ?
3. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1) Whether the Government has instituted, or proposes instituting, any inquiry into the subject of certain improprieties alleged to have been committed, and in particular, of insulting language stated to have been addressed, upon the Bench at Maryborough, Wide Bay, to E. B. Uhr, Esq., J. P., by E. S. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett ?
 - (2.) Whether the Government is aware that several Magistrates of the District above named have declined sitting upon the Bench at Maryborough, in consequence of Mr. Halloran's conduct ?
4. Dr. ALDCORN to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether he has received any report from the Surveyor lately employed in surveying the Flats which obstruct the navigation in the Crookhaven ; and, if so, whether it is intended to take any steps founded on such Report ?
5. Mr. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government will be prepared to state, in detail, to the House, the nature and extent of the alterations which have been made, or are intended to be made, in the Ministerial Departments, in order to effect greater efficiency and economy in the Public Service, as announced by His Excellency in the Opening Speech ?
6. Mr. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have received any deputation from persons of the labouring class suffering from want of employment in the City of Sydney ; and, if so, what was the nature of the representations made on the subject—more particularly as to the number and designation of the persons unemployed. And whether the Government are in possession of any information of a definite character on this subject, derived from other sources ; and whether they have it in contemplation to adopt any steps in the matter ?

THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857–8.
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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Main Roads Bill ; second reading.
- 2. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Question :—

- 1. Mr. FORSTER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Qceanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 6.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Special Return to Writ:—The Speaker having reported that he had this day received from the Governor General a Writ which had been issued by His Excellency on the 23rd day of December last, for the Election of a Member to serve in this House during the present Parliament for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, which had been made returnable on the 27th day of February last, upon which the Returning Officer had made a Special Return, to the effect that “no person was duly chosen a Member” for the said Electoral District, in consequence of there being no mail to forward his letters appointing Returning Officers at Rannes and Gladstone, and in consequence of there being no Returning Officer at Surat,—together with a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the Governor General, to the effect that the said Writ, with the said Special Endorsement thereon, had been received by His Excellency from the Returning Officer on the 29th instant,—
 And a Debate arising as to the diligence used by the Returning Officer in this case,—
 Mr. Hodgson moved,—
 (1.) That the Writ for the Election of a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, and the Special Return endorsed thereon, be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to inquire into, and report thereon, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Owen, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Forster.
 Question put and passed.
2. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Copy of the Regulations for the management of the New South Wales Electric Telegraph.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Standing Orders:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee a Report, with the Draft Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to an Instruction referred to them on the 25th instant,—
 And laid upon the Table a Copy of the Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Commons.
 Report and Draft Standing Rules and Orders ordered to be printed and considered in Committee of the whole on Wednesday next;—
 And Standing Rules and Orders of the House of Commons ordered to lie upon the Table.
4. Treasury Iron Chest and Accounts:—Mr. Flood, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee appointed on the 30th instant, to inquire into and report upon these subjects; and to whom were referred all the proceedings before the similar Committee of last Session, recommending that the Clerk of this House be directed to return to the Colonial Treasurer certain Original Papers forming Appendices to those Proceedings, marked F-A and F-B, upon supplying to the Committee Copies thereof, certified by the Clerk,—
 And the Clerk having read the same at length;—
 Mr. Flood moved, That this Report be now adopted.
 Question put and passed;—
 Whereupon Mr. Flood moved, That the Clerk be instructed accordingly.
 Question put and passed.

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5. Assent to Treasury Bills Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 2.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 31 March, 1858.

6. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Judge, other than one of the present Judges, for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
7. Auditor of Railway Accounts:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That W. J. Lennon, Esquire, be appointed by the Assembly one of the Auditors of the Accounts of the Commissioners of Railways, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, 18 Vict., No. 40, in the room of George King, Esquire, resigned.
Question put and passed.
8. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the Appointment of a Judge (other than one of the present Judges) for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay,*" read a first time,—
Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Buckley, Mr. Denichy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and Mr. Williamson.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Dickson having required that the proposed Committee, if granted, be appointed by Ballot,—
Question (1.)—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill,—put and passed;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed,—viz., Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Owen, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Denichy.
9. Grant for Education:—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the District of Burwood and Enfield, praying that any Grant for Educational purposes may be distributed to the Denominational and National Boards in proportion to the number of Children attending the Schools respectively under their control.
Petition received.
10. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Punishment of Frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with property.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Punishment of Frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with Property,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time next Friday week.
13. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time next Friday week.
14. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
15. Postponement:—The second reading of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the next following Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
16. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell having presented this Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to increase the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

17. Supply:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857–8, and that Richard Jones, Esquire, do take the Chair of such Committee, in the absence of the Chairman of Committees.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again to-morrow week, and then reported the following Resolution:—
3. Resolved, That there be appropriated a sum not exceeding £114,000, to defray the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the Month of April, 1858, at Rates not exceeding those authorized during the last three months.
Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
18. Government Railways Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.
19. Bonded Warehouses:—Mr. Gordon moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition praying the repeal of the Bonded Warehouses Act of 1857, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
20. Postponement:—Mr. Owen, on behalf of Mr. Jenkins, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Jenkins second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Wednesday next.
21. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the repeal of the Bonded Warehouses Act, No 21, of 1857.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
22. Mr. Francis O'Meara:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Francis O'Meara, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
23. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill:—Mr. Gordon having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal an Act of the 21st of Victoria, No. 21, intituled 'An Act to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses,'*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time next Friday week.
24. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Hodgson withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
25. Adjournment for Easter Holidays:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Wednesday next," at Three o'clock.
Mr. Scott moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," in order to the insertion in their place of the word "to-morrow."
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed;—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed;—
And the House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorized to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the
Chairman

Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorized to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorized; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

2. Mr. FORSNER to move (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—

(1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standing Orders; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
3. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DALLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of the following Correspondence, with reference to the remuneration received, and the positions occupied, by certain Clerks in the Central Police Office:—

(1.) Letter from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate, dated 12th December, 1857.

(2.) Reply of Police Magistrate to the same, dated 18th December, 1857.

(3.) The Police Magistrate, Sydney, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 15th February, 1858, (with enclosure.)

(4.) The Police Magistrate, Sydney, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 19th February, 1858, (with enclosure.)

2. Mr. ROTTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Postmaster General, with reference to an alleged irregularity in the conveyance of the Mails to Bathurst.

3. Mr. JENKINS to move, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.

Question:—

1. Mr. WEEKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any official inquiry has been instituted by the Government into the irregularities alleged to have taken place on board the Emigrant Ship "Stebonheath," during her passage to this Colony; and, if so, whether there is any objection to lay the Report, accompanied by the Evidence, upon the Table of this House?

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. OWEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of Mr. Shone, Government Surveyor, and any other report presented to the Government, relating to the supply of Water to Wollongong.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR *to move*,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Purchase of Horses for Artillery drafted to India:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 3.

The accompanying Despatch has just been received by His Excellency from the Most Noble the Governor General of India, requesting that such Troops as may be spared from the Australian Colonies may be forwarded forthwith to Calcutta, and particularizing more especially a Regiment of Infantry and a Company of Artillery.

Confiding in the assurances conveyed in the Address of the 24th ulto., the Governor General does not hesitate to apply to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for the purchase of the Horses which are required, in order to enable the Company of Artillery, which it is proposed to detach to the assistance of the Indian Government, to take the field at once on landing at Calcutta.

The number of Horses required will be 104, and the cost of purchasing them is estimated at £35 per horse, or £3,640.

Government House,

Sydney, 7 April, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

2. Member Sworn:—James Byrnes, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the Town of Parramatta.
3. Grant for Education:—Mr. John Campbell presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the parish of St. John, at the Glebe, praying that the sum annually voted for Primary Education be divided between the National and Denominational Boards, in proportion to the number of children under instruction in their respective schools.
Petition received.
4. Gundagai Assize Court:—Mr. Wm. Macleay presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Licensed Graziers, Stock and Land Holders, Farmers, Storekeepers, Licensed Victuallers, Tradesmen, Mechanics, Laborers, and other Inhabitants of Gundagai and the adjoining Districts, praying the establishment of a Court of Assize or a District Court having Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, at Gundagai.
Petition received.
5. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Forster having presented a Petition from Thomas George Rusden, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration,—
Moved, That the Petition be received.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
And Petition received.
6. Branch Line of Railway to Windsor:—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, praying the extension of a Branch Line of Railway to the District of Windsor.
Petition received.
7. Papers:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Order, in reference to Bank Assistance to Government, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 30th ultimo.
(2.) The Return to the Order, in reference to Government Debentures and Treasury Bills from 1st September, 1857, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 30th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Grant for Education:—
(1.) Mr. Arnold presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Danmore, in the District of Maitland, praying that no change may be made in distributing State Grants for Educational purposes until a general system be established.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Arnold presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Clarence Town, with a similar prayer.
Petition received.

9. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 (1.) The Ordnance Returns of Moneys, Lands, Buildings, &c., rendered pursuant to 4 Vict., No. 2.
 (2.) The Report from the Medical Adviser to the Government on Vaccination, for the Year 1857.
 Ordered to be printed.
10. Proposed Standing Orders :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the proposed Standing Orders,—
 And Mr. Arnold having made his acknowledgments to the House for the honour conferred upon him by his election to the honorable and responsible office of Chairman of Committees,—
 Question put and passed ;
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
11. Papers :—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table a Statement of the Ways and Means for 1857–8, consisting of,—
 (1.) Balance Sheet, showing actual deficit of Revenue on 31 December, 1856, and estimated deficit on 31 December, 1857.
 (2.) Revenue and Receipts for the year 1857.
 (3.) Estimated Account Current of Revenue and Expenditure, carried to 31 December, 1858.
 (4.) Estimates for the Year 1858.
 (5.) Loans Account Balance Sheet from January to December, 1857.
 (6.) Statement of estimated Revenue derivable from Land and Rents, and of the Expenses chargeable thereon, for 1858.
 (7.) Statement shewing the total Debt of the Colony ; the Sums authorized to be raised by certain of the Loan Acts ; and the Amounts raised under each of those Acts respectively, on 31 December, 1857.
 Ordered to be printed.
12. Ways and Means :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, pursuant to notice, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1857–8.
 The Chairman obtained leave to sit again this day week, and then reported the following Resolutions :—
 (1.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1857, the sum of £80,485 1s. 9d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 (2.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty towards the Service of the year 1858, the sum of £28,332 19s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.
 Question put and passed.
13. Postponements :—
 (1.) The second reading of the Main Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
 (2.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 (3.) The second reading of the Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
 (4.) The consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
14. Central Police Office Clerks :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of the following Correspondence, with reference to the remuneration received, and the positions occupied, by certain Clerks in the Central Police Office :—
 (1.) Letter from Colonial Secretary to Police Magistrate, dated 12th December, 1857.
 (2.) Reply of Police Magistrate to the same, dated 18th December, 1857.
 (3.) The Police Magistrate, Sydney, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 15th February, 1858, (with enclosure.)
 (4.) The Police Magistrate, Sydney, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 19th February, 1858, (with enclosure.)
 Question put and passed.
15. Irregular Conveyance of Mails to Bathurst :—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Postmaster General, with reference to an alleged irregularity in the conveyance of the Mails to Bathurst.
 Question put and passed.
16. Postponement :—Mr. Taylor, on behalf of Mr. Jenkins, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Jenkins third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
 The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorized to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorized to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorized; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 - (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
4. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. OWEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of Mr. Shone, Government Surveyor, and any other report presented to the Government, relating to the supply of Water to Wollongong.
2. MR. LORD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the last Census Returns of the Population of the Pastoral Districts of Wellington and Bligh.

Question :—

1. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government have received any Report from the Surveyor recently employed in surveying the Harbour of Kiama for the purpose of ascertaining the best mode of rendering it more secure; and if so, Whether the Government have considered such Report with a view of carrying out its recommendations?

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, presented by him on the 7th instant, praying for an extension of a branch line of Railway to the District of Windsor, be printed.
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from the inhabitants of Gundagai, praying for the establishment of an Assize or District Court at that place, be printed.

3. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Dunmore, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
4. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Clarence Town and neighbourhood, be printed.
5. MR. JENKINS to move, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TOOTH to move,—

1. That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter :—

(1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.

(2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.

(3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.

(4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.

(5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.

(6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.

(7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.

(8.) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.

(9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.

(10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.

(11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill :—

(1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.

(2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.

(3.)

(3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay

(4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.

(5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proposed Standing Orders; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR *to move*,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Special Return to Writ:—The Speaker having laid upon the Table all the Papers which had come to his hands in reference to the Writ for Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranca, and to the Special Return made thereon, consisting of,—
 - (1.) Letter from the Colonial Secretary to the Speaker, of 30th ultimo,
 - (2.) Certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Governor General of the receipt of the said Writ, by His Excellency, with the Special Endorsement thereon, on the 29th ultimo,
 - (3.) Copy of a Letter from the Returning Officer to the Colonial Secretary, of 3rd ultimo, in explanation of the Special Return made by him,
 - (4.) The Solicitor General's opinion,
 - (5.) The Attorney General's opinion,—
 Mr. Owen, on behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Hodgson, moved, That these several Papers be referred to the Select Committee on the Special Return to Writ;—
Question put and passed.
2. Election Petitions:—The Speaker having reminded the House that the time had elapsed within which exception might be taken to his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—
Mr. Cowper said it would have been his duty now to have moved, That the Election Petitions laid upon the Table by command, on the 24th ultimo, be referred to that Committee, but, as he had been informed by the Speaker, that no official intimation had reached him as yet that the requirement of the 67th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, as regards the deposit of the money to meet the costs of proceedings upon those Petitions had been complied with, he must abstain for the present from making that motion.
3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address, in reference to the Separation of Moreton Bay, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 30th ultimo.
 - (2.) Statements explanatory of the proposed Division of Electoral Districts, shewing the various Districts—the population—and the number of Members.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, upon verbal notice given yesterday, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Chinese Immigration.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill;—
 - (2.) And Mr. Cowper having *presented* the Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to Regulate Chinese Immigration,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. Slaughter Houses in Sydney, and Abattoirs on Glebe Island:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the City of Sydney and its environs, representing the prejudicial effects arising from the slaughtering of cattle in private establishments within the City of Sydney and its suburbs, and praying the completion for use of the Abattoirs on Glebe Island.
Petition received.
6. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Letter from Captain Martindale on the subject of Auditing the Government Railway Accounts.
 - (2.) Letter from the Town Clerk enclosing a Report from the City Engineer on the difficulties which may arise in carrying out the works under the control of the Corporation, from the powers over the Streets of the City proposed to be granted to the Commissioners of Railways by the Government Railway Bill.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. Postponements :—
- (1.) The second reading of the Main Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.
 - (4.) The consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (5.) Mr. Owen postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
9. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Lord not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of other Business for to-day, it dropped.
The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorized to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorized to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorized; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 - (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications."

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, presented by him on the 7th instant, praying for an extension of a branch line of Railway to the District of Windsor, be printed.
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from the inhabitants of Gundagai, praying for the establishment of an Assize or District Court at that place, be printed.
3. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Dunmore, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
4. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Clarence Town and neighbourhood, be printed.
5. MR. JENKINS to move, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
6. MR. FAUCET to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land.
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Tolls collected at a Turnpike situated on the road leading from Drayton to Ipswich, on the summit of the Main Dividing Range.

8. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from T. G. Rusden, be printed.
9. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
- (1.) A Return shewing the gross cost of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint to 31st December, 1857, specifying the cost of buildings, cost and freight of machinery, and every expense incurred in bringing the Mint into active operation, including the amounts paid for the passages of the various officers and staff, and shewing the different heads of revenue under which such expenditure has been charged.
- (2.) A Return shewing the gross amount of salaries, allowances, and contingencies in reference to that Branch Mint, paid in each year, to the same date.
- (3.) A Return shewing the names of all officers and persons employed in the Mint during the year 1857, specifying those who are provided with quarters at the expense of the Colony (if any.)
10. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Sydney, praying the completion for use of the Abattoirs on Glebe Island, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
11. MR. OWEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of Mr. Shone, Government Surveyor, and any other report presented to the Government, relating to the supply of Water to Wollongong.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Main Roads Bill ; second reading.
6. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,— Whether Mr. Surveyor Haeg's Report upon the practicability of erecting a Bridge over the Murray, at Albury, and his Estimate of the expense, have been received by the Government ; and, if so, what steps the Government now intend to take in the matter ?

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TOOTH to move,—

I. That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter :—

- (1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.
- (2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.
- (3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.
- (4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.
- (5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.
- (6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.
- (7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof ; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.
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(9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.

(10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.

(11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill:—

(1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.

(2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases

(3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.

(4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.

(5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?
2. MR. BYRNES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY,—What steps the Government intend to take in reference to the question of Secondary Punishment; and whether it is intended to move for the re-appointment of the Committee on this subject appointed last Session?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proposed Standing Orders; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR *to move*,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. HODGSON *to move*, That in the opinion of this House, the New Colony of Moreton Bay, in the event of its separation from the Middle District, ought not to be liable, either directly or indirectly, for any Loans which may be contracted towards the formation and extension of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
The Clerk Summoned:—The Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had been summoned to attend the Supreme Court to-day, to give evidence on the part of the Crown, and to produce all the original Papers which were before a Select Committee of the Assembly, during the Session of 1856-7, touching a certain Information to be preferred against John Wilkes in a case of Felony; and that the Short-hand Writers had also been summoned in the same case;—and having reminded the House, that neither the Clerk nor the Short-hand Writers could comply with such Summons without leave of the House:—
Put a Question,—That the Clerk and Short-hand Writers have leave to comply with the said Summons, the Clerk personally, or by deputy, as may be most convenient to the business of the House, and the Short-hand Writers personally—which passed in the *affirmative*.
2. Election Petitions:—Adverting to what had been said yesterday, in reference to the Election Petitions laid upon the Table on the 24th ultimo, Mr. Donaldson said that the Petition of Mr. Pye alleged on the face of it, that the £100 had been deposited in one of the Banks to the credit of the Speaker, and added, that as the Law was silent on the matter, it might be useful were the Speaker to explain what further intimation would be required of the fact of such deposit—
Whereupon the Speaker said, that as regarded Petitions addressed to himself, he invariably required that they be accompanied by a Bank Deposit Receipt for the £100 deposited to his credit, and added, in reference to the Petitions now before the House, that they would be proceeded upon immediately the Petitioners conformed to this practice as established in former cases.
3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Further Papers relative to a Steam Postal Service between Southampton and Sydney, *via* New Zealand and Panama.
 - (2.) The Report of the Board on National Education, for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) The Return to the Address in reference to irregularities in the Conveyance of Mails to Bathurst, adopted on motion of Mr. Rotton, on the 7th instant.
4. Grant for Education:—Mr. John Campbell presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Gold District of Araluen, praying that the present disproportionate appropriation of the Educational Grant may be at once rectified, by dividing it between the Denominational and National Boards of Education, in proportion to the number of Children attending their respective Schools.
Petition received.
5. Branch Line of Railway to Windsor:—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, presented by him on the 7th instant, praying for an extension of a branch line of Railway to the District of Windsor, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Gundagai Assize Court:—Mr. William Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from the inhabitants of Gundagai, praying for the establishment of an Assize or District Court at that place, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Grant for Education:—
 - (1.) Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Dunmore, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Clarence Town and neighbourhood, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Tamworth Court of Assize:—Mr. Jenkins moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Titles to Land Bill:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Tolls collected on Road between Drayton and Ipswich:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Tolls collected at a Turnpike situated on the road leading from Drayton to Ipswich, on the summit of the Main Dividing Range.
Question put and passed.
11. Titles to Land Bill:—Mr. Faucett having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land*," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
12. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, from T. G. Rusden, be printed.
And a Debate arising,—
The Speaker reiterated his opinion that the House could not legally entertain the prayer of this Petition, which ought to have been presented to His Excellency the Governor General, under the Electoral Act of 1851.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Branch of the Royal Mint:—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
(1.) A Return shewing the gross cost of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint to 31st December, 1857, specifying the cost of buildings, cost and freight of machinery, and every expense incurred in bringing the Mint into active operation, including the amounts paid for the passages of the various officers and staff, and shewing the different heads of revenue under which such expenditure has been charged.
(2.) A Return shewing the gross amount of salaries, allowances, and contingencies in reference to that Branch Mint, paid in each year, to the same date.
(3.) A Return showing the names of all officers and persons employed in the Mint during the year 1857, specifying those who are provided with quarters at the expense of the Colony (if any.)
Question put and passed.
14. Slaughter Houses in Sydney, and Abattoirs on Glebe Island:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Sydney, praying the completion for use of the Abattoirs on Glebe Island, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Supply of Water to Wollongong:—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of Mr. Shone, Government Surveyor, and any other report presented to the Government, relating to the supply of Water to Wollongong.
Question put and passed.
16. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill:—Mr. Gordon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put—
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

Noes, 13.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Bill read a second time ;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Gordon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

17. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

18. Chinese Immigration Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Debate be adjourned until this day fortnight.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day fortnight.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. White,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Weeke. }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

19. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

20. Main Roads Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time ;—
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time ;

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

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

21. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TOOTH to move,—

1. That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter :—

(1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.

(2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.

(3.)

(3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.

(4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.

(5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.

(6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.

(7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.

(8.) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.

(9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.

(10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.

(11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill:—

(1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.

(2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.

(3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.

(4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.

(5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

2. MR. OWEN to move, That the Legislative Council be requested to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of their Select Committee of last Session upon the "Business of the Supreme Court," with a view to its being referred to the Select Committee of this House, on the "Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill."

3. MR. OWEN to move, that the following documents be referred to the Select Committee on the "Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill," viz.:—

(1.) Report of the Law Commission, of which His Honor the Chief Justice was Chairman, ordered to be printed 14 June, 1849.

(2.) Observations on the present and probable future wants of the Colony, in connexion with the Administration of Justice; signed Alfred Stephen, C.J., J. N. Dickinson, R. Therry, ordered to be printed, 4 July, 1855.

(3.) Correspondence between His Honor the Chief Justice and the Honorable the Attorney General, relative to Mr. Justice Milford's leaving Moreton Bay, ordered to be printed 24 March, 1858.

(4.) Copy of a letter from His Honor the Chief Justice to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated 27th February, 1858, having reference to the appointment of a Fourth Judge, ordered to be printed, 30th March, 1858.

4. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move :—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to report upon the advantages likely to accrue to the Colony of New South Wales from opening up the navigation of the Murray and its effluents—the Murrumbidgee and the Darling—and upon the best mode of clearing the Channels of those Rivers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members,—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. White, and the mover.
5. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition from Araluen on the subject of the Educational Grant, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
6. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition from the Glebe, in reference to the Grant for Education, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
7. MR. GORDON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of all persons Registered as Wine and Spirit Merchants, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Council, 13 Victoria, No. 26, from the 1st January to the 1st April, during the present year.
 (2.) A Return of all such persons so Registered, who have paid into the Colonial Treasury the Registration Fee, in accordance with the Act of Council, 20 Victoria, No. 37, during the same period, viz, from the 1st January to 1st April, 1858.
8. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 (1.) That as the Despatch of the Governor General of India does not urgently require the Company of Royal Artillery at present stationed in Sydney should be sent to India, it is the opinion of this House, that the withdrawal of this force at the present time, would leave our expensively constructed Fortifications unmanned and useless, and this City in a defenceless position. That for the foregoing and other grave reasons, the removal of this force would be inexpedient and injudicious.
 (2.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
9. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.
10. MR. TOOTH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing what amount of money has been received by the Government, from the Bonded Stores in the Port of Sydney, from 1st April, 1857, to 1st April, 1858, and further to particularize the proportion of the gross sum received from each Bonded Warehouse.
11. MR. JENKINS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill ; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; second reading.
 3. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
 5. Main Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 6. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
 7. Government Railways Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What result has been arrived at in the case of Mr. Weaver, Licensed Surveyor in and for the District of Queanbeyan, recently suspended from his office in consequence of certain alleged misconduct, into which an inquiry is understood to have been instituted by the Government?
2. MR. BYRNES to ask THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY,—What steps the Government intend to take in reference to the question of Secondary Punishment ; and whether it is intended to move for the re-appointment of the Committee on this subject appointed last Session?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HON. THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) With reference to a notice, dated Feb. 22, and published in the *Government Gazette* of Feb. 26, 1858, whether any, and, if any, what new special conditions to be imposed upon future licensed occupants of Crown Lands, and to which it is intended to obtain the sanction of the Legislature, are in contemplation by the Government?
 (2.) With reference to the same notice, what is meant by the phrase "modified conditions," as distinguished from conditions generally speaking?
 (3.) What course the Government intend pursuing with reference to the lessees of Crown Lands in the event of the expiration of any of their leases?
 (4.) With reference to a notice dated March 9, and published in the *Government Gazette* of March 8, is it intended by the Government absolutely to prohibit temporary occupation of all reserves of public lands established in accordance therewith, or of any other reserves of public lands ; or, if not, on what conditions will such occupation be authorized?

4. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have received any information of recent massacres of native blacks in the Wide Bay and Burnett Districts; and, if any such information has been received, whether it can be laid before this House, as to the number of the victims, the names of the stations where the murders took place, and what part, if any, was taken by the Native Police in relation to these outrages?
5. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any plan for a more satisfactory distribution of the duties of Government in the public departments has been under the consideration of the Ministry; and whether any change is likely to be proposed by which the Law Officers of the Crown will cease to be Cabinet Ministers?
6. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intends to take any steps towards the drainage of the Gaol and other Public Buildings in the Town of Bathurst?
7. MR. SUTTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps, during the present year, towards the construction of a bridge across the Nepean River, at Penrith?
8. MR. JENKINS *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Gundyah, and if so—when?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES *to move* (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being in the Electoral District where any election shall take place and having held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent to the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the same person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License during the last six months?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, (as the case may be) after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proposed Standing Orders; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR *to move*,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. HODGSON *to move*, That in the opinion of this House, the New Colony of Moreton Bay, in the event of its separation from the Middle District, ought not to be liable, either directly or indirectly, for any Loans which may be contracted towards the formation and extension of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales.

3. Mr. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1858.

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

Election Petitions:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper, *by Command*, laid upon the Table a Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor General by William Butler Tooth, of the City of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, complaining that no return was made to the Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly during the present Parliament for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa;—alleging that Petitioner had a right to be, and ought to have been, returned as duly elected for the said Electoral District;—and praying that it may be declared that Petitioner was elected, and ought to have been returned, as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said Electoral District.

Petition, on motion of Mr. Cowper, referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

(2.) Mr. Cowper moved, That the Petition of James Pye, Esquire, against the return of George Oakes, Esquire, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the Town of Parramatta, laid upon the Table, *by Command*, on the 24th ultimo, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Question put and passed.

2. Seizure of Gold Dust:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Ayong, Amang, Aheng, and Akitt, on behalf of themselves and other Chinamen who lately took their passages on board the "Ethereal," bound from Sydney to Hongkong, praying the resumption of the consideration of the grievance of which they complained in the last Session, in regard to the Seizure of their Gold Dust for non-payment of the Export Duty.

Petition received.

3. Proposed reinstatement of the late Chairman of the National School Board:—Mr. Macarthur presented a Petition from the Board of National Education, praying the reinstatement of Mr. Plunkett in the office of Chairman of the National School Board.

Petition received.

4. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the exercise of the Elective Franchise by Government Officers, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 26th ultimo.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Berrima:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants, Freeholders, and Householdors of the District of Berrima, praying that Berrima may be erected into a separate Electoral District.

Petition received.

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

(1.) Correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Steam Postal Service.

(2.) Papers relating to the Charter of the steam ship "City of Sydney" for the Conveyance of the Mails, in the place of the European and Australian Royal Mail Company's contract vessel the "European."

(3.) Returns of the Metropolitan Police, for the year 1857.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Report of the Immigration Board on the case of the Immigrants per "Stebonheatb," together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Board.

Ordered to be printed, (without the Evidence.)

7. Police Guard for Cockatoo Island :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 4.

The withdrawal from the Colony of a large portion of the Troops, will render it impossible to furnish a Military Guard for the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, and it becomes necessary, in consequence, to provide immediately for this Service by a re-organization of the Police Force.

The annual expense to the Colony of the present Military Guard and Police at Cockatoo Island is £3,698 14s ; and that of the Police Force proposed to be substituted is estimated at £4,615 13s. 9d., as explained by the accompanying statement ; and the Governor General invites the Legislative Assembly to make provision for the additional sum of £916 19s. 9d., which will be required to carry this arrangement into effect.

Government House,

Sydney, 13th April, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying statement, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

8. First Meeting of Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, the Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Elections and Qualifications' Committee to take place at noon, on Thursday next, in Committee Room, No. 2.
9. Committee of Elections and Qualifications Sworn :—Richard Jones, The Honorable John Hay, Robert Thomas Jamison, Elias Carpenter Weekes, Alexander Walker Scott, Samuel Deane Gordon, and Robert Owen, Esquires, sworn at the Table by the Clerk, as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
10. Postponement :—Mr. Tooth postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
11. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Legislative Council be requested to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of their Select Committee of last Session upon the "Business of the Supreme Court," with a view to its being referred to the Select Committee of this House, on the "Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill."

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Owen moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Resolution "That the Legislative Council be requested to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of their Select Committee of last Session upon the 'Business of the Supreme Court,' with a view to its being referred to the Select Committee of this House, on the 'Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill,' " begs now to request that the Legislative Council will communicate the same accordingly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th April, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the following documents be referred to the Select Committee on the "Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill," viz. :—

1. Report of the Law Commission, of which His Honor the Chief Justice was Chairman, ordered to be printed 14 June, 1849.
2. Observations on the present and probable future wants of the Colony, in connexion with the Administration of Justice ; signed Alfred Stephen, C. J., J. N. Dickinson, R. Therry, ordered to be printed, 4 July, 1855.
3. Correspondence between His Honor the Chief Justice and the Honorable the Attorney General, relative to Mr. Justice Milford's leaving Moreton Bay, ordered to be printed 24 March, 1858.
4. Copy of a letter from His Honor the Chief Justice to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated 27th February, 1858, having reference to the appointment of a Fourth Judge, ordered to be printed, 30th March, 1858.
5. A Numerical Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
6. A Numerical Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
7. A Numerical Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

Question put and passed.

12.

12. Navigation of the Murray :—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to report upon the advantages likely to accrue to the Colony of New South Wales from opening up the navigation of the Murray, the Wakool, the Edwards, the Murrumbidgee, and the Darling—and upon the best mode of clearing the Channels of those Rivers;—and that all proceedings before the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members,—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. White, and the mover.
 Question put and passed.
13. Grant for Education :—
 (1.) Mr. John Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Araluen on the subject of the Educational Grant, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. John Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Glebe, in reference to the Grant for Education, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
14. Registered Wine and Spirit Merchants :—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of all persons Registered as Wine and Spirit Merchants, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Council, 13 Victoria, No. 26, from the 1st January to the 1st April, during the present year.
 (2.) A Return of all such persons so Registered, who have paid into the Colonial Treasury the Registration Fee, in accordance with the Act of Council, 20 Victoria, No. 37, during the same period, viz., from the 1st January to 1st April, 1858.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
15. Proposed Dispatch of Artillery to India :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That it is the opinion of this House, That the Despatch of the Governor General of India does not urgently require that the Company of Royal Artillery at present stationed in Sydney should be sent to India; and this House is also of opinion, that the withdrawal of this force at the present time, would leave our expensively constructed Fortifications unmanned and useless, and this City in a defenceless position.
 (2.) That for the foregoing and other grave reasons, the removal of this force as contemplated, would be inexpedient and injudicious.
 (3.) That an Address embodying the above Resolutions, be presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Owen,
 Mr. Weckes,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Fiddington,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Lloyd,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Paterson,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Dalley, } Tellers.
 Mr. Arnold, }

16. Postponement :—Mr. Thornton postponed the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper of other business for to-day, until this day fortnight.
17. Fees from Bonded Stores in Sydney from 1 April, 1857 :—Mr. Tooth moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing what amount

amount

amount of money has been received by the Government, from the Bonded Stores in the Port of Sydney, from 1st April, 1857, to 1st April, 1858, and further to particularize the proportion of the gross sum received from each Bonded Warehouse.

Question put and passed.

18. Postponement :—Mr. Jenkins postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper of other business for to-day, until this day week.
19. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill :—Mr. Gordon moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided —

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.

Nees, 22.

Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Wild,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

20. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time ; to be considered in Committee this day week.
21. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time this day week.
22. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
23. Postponements :—
(1.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Main Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
(3.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(4.) The consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at Twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote. Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder

“holder of a Miner’s Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner’s Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election.”

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word “Roll,” “And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner’s Right or License to dig for gold”

“5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B in the Miner’s Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner’s Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?”

“6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?”

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, “For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner’s Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A.”

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, “I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer.”

2. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans’ licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

3. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—

(1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word “and,” inserting in lieu thereof—“as shall be described “in such specifications”

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Proposed Standing Orders; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Masters’ and Servants’ Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Main Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move, That the Petition of the Board of National Education, praying the reinstatement of Mr. Plunkett as Chairman of the Board, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Berrima, praying that Berrima be erected into a separate Electoral District, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

Questions :—

Questions :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take, any steps with reference to a proposal, which had received the consideration of the predecessors of the present Government, to transfer to the Registrar General of the Colony the Registers of Births, Deaths, and Marriages at present understood to remain in the possession of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney?
2. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government intend, this Session, to lay upon the Table of the House the "Blue Book" for 1858, conformably to the usual practice when the Estimates are under consideration?

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. HODGSON to move, That in the opinion of this House, the New Colony of Moreton Bay, in the event of its separation from the Middle District, ought not to be liable, either directly or indirectly, for any Loans which may be contracted towards the formation and extension of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales.
3. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General—also, of all Affidavits and Declarations—also, of all Correspondence between His Excellency or the Executive Government and Mr. Justice Dickinson or any other persons—also, of all Reports made by His Honor to the Executive Government,—in reference to the liberation of William Bird Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes, in March or April of last year.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return compiled from the latest official information, shewing the progress and present state of the Electric Telegraphs in the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, and the probable date when the chain of Telegraphic communication between the Cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Launceston, and Hobart Town, will be completed.
7. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Return laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer relative to Stock sold out of the Sofala Pound, be printed.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place during the six months ended March 31, 1858, between the Government and any gentlemen holding the situations of Police Magistrates or Commissioners of Crown Lands, having reference to removal from, or resignation of, office.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. PARKES** to move, That this House, having in view the present circumstances of the Colony, and the necessity for retrenchment in the public expenditure, resolves—
- (1.) That a re-organisation of the Departments which shall place the duties of public employment more equally under the control of Ministers, and secure their more economical performance, is urgently required, and ought not to be delayed.
 - (2.) That in the preparation of the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year, all salaries above £250 per annum, ought to be subjected to a rateable reduction, according to amount in each case considered in reference to the nature of the service performed.
 - (3.) That the salaries paid to the Responsible Ministers of the Crown, ought to be equal in amount, and not higher than £1,200 per annum.
 - (4.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to his Excellency the Governor General, praying that the same may be submitted for the early consideration of the Executive Council.
2. **MR. TOOTH** to move,—
1. That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter:—
 - (1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.
 - (2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.
 - (3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.
 - (4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.
 - (5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.
 - (6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.
 - (7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.
 - (8.) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.
 - (9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.
 - (10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.
 - (11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.
 2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.
 - (2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.
 - (3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.
 - (4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.

(5.)

(5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

3. MR. JENKINS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Election Petition:—The Speaker having laid upon the Table a Petition which had been addressed to him by T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, and praying that Petitioner be declared to be a Member duly elected for the said Electoral District,—
Mr Cowper moved, That this Petition be now referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put and passed.
 2. Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to the Tolls collected on the Road between Drayton and Ipswich, made, on motion of Mr. Hodgson, on the 9th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. Proposed Standing Orders:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Proposed Standing Orders.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the proposed Standing Orders,—
Mr. Cowper moved, That the Standing Orders reported as agreed to in Committee of the whole be now adopted as the Standing Orders of this House.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the Standing Orders adopted by this House, be, by the Speaker, presented for approval to His Excellency the Governor General.
Question put and passed.
 4. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day fortnight.
(2.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
 5. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act "to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857,"* begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th April, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
6. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the next following Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
 7. Main Roads Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment,—

Mr. Robertson moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the first section of the Schedule."

Debate ensued.

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

Question proposed,—That in place of the words omitted there be inserted the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of 'the first section of' the Schedule;—"

Whereupon Mr. Hodgson moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the words 'the first section of.'

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. White,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.
Mr. Faucett, }

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

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the first section of the Schedule,—put and passed;—

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time this day week.

8. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Message had been received from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, in compliance with the request contained in the Legislative Assembly's Message of yesterday's date, transmits herewith, a copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee of last Session, upon the "Business of the Supreme Court."

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 April, 1858.

Report and Proceedings, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, referred to the Select Committee on the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill.

9. Postponements :—The 4th, 6th and 7th Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
10. Proposed reinstatement of the late Chairman of the National School Board :—Mr. Macarthur moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Board of National Education, praying the reinstatement of Mr. Plunkett as Chairman of the Board, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Berrima :—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Berrima, praying that Berrima be erected into a separate Electoral District, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same ; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised ; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
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 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications"

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1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. ROTTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government has any intention, during the present Session, to propose any plan for the creation and endowment of Grammar Schools in the Towns of Maitland, Bathurst, and Goulburn?

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House, having in view the present circumstances of the Colony, and the necessity for retrenchment in the public expenditure, resolves—
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- (5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.
- (6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.
- (7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.
- (8.) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.
- (9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.
- (10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.
- (11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill :—

- (1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.
- (2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.
- (3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.
- (4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.
- (5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.
- (6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

3. MR. JENKINS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.

 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.

 FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese "Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

 TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.

 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of this day of one thousand eight hundred and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 12.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL, 1858.

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

Proposed dispatch of Artillery to India :—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address adopted by this House on the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer ;—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN

OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I regret that you should have seen reason, within the very short period which has elapsed since the commencement of the Session, to have so entirely altered your opinion as to the policy of the measures adopted by the Government for affording assistance to our countrymen in India, as to have given your assent to the Resolutions which have just been read.

Confident in your willingness to enable the Government to carry out the arrangements made with the Major-General in Command of the Troops, I communicated to the Secretary of State, and to the Governor General of India, the nature and amount of the assistance which might, in case of necessity, be expected from this Colony; and I am, I confess, deeply grieved that I should now be compelled to admit that the Legislative Assembly, after recording, in the most unqualified terms, its approval of the course adopted by the Government, has, so far from offering any assistance to the Government of India, shown every disposition to withhold that aid which the Government and the Military authorities are alike convinced might safely and advantageously be afforded.

Whatever may be the opinion of the Legislative Assembly as to the meaning of the Despatch of the Most Noble the Governor General of India, I will take upon myself to assure you, that the services of the Company of Artillery are urgently required in that Country; and that a Battery fully horsed and ready to take the field (as I was in hopes the one sent from this Colony might have been) would be of the greatest possible assistance to the force about to move forward to the attack of Oude and Rohileund.

I think too highly of the inhabitants of Sydney to participate in the apprehension expressed, that the departure of one hundred Artillerymen would leave the City defenceless; neither am I of opinion that, in a time of profound peace, it is at all necessary to retain in idleness a force which might be most advantageously employed for its own credit, and the service of Her Majesty, in another part of Her dominions.

As, however, the Legislative Assembly has expressed an opinion that the removal of the Artillery from Sydney would be inexpedient and injudicious, I have made known these Resolutions to the Major General in Command of the Troops, and have suggested that until further advices may arrive from India, this portion of the Military Force may be allowed to remain in Sydney.

*Government House,
Sydney, 15 April, 1858.*

W. DENISON.

2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table further Papers relating to the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the National Education Board—being copies of Petitions, on the subject, addressed to His Excellency the Governor General.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to the Branch of the Royal Mint, adopted, on motion of Mr. Williamson, on the 9th instant.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1857–8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The Second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16.

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13. MR. SUTTON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as requires notice to be given for four consecutive weeks, of the intention to apply for leave to introduce a Private Bill, before presentation of the Petition for leave to introduce such Bill.
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 - (6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.
 - (7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.
 - (8.) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.
 - (9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.
 - (10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.
 - (11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.
 2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill :—
 - (1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.
 - (2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.
 - (3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.
 - (4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.
 - (5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other

other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

3. MR. JENKINS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.

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3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 13.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Postponement:—Mr. Murray, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Macarthur first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until this day-week.
 2. Mr. John Murray Bate:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from John Murray Bate, First Clerk in the Office of the Legislative Council, representing that he is compelled to retire from the public service, in consequence of ill health brought about by the long hours of attendance he was called upon to give to his duties, with an allowance awarded to him of only one month's pay for every year of his service, and praying redress.
 Petition received.
 3. Question of Privilege:—Proposed dispatch of Artillery to India:—Mr. Thornton, advertng to the answer given yesterday by the Governor General to the Address to His Excellency, adopted by this House on the 13th instant, on the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India,—moved, without previous notice:—
 (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the answer of His Excellency the Governor General to the Address adopted by this House on the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India, and to prepare an Address in reply, in vindication of the course pursued by this House in that matter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Smith, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
 And Mr. Arnold having required that the Committee, if granted, be appointed by Ballot,—
 Debate ensued.
 Question (1)—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the answer of His Excellency the Governor General to the Address adopted by this House on the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India, and to prepare an Address in reply, in vindication of the course pursued by this House in that matter—put and passed;—
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Smith, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Macarthur.
 4. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Debate of the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further facilitating the payment of Debts out of Real Estate,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
 W. W. BURTON,
 President.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 16 April, 1858.*
- Bill, on the motion of Mr. Dalley, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. Seizure of Gold Dust:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from A-on and A-Fo, on behalf of themselves and others, natives of China, who lately took their passages to Hong Kong in the ship "Mary Nicholson," praying the resumption of the consideration of the grievance of which they complained in the last Session, in regard to the Seizure of their Gold Dust for non-payment of the Export Duty.
 Petition received.

6. Proposed Release of Moreton Bay from liability for Railway Loans:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the New Colony of Moreton Bay, in the event of its separation from the Middle District, ought not to be liable, either directly or indirectly, for any Loans which may be contracted towards the formation and extension of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales. Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
7. Member Sworn:—Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay.
8. Release of Moreton Bay from liability for Railway Loans:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Hodgson,—That, in the opinion of this House, the new Colony of Moreton Bay, in the event of its separation from the Middle District, ought not to be liable, either directly or indirectly, for any Loans which may be contracted towards the formation and extension of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales,—
Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved the Previous Question—
Interrupted by swearing Mr. Moriarty,—resumed.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
9. Postponement:—Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday April 27.
10. Liberation of William Bird Evans:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General—also, of all Affidavits and Declarations—also, of all Correspondence between His Excellency or the Executive Government and Mr. Justice Dickinson or any other persons—also, of all Reports made by His Honor to the Executive Government,—in reference to the liberation of William Bird Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes, in March or April of last year.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. White,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

11. The Clerk Summoned:—The Speaker having informed the House, that the Clerk had been summoned to attend the Supreme Court, to produce the Petition against the return of the sitting Members for Sydney, in the year 1856, and other papers connected therewith; and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such summons without leave of the House:—
Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said summons, either personally, or by deputy, as may be most convenient to the Business of the House,—
which passed in the affirmative.
12. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Donaldson not moving the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
13. Progress and present state of the Electric Telegraph in the Australian Colonies:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return compiled from the latest official information, shewing the progress and present state of the Electric Telegraphs in the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, and the probable date when the chain of Telegraphic communication between the Cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Launceston, and Hobart Town, will be completed.
Question put and passed.
14. Postponement:—Mr. Rotton, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
15. Retirement from Office of Police Magistrates or Commissioners of Crown Lands:—Mr. Parkes moved pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place during the

the six months ended March 31, 1858, between the Government and any gentlemen holding the situations of Police Magistrates or Commissioners of Crown Lands, having reference to removal from, or resignation of, office.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. Alluvial Lands of the Hunter:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of improving the Alluvial Lands of the Hunter, by a system of Drainage, and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out; and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Flood, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

17. Breakwater at Stockton:—Mr. Scott moved pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report, Plans, and Estimates, furnished by Mr. Moriarty, Civil Engineer, respecting the advisableness of constructing a small and inexpensive Breakwater to run seawards from the South-east End of Stockton, in order to secure the entrance of the Harbour of Newcastle from all obstructions, by preventing the continual shifting of the sand at this particular point, and by stopping the heavy drift of the same from the Long Beach, caused by the prevalent north-easterly winds, both tending to the formation of shoals and the narrowing of the Channel.

Question put and passed.

18. Postponement:—Mr. Taylor postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.

19. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Donaldson not moving the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.

20. Bathurst School of Arts Bill:—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as requires notice to be given for four consecutive weeks, of the intention to apply for leave to introduce a Private Bill, before presentation of the Petition for leave to introduce such Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from the President, Vice President, and Members of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, praying leave to introduce a Bill to enable its Trustees to surrender a certain piece of Land, and to accept other Land in lieu thereof.

Petition received.

21. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Gordon postponed the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, (in Committee upon the *Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts,—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferrics, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorized to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

3. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—

(1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications."

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House, having in view the present circumstances of the Colony, and the necessity for retrenchment in the public expenditure, resolves—

(1.) That a re-organisation of the Departments which shall place the duties of public employment more equally under the control of Ministers, and secure their more economical performance, is urgently required, and ought not to be delayed.

(2.) That in the preparation of the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year, all salaries above £250 per annum, ought to be subjected to a rateable reduction, according to amount in each case considered in reference to the nature of the service performed.

(3.) That the salaries paid to the Responsible Ministers of the Crown, ought to be equal in amount, and not higher than £1,200 per annum.

(4.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to his Excellency the Governor General, praying that the same may be submitted for the early consideration of the Executive Council.

2. MR. TOOTH to move,—

1. That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter :—

(1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.

(2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.

(3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.

(4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.

(5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.

(6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.

(7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.

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(9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.

(10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.

(11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill :—
- (1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.
 - (2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.
 - (3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years ; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.
 - (4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.
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3. MR. JENKINS to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.
 4. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring in a " Bill to Regulate the Impounding of " Cattle."
 5. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
 6. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
 7. MR. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Warialda.
 8. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of any Minutes entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council, in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Plunkett from the Office of Chairman of the National Board of Education ; and a Return of the names of the Members of the Executive Council who were present when Mr. Plunkett's dismissal from the said Office was considered and determined on.
 9. MR. EGAN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that branch of the Public Service ; and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Flood, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Dickson.
 10. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Return laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer relative to Stock sold out of the Sofala Pound, be printed.
 11. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
 12. MR. SUTTOR to move, For leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
 13. MR. SCOTT to move, That the Report on Drainage by Mr. Surveyor Adams, and the Hunter River Flood Map, ordered to be printed on the 9 December, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the " Alluvial " Lands of the Hunter."
 14. MR. GORDON to move, That the third reading of the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 23rd instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Executive to appoint any Agent in the United Kingdom upon whom should devolve the special duty of conducting and managing the Emigration therefrom to New South Wales?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. OWEN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General; the expediency and probable expense of procuring fire-proof premises; the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured; the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from registering deeds and instruments; the state and system of the indices, and whether any improvement can be made therein;—and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of paper for parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the clerks of the Registry Office.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.
3. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.

4. Mr. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Continuent Notice of Motion :—

1. Mr. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"

"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
" voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
" for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
" District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
" and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Approval of Standing Orders:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Standing Orders adopted by this House on the 14th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.
2. Papers:—
 - (1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 1. The Return to the Address in reference to the Supply of Water to Wollongong, adopted, on motion of Mr. Owen, on the 9th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 2. The Return to the Order in reference to Fees received from the Bonded Stores in Sydney, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Tooth, on the 13th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 3. Papers relating to Unemployed Mechanics and Laborers, in Sydney.
 4. Progress Report of the Immigration Board in reference to proceedings on board the Immigrant Ship "Stebonheath."
 5. Letter from W. O. Wentworth, Esquire, Chairman of the General Association for the Australian Colonies, in London, to the Colonial Secretary of New South Wales, respecting a proposal for the extension of the existing contract for the Mail Service between England and the Australian Colonies.
Ordered to be printed.
3. German Immigration:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain German Residents in Sydney and environs, representing the absence of arrangements for the proper accommodation of Immigrants from Germany, and praying that all German Emigration Vessels coming to this Colony be placed under the regulations which apply to British Emigrant Vessels arriving here.
Petition received.
4. Commuted Pensioners:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from certain Commuted Pensioners praying to have extended to them the privileges enjoyed by the Commuted Pensioners under the Regulations of 1832.
Petition received.
5. Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, "That" this House, having in view the present circumstances of the Colony, and the necessity for retrenchment in the public expenditure, resolves—
 - (1.) That a re-organisation of the Departments which shall place the duties of public employment more equally under the control of Ministers, and secure their more economical performance, is urgently required, and ought not to be delayed.
 - (2.) That in the preparation of the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year all salaries above £250 per annum ought to be subjected to a rateable reduction according to amount, in each case considered in reference to the nature of the service performed.
 - (3.) That the salaries paid to the Responsible Ministers of the Crown, ought to be equal in amount, and not higher than £1,200 per annum.
 - (4.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the same may be submitted for the early consideration of the Executive Council.
 Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report what changes can be made in the respective Departments of the Government, with a view to promoting their efficiency, and at the same time reducing their cost to the public, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers."
 - (2.) That the Committee consist of ten Members, viz.:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover."
 Debate ensued.

And

And the Original Question, being, by consent, amended in section (2), so as to stand thus :—

“(2.) That the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year, ought to be framed upon a basis of reduction according to amount in each case considered in reference to the nature of the service performed”;—

And it being agreed to put the proposed Resolutions in the Original Question *seriatim*, in case the proposed amendment be negatived,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.	Noes, 25.
Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Wild,	Mr. Owen,
Mr. Tooth,	Mr. Richardson,
Mr. G. Macleay,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. W. Macleay,	Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Moriarty,	Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hodgson,	Mr. Janis r,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Macarthur,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. White,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jones,
	Mr. Byrnes,
	Mr. Piddington,
	Mr. J. Campbell,
	Mr. Murray,
	Mr. Suttor,
	Mr. Faucett,

} Tellers.

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

Whereupon Question,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report what changes can be made in the respective Departments of the Government, with a view to promoting their efficiency, and at the same time reducing their cost to the public, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers :—

(2.) That the Committee consist of ten Members, viz. —Mr. Robertson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover,—put and passed.

6. Question of Privilege—Proposed Dispatch of Artillery to India :—Mr. Thornton, as Chairman, having brought up the Report from the Select Committee appointed on the 16th instant, to prepare a reply to the Governor General's answer to the Assembly's Address of the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India,—

The same was read at length by the Clerk, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thornton then moved, That the consideration of the Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and have precedence of all other business, including Notices of Motion.

Question put and passed.

7. Proposed Bases for Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Tooth moved, pursuant to notice, That in order to carry out a liberal system in the Alienation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, and to afford small capitalists and industrious Colonists the opportunity of acquiring land upon easy terms, thus promoting their prosperity and happiness, and the general welfare of the Colony, this House do now affirm the following principles as a basis upon which a Land Bill should be constructed, leaving the details to be determined hereafter :—

(1.) That all unalienated Crown Lands, held under Lease for Pastoral purposes, be resumed whenever required for sale or for any public purpose.

(2.) That the lands so resumed, in the most desirable localities, shall be surveyed for sale, divided into farms of from 20 to 320 acres each.

(3.) That all applications for purchase shall be made by letter, which shall be registered and transmitted by post to the Officer appointed to receive such applications, and no application shall be considered valid, unless the purchase money is at the same time transmitted.

(4.) That compensation for loss of improvements such as fencing, dams, wells, and buildings ordinarily required for the occupation of a grazier, be granted to the Lessees of Crown Lands resumed before the expiration of their Leases.

(5.) That the amount of such Compensation be paid in Remission Land Orders, which may be transferable.

(6.) That so soon as the survey and division into farms of a block of land is completed, and maps thereof are ready for issue, the same shall be advertised for sale for one month, and shall thereafter be open to free selection, at the price of 20s. per acre, without auction.

(7.) That when a block of land, after being surveyed and mapped, is advertised for sale, only one allotment in three shall, in the first instance, be open for purchase, the purchaser having a pre-emptive right, which shall continue in force for seven years,

years, over the two allotments adjoining his purchase on two opposite boundaries thereof; that during the said period of seven years, he shall not be called upon to pay rent for the allotments so held under such pre-emptive right, but he shall forfeit all claim thereto, if he does not pay for the same upon or prior to the expiration of the said term of seven years.

(8) That in the event of more than one application being received by the same post, for the purchase of any allotment or allotments, such allotment or allotments shall be advertised for thirty days, at the least, for sale by tender.

(9.) That the Government shall advertise for sale, both in the Sydney and local journals, and shall cause to be exhibited in Sydney and in the respective localities, maps of all lands surveyed for sale, for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which applications are to be received for the purchase of such lands.

(10.) That all lands, not agricultural or pastoral, shall be sold by auction.

(11.) That it is desirable to appoint in Sydney, a Board to whom shall be confided the general management of the sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and who shall be specially charged with the duty of facilitating the disposal thereof, as circumstances may arise; and that this Board shall have power to appoint a Board in London, by whom, and by Agents to be appointed by them in various parts of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe, full information as to the Waste Lands of the Colony, their character, and the mode in which they are sold, may be disseminated.

2. That it is desirable for the prosperity of this Colony and the stability of its commercial and agricultural interests, that this House should affirm the leading principles to be embodied in a Bill affecting the interests of the graziers, in order that the inhabitants of the country may have the opportunity of expressing its opinions when returning Representatives to this House under a new Electoral Bill:—

(1.) That the Lessees of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes shall have their full rights respected as against any other grazier, so long as any portion of the land leased to them be not required for any purpose whatever other than grazing.

(2.) That the Parliament shall determine the rent to be paid for the lands occupied by the tenants of the Crown upon the expiration of existing leases.

(3.) That upon the expiration of existing leases, new pastoral leases be granted for eight years; and notice shall be given, three years prior to the expiration of a lease, of any increased rent which the tenants are to be called on to pay.

(4.) That lands held under pastoral leases be subject to the agricultural regulations for the occupation and sale of Waste Lands.

(5.) That the rents derivable from Crown Lands shall not be applied to general Revenue purposes, but shall be appropriated to defray the cost of constructing tram or other roads; and that in order to facilitate a better communication with the interior, the Legislature shall have power to raise on loan, any sum or sums, the interest upon which shall not exceed the amount of such rents.

(6.) That it shall be lawful for any holder of a pastoral lease, if he wishes to fence his run, to give the adjoining occupant or occupants, notice of his intention to do so, and to require them to pay one-half of the cost thereof.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. Salary for Police Magistrate, at Tamworth:—Mr. Jenkins moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Tamworth.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.
Mr. Jenkins, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. White,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

9. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Jamison moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Impounding of Cattle.

Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill;—

And

And Mr. Jamison having presented the Bill, Bill intituled, "A Bill to regulate the *Injounding of Cattle*," read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

10. Postponements:—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motions standing in his name fifth and sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Lloyd withdrew the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
12. Dismissal of the late Chairman of the National School Board:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all proceedings of the Executive Council, in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Plunkett from the Office of Chairman of the Board of National Education.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. Customs Department:—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that branch of the Public Service; and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of the Session of 1856-7 be referred to this Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Flood, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. William Macleay, and Mr. Dickson.
Question put and passed.
14. Stock Sold out of Sofala Pound:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Return laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer relative to Stock sold out of the Sofala Pound, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Taylor postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
(2.) Mr. Suttor postponed the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
16. Floods and Drainage:—Hunter River:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report on Drainage by Mr. Surveyor Adams, and the Hunter River Flood Map, ordered to be printed on the 9 December, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the "Alluvial Lands of the Hunter."
Question put and passed.
17. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the third reading of the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 23rd instant.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.
Ayes, 16.
Nocs, 19.
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| <p>Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. White,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
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Mr. Hay,
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Mr. Tooth,
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Dr. Bowker,
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Mr. Egan,
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Mr. Suttor, } Tellers.
Mr. Faucett, }</p> |
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18. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
(2.) The Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, (On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Governor General's Reply, respecting the removal of the Company of Artillery,) That the Address brought up by the Committee, be now adopted by this House.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
3. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*,) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*,) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—
 - (1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Question of Privilege:—Proposed Dispatch of Artillery to India:—Consideration of the Report from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address on this subject.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.
3. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Commuted Pensioners' Petition, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the German Residents of Sydney, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

Questions:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, with reference to the Papers laid upon the Table on the 7th instant, on the subject of Bank Assistance to Government,—Whether there is any objection to lay upon the Table a Minute of the Honorable S. A. Donaldson, Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, which is alluded to in the Minute of proceedings of the Executive Council on the 7th September, 1857?

Also,—Whether it is a fact that no Minutes whatever were made at the meeting held at the Treasury on 9th March, 1858, at which the representatives of the various Banking Institutions in the Colony were present?

2. MR. MURRAY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any arrangements are in progress for repairing the Bridge at Berrima, or for the building of a new Bridge?
3. MR. HAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY OF LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government intend to promulgate any Revised Code of Gold Mining Regulations, or any Revised Regulations applicable to particular Gold Fields?
4. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether Local Courts have been established on any Gold Fields on petition of the inhabitants thereof, under the provisions of the Gold Fields Management Act of 1857?
5. MR. MORIARTY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have it in contemplation to take any steps towards resuming from pastoral lease, and setting apart for the use of the public, portions of Crown Land in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, containing Timber adapted and required for building purposes?

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR *to move*,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. OWEN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General; the expediency and probable expense of procuring fire-proof premises; the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured; the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from registering deeds and instruments; the state and system of the indices, and whether any improvement can be made therein;—and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of paper for parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the clerks of the Registry Office.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.
3. MR. WHITE *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
4. MR. DALLEY *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending and consolidating the laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
5. MR. MURRAY *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of men employed, on an average, per month, on the Great South Road, from the 1st of January, 1857, to the 31st of March, 1858, specifying the localities to which their labor has been applied, and the rates at which they have been paid.
6. MR. GORDON *to move*, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill, be now read a third time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese "Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
5. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the descent of landed property in cases of intestacy.
6. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
8. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
9. MR. SUTTON to move, For leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
10. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Bonded Warehouse Act Repeal Bill be now discharged from the Paper.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold"
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
 " voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
 " for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
 " District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
 " and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 15.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question of Privilege—Proposed dispatch of Artillery to India:—The Order of the Day being read for consideration of the Report from the Select Committee appointed, on the 16th instant, to prepare a Reply to the Governor General's Answer to the Assembly's Address of the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India,—
The Report was read at length by the Clerk.
2. Member Sworn:—George Henry Cox, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Wellington.
3. Question of Privilege—Proposed dispatch of Artillery to India:—Mr. Thornton moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the reply to the Governor General's answer to the Assembly's Address of the 13th instant, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India, as prepared by the Select Committee for that purpose appointed on the 16th instant.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

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And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight.

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL, 1858.

The Chairman having reported the Reply agreed to in Committee, as follows:—

“ To His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General in and over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice Admiral of the same.”

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament Assembled, having had under consideration Your Excellency's Answer to the Address of this House bearing date 15 April, in reference to the proposed dispatch of the Company of Artillery to India, regret that Your Excellency should have been advised to express yourself therein in terms which appear to us calculated to impair the cordiality which it is desirable should be maintained between the several branches of the Legislature.

“ A due regard to the character and dignity of this House requires that we should, in the most emphatic manner, declare that there is neither justice nor correctness in the imputations that we have entirely altered our opinion as to the policy of the measures adopted by the Government for affording assistance to our countrymen in India, and that after recording, in the most unqualified terms, our approval of the course adopted by the Government, we have, so far from offering any assistance to the Government of India, shown every disposition to withhold that aid which the Government and the Military authorities are alike convinced might safely and advantageously be afforded.”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22 April, 1858.*

Mr.

Mr. Thornton moved, That this House do "now" adopt the Reply as agreed to in Committee.

Mr. Flood moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" in order to add at the end the words "this day Six Months"

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

The House divided.

Ayes 28.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Jamison,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
Mr. Thornton, }

Noes 13.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Egan, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon Original Question put,—That this House do now adopt the Reply as agreed to in Committee.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Murray,
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Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Egan, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Mr. Thornton then moved, That the Mover and Seconder accompany the Speaker to present the Reply to His Excellency the Governor General.
Question put and passed.

4. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business, until three o'clock p.m., this day.

(2.) The Orders numbered 1 to 7, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until three o'clock p.m., this day.

(3.) Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Other Business, until Friday next.

5. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Thornton not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business, it dropped.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 - (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.
3. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS.—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

OTHER BUSINESS.—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.

(2.)

(2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.

2. MR. OWEN to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General; the expediency and probable expense of procuring fire-proof premises; the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured; the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from registering deeds and instruments; the state and system of the indices, and whether any improvement can be made therein;— and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of paper for parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the clerks of the Registry Office.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

3. MR. WHITE to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

4. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending and consolidating the laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.

5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of men employed, on an average, per month, on the Great South Road, from the 1st of January, 1857, to the 31st of March, 1858, specifying the localities to which their labor has been applied, and the rates at which they have been paid.

6. MR. GORDON to move, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill, be now read a third time.

7. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the General Instructions, (if any,) given by the Government or the Surveyor General to the Surveyors employed in laying out Towns and Villages throughout the Colony.

8. MR. KOTTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Petition to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Bathurst, praying for the Establishment and Endowment of a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst; and also of any Correspondence on the subject between Mr. M'Guiggan, or any other person, and the Government.

9. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Commuted Pensioners' Petition, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.

4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
5. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the descent of landed property in cases of intestacy.
6. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
8. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
9. MR. SUTTON to move, For leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
10. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill be now discharged from the Paper.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold"
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
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 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of this day of one thousand eight hundred and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

- GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—
1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Vote of Confidence:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to verbal notice given before the rising of the House this morning, That this House, being anxious for the uninterrupted conduct of the Public Business, desires to express its confidence in the present Administration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Smith moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put—That this Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. White,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Scott, }

Noes, 17.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.
Mr. Hodgson, }

Whereupon Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. White,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.

Upon which Mr. Forster—adverting to the vote just passed—moved, That this House do now adjourn until three o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. Orange:—Mr. Cox presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Orange, praying that provision be made in the Electoral Bill to give direct and distinct representation to the Police District of Orange.

Petition received.

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper—having first made his acknowledgments to the House for the expression of its confidence in the Administration,—laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers,—

1. Further Correspondence respecting the removal of the late Chairman of the Board of National Education.

2. Return to the Address in reference to Proceedings of the Executive Council in relation to the same matter adopted, on motion of Mr. Faucett, on the 20th instant.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper,—

3. The Return to the Address in reference to Registered Wine and Spirit Merchants adopted, on motion of Mr. Gordon, on the 13th instant.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.

5. Main Roads Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be “now read a third time.”

Mr. Buckley moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “read a third time,” in order to the insertion in their place of the words “re-committed, with a view to make additions to the Schedule, and to further consider “clauses 1, 3, 10, 12, and 14.”

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Oakes,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Original Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Bill read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Speaker.

Sydney, 22nd April, 1858.

Question put and passed.

6. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. Postponement :—The third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.

8. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and then reported the following Resolutions :—

4. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,127, to defray the contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1858.
5. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,207 7s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1858.
6. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,293 13s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Principal Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1858.
7. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £983 to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Resident at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.
8. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,421, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1858.
9. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,087, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Establishment, for the year 1858.
10. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,050 to defray the Expense of Conveyance of Mails, for the year 1858.
11. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,928 14s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, at Parramatta, for the year 1858.
12. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,988 4s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, at Parramatta, for the year 1858.
13. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,000, to defray the expenses of Emigration from the United Kingdom, for the year 1858.
14. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,680 15s., to defray the expense of Immigration Establishments, for the year 1858.
15. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,393 5s., to defray the expense of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1858.
16. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,968 5s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Judicial Department of the Sydney Police Establishment, for the year 1858.
17. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,873 4s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Water Police Establishment, at Sydney, for the year 1858.
18. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,754 8s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of the Sydney City and District Police Establishment, under the control of the Inspector General and Metropolitan Superintendent, for the year 1858, being £2,350 for the salaries of the Inspector General's Department ; £18,768 16s. 8d. for the salaries of the City and District Constabulary ; and £2,635 11s. 7d., for the contingencies of the City and District Constabulary.
19. Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,676 7s. 11d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Horse Patrol, for the year 1858.

Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

9. Postponements:—

(1.) The Orders 6 and 7 on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Tuesday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (in *Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—
 - (1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 - (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action involving injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and which has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
2. MR. OWEN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General; the expediency and probable expense of procuring fire-proof premises; the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured; the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from registering deeds and instruments; the state and system of the indices, and whether any improvement can be made therein;—and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of paper for parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the clerks of the Registry Office.

(2.)

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

3. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
4. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending and consolidating the laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of men employed, on an average, per month, on the Great South Road, from the 1st of January, 1857, to the 31st of March, 1858, specifying the localities to which their labor has been applied, and the rates at which they have been paid.
6. MR. GORDON to move, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill, be now read a third time.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Petition to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Bathurst, praying for the Establishment and Endowment of a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst; and also of any Correspondence on the subject between Mr. M'Guiggan, or any other person, and the Government.
8. MR. ROTTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Petition to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Bathurst, praying for the Establishment and Endowment of a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst; and also of any Correspondence on the subject between Mr. M'Guiggan, or any other person, and the Government.
9. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Commuted Pensioners' Petition, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
10. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Adult Males in each Electoral District set forth in the Electoral Bill now before the House; also the number of Adult Males in each Police District, or portion of a Police District, forming each Electorate.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Mr. John Murray Bate, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
12. MR. COX to move, That the Petition from Orange, presented by him on the 22nd instant, be printed.
13. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the German Residents of Sydney, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for carrying out sentences of hard labor.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
2. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Macbattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Macbattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,

copies

- copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
 5. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the descent of landed property in cases of intestacy.
 6. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
 7. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
 8. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
 9. MR. SUTTON to move, For leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
 10. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill be now discharged from the Paper.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported; adoption of the Report.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
 " voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
 " for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
 " District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
 " and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL, 1858.

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

Mr. John Downes Badham:—Mr. Murray, in presenting a Petition from John Downes Badham, of Sydney, gentleman, said that as the Petition contained grave charges against certain high functionaries in this Colony, he would, before making the usual motion for its reception, move, That it be read,—

And the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, having read the Petition at length, which prays the House, for certain causes therein alleged as arising out of a suit in Equity, "Badham v. Holt," to join in an Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying the removal of their Honors the Judges, under the 39th section of the Constitution Act of 1853,—

Mr. Murray moved, That the Petition be now received.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Oakes,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.

2. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Rotton presented a Petition from George F. Wise, on behalf of a Public Meeting held at Bathurst on the 8th instant, praying that the Western Gold Fields be created a distinct Electoral District; that the franchise be extended to all holders of a Miner's Right; and that some change be made in the Naturalization Clause, to prevent the extension of the franchise to the Chinese portion of the population.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table, the Treasury Account Current with the Trust Money Deposits, under the Act 20 Victoria, No. 11, from 15th June, 1857, to 31st March, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.

4. Proposed Restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Chairmanship of the Board of National Education:—Mr. Macarthur moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
 (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action which involves injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion made by Mr. Murray and Question,—That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that Day,—put and passed.
5. Registration and Preservation of Records:—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General; the expediency and probable expense of procuring fire-proof premises; the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured; the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from registering deeds and instruments; the state and system of the indices, and whether any improvement can be made therein;—and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of paper for parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the clerks of the Registry Office, with power to send for persons and to call for or inspect books and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hay, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
6. Postponement:—Mr. White postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
7. Publican's Licensing Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending and consolidating the laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
 Question put and passed;—*Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Men Employed on the Great South Road:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of men employed, on an average, per month, on the Great South Road, from the 1st of January, 1857, to the 31st of March, 1858, specifying the localities to which their labor has been applied, and the rates at which they have been paid.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
9. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Gordon withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
10. Postponement:—Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
11. Grammar School at Bathurst:—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Petition to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Bathurst, praying for the Establishment and Endowment of a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst; and also of any Correspondence on the subject between Mr. M'Guiggan, or any other person, and the Government, since 1st January, 1857.
 Question put and passed.
12. Commuted Pensioners:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Commuted Pensioners' Petition, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Adult Male Population in Electoral Districts:—Mr. Wm. Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Adult Males in each Electoral District set forth in the Electoral Bill now before the House; also the number of Adult Males in each Police District, or portion of a Police District, forming each Electorate.
 Question put and passed.
14. Mr. John Murray Bate:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Mr. John Murray Bate, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Electoral Bill, Orange:—Mr. Cox moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Orange, presented by him on the 22nd instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

16. German Emigration :—Mr. Thornton moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the German Residents of Sydney, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
17. Postponements ;
- (1.) The second reading of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The Notices and Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at half-past 10 o'clock, until Tuesday next, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (in *Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*), That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same ; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised ; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*), That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 - (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macarthur,—

" (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.

" (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action which involves injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and has deprived the cause of Education, of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more ten years ; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board."

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint the Aldermen of the City of Sydney, Justices of the Peace *ex officio*, and to effect other necessary amendments to the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney.

2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons; also, of any evidence and reports in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Beroughs at the late General Election.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
5. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the descent of landed property in cases of intestacy.
6. MR. HOBSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
7. MR. HOBSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
8. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
9. MR. SUTTOR to move, For leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
10. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill be now discharged from the Paper.
11. MR. HOBSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the working of the Act 19 Vic., No. 27, and to prepare a Bill for the prevention of the disease called Scab in Sheep, and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cox, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
12. MR. ROYON to move, That the Petition of G. F. Wise, chairman of public meeting at Bathurst, held on the 8th April, 1858, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.
13. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Mr. J. D. Badham, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.
14. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the General Instructions, (if any,) given by the Government or the Surveyor General to the Surveyors employed in laying out Towns and Villages throughout the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for carrying out sentences of hard labor.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported; adoption of the Report.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
4. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
5. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote. Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on April 7, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
2. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 18.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Dalley having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors,*" read a first time,— Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers.—
 - (1) Return to the Order, in reference to the Breakwater, at Stockton, made by this House on the motion of Mr. Scott, on the 16th instant.
 - (2) Return to the Address, in reference to the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents, adopted, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on 15th December, 1857. Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain Electors of the City of Sydney, complaining of certain provisions in this Bill, and praying the retention, in any new Electoral Law, of the Qualifications of occupation of place of business and receipt of salary, which exist under the present law.
Petition received.
4. Proposed Restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Chairmanship of the Board of National Education:—The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Macarthur,—

"(1) "That" this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.

"(2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action which involves injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board,"—resumed.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, cannot but disapprove of the letter, dated 8th January, from Mr. Plunkett to the Executive Government, but feels constrained to express its deep regret that any misunderstanding should have deprived the cause of Education of his valuable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of ten years, and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his restoration to the position which he so long and so honorably occupied."

Mr. Smith moved, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
Debate ensued.

Question put—That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Owen,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Denichy,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Dalley,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.
 Mr. Arnold,

5. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Thornton withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
6. Conduct of Returning Officer for Western Boroughs :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Memorials addressed to the Governor General, of all Affidavits and Declarations, and of all correspondence between His Excellency, or the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Richard Machattie, Mr. S. B. Serjeant, and Mr. J. N. McIntosh, and other persons, also, of any evidence and reports, in reference to the conduct of Mr. Richard Machattie, the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs at the late General Election.
 Question put and passed.
7. Transfer of Registers of Bishop's Registrar to Office of Registrar General :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, and other papers, which may be in possession of the Government upon the subject of the transfer from the custody of the Registrar of the Bishop of Sydney to the Registrar General of the Colony, of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which may remain in the custody of such Registrar.
 Question put and passed.
8. Postponement :—Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
9. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the descent of landed property in cases of intestacy.
 Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Postponements :—
 (1) Mr. Hodgson postponed the motions standing in his name sixth and seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
 (2.) Mr. Taylor postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Bathurst School of Arts Bill :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece of Land, and accept other Land in lieu thereof.
 Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bonded Warehouses Act Repeal Bill be now discharged from the Paper.
 Question put and passed.
13. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep :—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the working of the Act 19 Vic., No. 27, and to prepare a Bill for the prevention of the disease called Scab in Sheep, and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cox, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

14. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of G. F. Wise, chairman of public meeting at Bathurst, held on the 8th April, 1858, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Bathurst School of Arts Bill:—Mr Suttor having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the 'Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute to surrender a certain piece or parcel of Land in William-street, in the Town of Bathurst, some time since granted as a Site for the erection of a Building for the use of the said School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof;*" read a first time.
16. Motion dropped:—Mr. Murray not moving the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
17. Instructions for laying out Towns and Villages:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the General Instructions, (if any,) given by the Government or the Surveyor General to the Surveyors employed in laying out Towns and Villages throughout the Colony.
Question put and passed.
18. Postponements:—
(1) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until to-morrow.
(2) The second reading of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.
(3) The second reading of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next
(4) Mr. Cowper postponed the motions standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
19. Ways and Means:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the years 1857-8, and that Richard Jones, Esquire, do take the Chair of such Committee in the absence of the Chairman of Committees.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
20. Postponements:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the remaining Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.)

- (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
 " voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
 " for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
 " District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
 " and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."
2. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
3. MR. FORSTER to move (in *Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
- (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
- (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised: to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—
- (1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
- (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
- (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described
 " in such specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macarthur,—
- " (1.) That this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.
- " (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action which involves injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board."
- Upon which Mr. Piddington had moved, by way of Amendment, That all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, cannot but disapprove of the letter, dated 8th January, from Mr Plunkett to the Executive Government, but feels constrained to express its deep regret that any misunderstanding should have deprived the cause of Education of his valuable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of ten years, and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his restoration to the position which he so long and so honorably occupied."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for carrying out sentences of hard labor.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported ; adoption of the Report.
5. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, " That the Chinese " Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
6. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; third reading.
7. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
8. Government Railways Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of certain Citizens in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. OWEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,— Whether the Government has taken any measures for proclaiming the Main Road from Dapto to Gerringong in Illawarra ; and, if not, whether it is intended to take any steps for such purpose ?

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on April 7, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
2. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Order made on Thursday, the 12th day of March 1857,— " That this House will on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Com- mittee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting " His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, the sum of £150, " to be paid to Mr. David Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate " him for the loss of the Buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry,"— be now read, with a view to his moving thereupon, " That this House will resolve itself into the " said Committee on Friday, 7th of May."
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers containing the particulars of an inquiry recently held at Newcastle, which resulted in the removal of Lieut. Seaver, R.N., from the offices of Deputy Harbour Master and Shipping Agent at that Port.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council in reference to the election or appoint- ment of F. L. S. Merewether to the office of President or Chairman of the Railway Directors in 1853.
6. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence of the Governor General or the Government in reference to the appointment of Sir William Westbrooke Burton to the office of President of the Legislative Council.
7. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
9. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
10. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supple- mentary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; second reading.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain landowners and inhabitants of Hunter's Hill, in the North Riding of the County of Cumberland, praying that the County may be divided into four Electoral Districts—each to return two Members—and that the Parramatta River and the main roads through the County be taken as the boundaries of the several Districts.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the District of Windsor (exclusive of Richmond) against so much of this Bill as substitutes manhood for household suffrage, and as would admit of Chinamen becoming Electors on naturalization,—and praying that the Bill may be amended in these respects.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from Mr. Edward McEncroe, of Sydney, praying that no Electoral District may be allowed to return more than one Member, or that every Elector shall vote for only one Candidate at any Election in any one Electoral District.
Petition received.
2. Proposed Restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Chairmanship of the Board of National Education:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macarthur,—

“ (1.) “ *That* ” this House, having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, is of opinion that, in promulgating the regulations for the establishment of non-vested schools, the Board did not exceed the powers conferred upon them by the Act 11th Victoria, No. 48.

“ (2.) That this House therefore the more deeply regrets that an erroneous view of the law on the part of the Executive Government should have led to a course of action which involves injustice to Mr. Plunkett, and has deprived the cause of Education of his invaluable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of more than ten years; and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his early restoration to the Chairmanship of the Board.”—

Upon which Mr. Piddington had moved, by way of Amendment, That all the words following the word “ *That*,” at the commencement, be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ this “ *House* ” having had under consideration the correspondence and papers connected with the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Board of National Education, cannot but disapprove of the letter, dated 8th January, from Mr. Plunkett to the Executive Government, but feels constrained to express its deep regret that any misunderstanding should have deprived the cause of Education of his valuable assistance as Chairman of the Board, especially after the eminent services rendered by him in that capacity during a period of ten years, and is of opinion that the interests of the community would be best promoted by his restoration to the position which he so long and so honorably occupied,”—resumed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Wild, } Tellers.
 Mr. Suttcr. }

Noes, 20.
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Lloyd,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Dalley,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Aldeorn,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Denichy,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Flood, } Tellers.
 Mr. Owen, }

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

Mr. Parkes moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "*House*," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "desires to record its deep regret at the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Chairmanship of the Board of National Education, and feels called upon to express a hope that such steps may be taken as will enable the Government to restore him to a position in which he has already rendered such eminent services to the cause of Education in this Colony."

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words of the proposed amendment proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment,—put and negatived;—

Whereupon Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment in lieu of the words omitted, be so inserted—

And Mr. Smith offering an amendment in substitution, which the Speaker ruled out of order, as being in substance the same as the first section of the Original Question already negatived,—

And a Debate arising thereupon,—

Mr. Murray moved, That the amendment offered in substitution by Mr. Smith be entertained by this House.

Debate continued.

And Mr. Murray having by leave withdrawn his motion,—

Mr. Smith moved, That there be added at the end of the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment, the words "and this House further desires to record its opinion, that the Commissioners for National Education have authority, under their Act of Incorporation, to make such Rules and Regulations as those transmitted in their letter of the 18th December, 1857, to the Colonial Secretary, for publication in the *Government Gazette*, and that, in this respect, they did not exceed their powers."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment, be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Lloyd,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Denichy,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Suttcr,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Smith, } Tellers.
 Mr. Wild, }

Noes, 23.
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Aldeorn,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Dalley,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.
 Mr. Owen, }

Question

Question,—That in lieu of the words omitted, there be inserted the words of the proposed Amendment as so amended, with the said words added at the end,—put and passed;—

Whereupon Question put, *as so amended*, That this House desires to record its deep regret at the removal of Mr. Plunkett from the Chairmanship of the Board of National Education, and feels called upon to express a hope that such steps may be taken, as will enable the Government to restore him to a position in which he has already rendered such eminent services to the cause of Education in this Colony; and this House further desires to record its opinion, that the Commissioners for National Education have authority, under their Act of Incorporation, to make such Rules and Regulations as those transmitted in their Letter of the 18th December, 1857, to the Colonial Secretary, for publication in the *Government Gazette*, and that, in this respect, they did not exceed their powers.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Wild,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. White,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Cribb,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

The House adjourned at a quarter after Two o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"

"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
" voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
" for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
" District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
" and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election “for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 13.
4. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*), That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*), That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 - (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word “and,” inserting in lieu thereof—“as shall be described “in such specifications.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for carrying out sentences of hard labor.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary for defraying the charge of employing them in the interior upon any of the public works, or of removing to the country, that they may obtain private employment, those men and their families for whose labour there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported; adoption of the Report.
5. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, “That the Chinese “Immigration Bill be now read a second time.”
6. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
7. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
8. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of certain Citizens in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. Edward McEncroe, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. OWEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government has taken any measures for proclaiming the Main Road from Dapto to Gerringong in Illawarra; and, if not, whether it is intended to take any steps for such purpose?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on April 7, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
2. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Order made on Thursday, the 12th day of March 1857,—“That this House will on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, the sum of £150, to be paid to Mr. David Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the Buildings erected by him at Wiseman’s Ferry,”—be now read, with a view to his moving thereupon, “That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on Friday, 7th of May.”
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers containing the particulars of an inquiry recently held at Newcastle, which resulted in the removal of Lieut. Seaver, R.N., from the offices of Deputy Harbour Master and Shipping Agent at that Port.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council in reference to the election or appointment of F. L. S. Merewether to the office of President or Chairman of the Railway Directors in 1853.
6. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence of the Governor General or the Government in reference to the appointment of Sir William Westbrooke Burton to the office of President of the Legislative Council.
7. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
9. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
10. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
11. MR. TOOTH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Infants that have been received into the Benevolent Asylum from the 1st of January, 1854, to the present date, stating the date of admission, and the number of deaths; also the number of children that may have been removed during the same period.
12. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the Act 18 Victoria, No. 37, intitled, “The Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act.”
13. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Windsor, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
14. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Hunter’s Hill, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
15. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Return to the Address, in reference to the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents, adopted on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 15th December, 1857, and ordered to be printed on the 27th April, 1858, be referred to the Select Committee on the Navigation of the Murray, the Murrumbidgee, the Wakool, the Edwards, and the Darling.
16. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
17. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize additional works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; second reading.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
 - (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from John Williams, Esquire, on behalf of certain Citizens in Public Meeting assembled, on the 26th instant, embodying certain Resolutions adopted at such meeting, approving of this Bill, and praying that the consideration thereof be no further postponed.
Petition received.
2. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Chief Commissioner for Railways' Second Report on the Internal Communications of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Owen presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wollongong, praying that this Bill may be passed with all convenient dispatch.
Petition received.
4. Appointment of Justices under the Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Owen presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wollongong, praying that provision be made in the Municipalities Bill, empowering the Councillors to be elected under it to act *ex officio* as Justices of the Peace.
Petition received.
5. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Rotton presented a Petition from certain persons residing in the Town and District of Orange, in Public Meeting assembled, on the 15th instant, embodying certain Resolutions for the Amendment of this Bill, adopted at such meeting, and praying that the same may be taken into consideration.
Petition received.
6. Hard Labor Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for carrying out sentences of hard labor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill;—
And Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "A Bill to make better provisions for carrying out sentences to hard labor; read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. Unemployed Labor:—Mr. Cowper moved pursuant to amended notice, "That" this House having considered the correspondence in reference to the number of unemployed in the City of Sydney, is willing to vote such sum as may be deemed necessary to defray the charge of removing, to those parts of the country where they can obtain employment, those men and their families for whose labor there is not, at the present moment, any demand in Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Arnold moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the number and circumstances of the unemployed in the City of Sydney and suburbs.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz:—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Marks, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thornton, and the Mover."
Debate continued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn,—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

8. Trusts Funds Security Bill:—The Speaker reported, that, while the House was in debate of the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for better Securing Trust Funds, and for the relief of Trustees,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th April, 1858.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

9. Postponement:—The second reading of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday next.
10. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8
- The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (in Committee upon the *Municipalities Bill*,) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (in Committee upon the *Government Railways Bill*,) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—
 - (1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 - (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on April 7, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
2. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Order made on Thursday, the 12th day of March 1857,—“ That this House will on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, the sum of £150, to be paid to Mr. David Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the Buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry,”—be now read, with a view to his moving thereupon, “ That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on Friday, 7th of May.”
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers containing the particulars of an inquiry recently held at Newcastle, which resulted in the removal of Lieut. Seaver, R.N., from the offices of Deputy Harbour Master and Shipping Agent at that Port.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council in reference to the election or appointment of F. L. S. Merewether to the office of President or Chairman of the Railway Directors in 1853.
6. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence of the Governor General or the Government in reference to the appointment of Sir William Westbrooke Burton to the office of President of the Legislative Council.
7. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
9. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
10. MR. TAYLOR to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
11. MR. TOOTH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Infants that have been received into the Benevolent Asylum from the 1st of January, 1854, to the present date, stating the date of admission, and the number of deaths; also the number of children that may have been removed during the same period.
12. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the Act 18 Victoria, No. 37, intituled, “ The Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act.”
13. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Windsor, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
14. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Hunter's Hill, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
15. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Return to the Address, in reference to the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents, adopted on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 15th December, 1857, and ordered to be printed on the 27th April, 1858, be referred to the Select Committee on the Navigation of the Murray, the Murrumbidgee, the Wakool, the Edwards, and the Darling.
16. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
17. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize additional works by the Pymont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.
18. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
19. MR. SUTTOR to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bathurst School of Arts Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Owen, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
20. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition from Wollongong, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
21. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition from Wollongong, in reference to the appointment of Justices of the Peace under the Municipalities Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

22. Mr. ROTTON to move, That the Petition from Orange, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
23. Mr. ROTTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the proceeds of the Sales of Bathurst Township and Suburban Allotments, from the first formation of the Town to the present time, shewing also how many allotments, both Town and Suburban, now remain unsold.
24. Mr. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of certain Citizens in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
25. Mr. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. Edward M'Encroe, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; second reading
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported ; adoption of the Report.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, " That the Chinese " Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
4. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; third reading.
5. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
6. Government Railways Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
 - (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
3. Mr. CRIBB to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the following information in regard to Pounds and Poundkeepers in or near Ipswich, Warwick, and Drayton, in the District of Moreton Bay ;—
 - (1.) The particulars of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, impounded between the 1st day of March, 1857, and the 1st day of March, 1853; also, whether any deaths occurred in either of these Pounds between those dates, and, if so, the cause of such deaths, and whether any recompense was made to the owners.
 - (2.) Whether such cattle, sheep, goats, or swine were impounded for trespassing on private property, or on any waste lands belonging to the Crown occupied under any lease, license, or other proper authority, with the name of the proprietor of such private property, or occupier of such waste lands, and the amount of money paid to each, distinguishing between the sum charged for damage and that charged for driving; also, the distance from the Pound where the trespass was made.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

*Contingent Notices of Motion :—*1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"

"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.
2. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—

(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.

(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.

(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.

(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 21.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill:—Mr. Murray having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the descent of Landed Property in cases of Intestacy,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the return to the Order, in reference to the Adult Male Population in the Electoral Districts, made by this House, on motion of Mr. William Macleay, on the 23rd instant.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Northern Mail Guards:—Mr. White presented a Petition from certain Guards, employed on the Northern line of Roads, for the protection of Her Majesty's Mails, representing the inadequacy of their pay, and praying relief.
Petition received.
4. Election Petitions:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition from Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on April 7, and also the Petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, laid upon the Table by Mr. Cowper, on the 24th March last, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, for their consideration and report thereon.
Question put and passed.
5. Management of Survey Department:—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the management, past and present, of the Survey Department of the Colony, with liberty to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Scott, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. Mr. David Cross:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order made on Thursday, the 12th day of March 1857,—"*That this House will on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, the sum of £150, to be paid to Mr. David Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the Buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry,*"—be now read, with a view to his moving thereupon, "*That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on Friday, 7th of May.*"
Question put and passed,—
And the Order being accordingly read by the Clerk,
Mr. Piddington moved, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee, on Friday, 7th May.
Question put and passed.
7. Lieutenant Seaver, R.N.:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers containing the particulars of an inquiry recently held at Newcastle, which resulted in the removal of Licut. Seaver, R.N., from the offices of Deputy Harbour Master and Shipping Agent at that Port.
Question put and passed.

8. The Honorable F. L. S. Merewether, Esq. :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council in reference to the election or appointment of F. L. S. Merewether to the office of President or Chairman of the Railway Directors in 1858.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
9. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Murray withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
10. Postponement :—Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Motions dropped :—
(1.) Mr. Hodgson not moving the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
(2.) Mr. Hodgson not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
12. Salary for Police Magistrate at Armidale :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858 for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Moriarty, } Tellers.
Mr. Taylor, }

Noes, 14

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

And the numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his Casting Vote with the Ayes, to afford the House the opportunity of again considering the matter in the Committee, —and declared the Question to have passed in *the affirmative*.

13. Infants received into Benevolent Asylum :—Mr. Tooth moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Infants that have been received into the Benevolent Asylum from the 1st of January, 1850, to the present date, specifying the number received in each year, the dates of admission, and the number of deaths in each year; also the number of children that may have been removed during the same period.
Question put and passed.
14. Supply :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, *without previous notice*, that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a motion being made without notice, for the restoration to the Paper of the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 29th instant.
Question put and passed;
Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
15. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the Act 18 Victoria, No. 37, intituled, "The Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act."
Question put and passed; *Ordered*; That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
16. Electoral Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Windsor, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Hunter's Hill, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
17. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Dalley having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment and endowment of Colleges within the University of Sydney,'" read a first time, *ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
18. Navigation of the Murray :—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Return to the Address, in reference to the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents, adopted on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 15th December, 1857, and

- and ordered to be printed on the 27th April, 1858, be referred to the Select Committee on the Navigation of the Murray, the Murrumbidgee, the Wakool, the Edwards, and the Darling.
Question put and passed.
19. Postponement :—Mr. Dalley postponed the motions standing in his name sixteenth and seventeenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 20. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 21. Bathurst School of Arts Bill :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Bathurst School of Arts Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Lee, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Owen, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
 22. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Wollongong, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 23. Appointment of Justices under the Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Wollongong, in reference to the appointment of Justices of the Peace under the Municipalities Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 24. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Orange, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 25. Bathurst Town and Suburban Allotments :—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the annual proceeds of the Sales of Bathurst Township and Suburban Allotments, from the first formation of the Town to the present time, shewing also how many allotments, both Town and Suburban, now remain unsold.
Question put and passed.
 26. Electoral Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Citizens in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Edward M'Encroe, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 27. Postponement :—The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
 28. Titles to Land Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Faucett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
 29. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Dalley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
 30. Postponement :—The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, until Tuesday next.
 31. Ways and Means :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on next Tuesday week, and then reported the following Resolution :—
(3.) Resolved, That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1858, the further sum of £230,432 4s. 7d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
 32. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

33. Postponements :—
- (1.) The Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, " That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time," adjourned, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
34. Government Railways Bill :—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
35. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next, at Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House accordingly adjourned at Nine o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word " Assembly," in the 31st line, " And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote : Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word " Roll," " And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - " 5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - " 6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, " For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, " I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."
2. MR. FORSTER to move (in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill), That the following stand as Clause 38,— " No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate."
3. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.
4. MR. FORSTER to move (in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill,) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
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 - (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications.

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1. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
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 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
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- (2.) Whether such cattle, sheep, goats, or swine were impounded for trespassing on private property, or on any waste lands belonging to the Crown occupied under any lease, license, or other proper authority, with the name of the proprietor of such private property, or occupier of such waste lands, and the amount of money paid to each, distinguishing between the sum charged for damage and that charged for driving; also, the distance from the Pound where the trespass was made.
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1. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
2. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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5. Titles to Land Bill; third reading.
6. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; third reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, MAY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Court and Resident Judge at Albury:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, praying the passing of a Bill for the establishment there of a Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and for the appointment of a Resident Judge.
Petition received.
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Rules of the Destitute Children's Society, with List of Board of Directors.
 - (2.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year 1857.
 - (3.) Return to the Address, in reference to the establishment of Grammar Schools, at Bathurst, adopted, on motion of Mr. Rotton, on the 23rd ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr Suttor presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, embodying certain opinions adverse to some of the provisions of this Bill, and praying that the same may be taken into consideration.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from James Ewan, Chairman, and Peter Dean, Secretary of the Northumberland Liberal Political Association, praying that Morpeth and its neighbourhood, with the eastern part of the Police District of Maitland—East Maitland and its neighbourhood, with the middle portion of the Police District—the Borough of West Maitland—and the Western Division of the Police District of Maitland, may each return one Member, and that some change in the proposed system of voting by Ballot may be made.
Petition received.
4. Mr. Robert Vining Gale:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Robert Vining Gale, late Teacher of the Presbyterian School, Pitt-street, South, complaining of his dismissal without sufficient cause, and praying redress.
Petition received.
5. Mr. George Underwood Alley:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Mr. George Underwood Alley of Shoalhaven, representing that a certain Petition, having reference to the Navigation of the Shoalhaven River, is being got up in the District, which will not be the legitimate expression of public opinion, and praying the House will not permit of the rights of Petitioner being so abused.
Petition received.
6. Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Residents on the Manning River, County of Macquarie, praying that the Police District of the Manning River, as now constituted, may return one Member.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Electors of the District of Macquarie, in approval of this Bill, and praying that it may pass into law.
Petition received.
7. Port of Bristol (England):—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Bristol, in England, praying that in any arrangements made for the better administration of the Colonial funds appropriated to Immigration purposes, the Port of Bristol may be included as one of the ports of departure for Emigrants.
Petition received.

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8. Marriage of the Princess Royal:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering an Address to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, upon the occasion of the Marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

Question put and passed;

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

The Chairman reported the following Address, as agreed to in the Committee:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

“We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, beg humbly and cordially to congratulate your Majesty and the Prince Consort, upon the joyful occasion of the marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince Frederick William of Prussia. We desire, in common with our fellow subjects throughout the Empire, to express our ardent wishes for the happiness of the Royal pair, and our fervent aspirations that by this auspicious event, the good understanding which has so long prevailed between Great Britain and the kingdom of Prussia may be perpetuated.

“It is our earnest prayer that Divine Providence may continue to bless your Majesty, His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and the Royal family.”

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt this Address.

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That a Deputation,—consisting of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Murray, and Mr. George Macleay, accompany the Speaker to present the Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty and the Prince Consort.

Question put and passed.

9. Death of Sir Charles Fitz Roy:—Mr. Cowper moved, That in consequence of the melancholy intelligence of the Death of the late Governor General of these Colonies, Sir Charles A. Fitz Roy, which has just reached the Colony,—the proceedings of this House be now adjourned until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes after Four o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock, with the understanding that the Electoral Law Amendment Bill then take precedence of all other Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word “Assembly,” in the 31st line, “And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election.”

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word “Roll,” “And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold.”

“5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?”

“6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?”

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, “For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A.”

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, “I hereby certify that
“ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
“ for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
“ District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
“ and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer.”

2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“ No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”
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1. MR. SUTOR to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That the following Papers be referred to the Select Committee on the “ Management of the Survey Department,” now sitting, viz. :—
 - Return relative to the Survey Department, ordered to be printed 6th December, 1853.
 - Report upon the strength and efficiency of the Survey Department, ordered to be printed 31st October, 1854.
 - Report from Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Surveyor General's Department, ordered to be printed 23rd November, 1855.
 - Report from the Surveyor General on Sale of Lands, ordered to be printed 3rd June, 1856.
 - Correspondence relative to travelling expenses of Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson, ordered to be printed 13th March, 1857.

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FRIDAY, MAY 7.

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 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
16. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.
 - (2.) The cost of its maintenance.
 - (3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.
 - (4.) The Revenue derived from it.

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Question:—

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government will be prepared, during the present Session, to state to the House the principles on which they will ultimately frame a measure for the Management and Alienation of the Public Lands?

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximately ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Navigation of the Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Shoalhaven, praying that the House will take into consideration the Report of the Surveyor appointed to ascertain and report upon the facilities for deepening the Channel of the Shoalhaven River.
Petition received.
2. Electoral Bill:—
(1) Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain Miners and Tradesmen residing on the Araluen Gold Fields, praying that the franchise may be extended to the Gold Miners of New South Wales, and that Araluen may return one Member.
Petition received.
(2) Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and its neighbourhood, praying that as regards the Electoral Districts to which two or more Representatives shall be assigned, one of the two following propositions may be brought into operation, viz.:—That every Elector shall vote for only one Candidate, or that each Elector shall be at liberty to give the whole number of his votes to any one Candidate, or to distribute them among the Candidates as he shall think fit.
Petition received.
3. Bridge over the Murray, at Albury:—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Albury, praying the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury.
Petition received.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Macarthur moved, That the Debate be adjourned until "Wednesday next," and have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day;—
Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the Question for adjournment of the Debate be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "to-morrow."
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Faucett,	
Mr. Owen,	
Mr. Wild,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Macarthur,	
Mr. Hodgson,	
Mr. Jamison,	
Mr. Paterson,	
Mr. G. Macleay,	
Mr. Tooth,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. W. Macleay,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Jenkins,	
Mr. Denieby,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Dalley,	} Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Aldcorn,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Rotton,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Cribb,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Dickson,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	
Mr. J. Campbell,	
Mr. Gordon,	} Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,	

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

Whereupon Question,—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.

5. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Hard Labor Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(3.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.

6. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Campbell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to increase the Rates of Pilotage and certain Harbour Dues and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to increase the Rates of Pilotage and certain Harbour Dues and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council, for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6 May, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Postponements :—

(1.) The Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time," adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until this day week.

(3.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

8. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Management of the Survey Department :—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Papers be referred to the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," now sitting, viz. :—

Return relative to the Survey Department, ordered to be printed 6th December, 1853.

Report upon the strength and efficiency of the Survey Department, ordered to be printed 31st October, 1854.

Report from Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Surveyor General's Department, ordered to be printed 23rd November, 1855.

Report from the Surveyor General on Sale of Lands, ordered to be printed 3rd June, 1856.

Correspondence relative to travelling expenses of Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson, ordered to be printed 13th March, 1857.

Question put and passed.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."

(2.)

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"

"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

2. MR. FORSTER to move (in *Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”

3. MR. FORSTER to move, (in *Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*), That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—

(1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word “and,” inserting in lieu thereof—“as shall be described in such specifications.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, “That the Electoral Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time.”

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—

(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.

(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.

(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.

(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.

3. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Captain Wickham and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary; also, between Captain Geary and W. A. Duncan, Esq., and any other Government Department, relative to the dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robinson, a Pilot at Moreton Bay.

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

(1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.

(2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.

(3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licenses;

- licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
- (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
- (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
- (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
6. MR. CRIBB to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the following information in regard to Pounds and Poundkeepers in or near Ipswich, Warwick, and Drayton, in the District of Moreton Bay;—
- (1.) The particulars of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, impounded between the 1st day of March, 1857, and the 1st day of March, 1858; also, whether any deaths occurred in either of these Pounds between those dates, and, if so, the cause of such deaths, and whether any recompense was made to the owners.
- (2.) Whether such cattle, sheep, goats, or swine were impounded for trespassing on private property, or on any waste lands belonging to the Crown occupied under any lease, license, or other proper authority, with the name of the proprietor of such private property, or occupier of such waste lands, and the amount of money paid to each, distinguishing between the sum charged for damage and that charged for driving; also, the distance from the Pound where the trespass was made.
7. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The City, Port, and Hamlets of Sydney Police Act of 1853," the 17th Victoria, No. 31.
8. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill "for the reform of the law of Real Property."
9. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
10. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.
11. MR. ARNOLD to move, That it be an order of this House, for the present Session, unless otherwise specially directed, that all Petitions, after reception by the House, be printed.
12. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
13. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize additional works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.
14. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition with reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
15. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
- (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
- (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
- (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
16. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing:—
- (1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.
- (2.) The cost of its maintenance.
- (3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.
- (4.) The Revenue derived from it.
17. MR. ALDCORN to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.

18. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
19. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Albury and the Southern Districts of New South Wales, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
20. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Robert Vining Gale, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
21. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. George Underwood Alley, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
2. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Police Magistrate at Armidale; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
5. Titles to Land Bill; third reading.
6. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; third reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government will be prepared, during the present Session, to state to the House the principles on which they will ultimately frame a measure for the Management and Alienation of the Public Lands?

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*), That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
6. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from George Bowness Carr, John Alexander Mainley Pinniger, John Wortley de la More, and Henry Masterman, of London, Esquires, praying leave to introduce a Bill to authorise Petitioners to establish a direct independent Line of Submarine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Her Majesty's Australasian Colonies.
Petition received.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Return of the Country Post Offices and Postmasters, with the Salary and Allowances (if any) attached to each office.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That this Bill be "*now*" read a second time,"—resumed.
Mr. Macarthur moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*now*," with a view to add at the end the words "on Wednesday, the 2nd June, in order that the Government may introduce a measure for the re-construction of the Legislative Council on such Elective Basis as may secure to that Body its due weight in the Constitution."
Debate continued.
Mr. Hodgson moved, That the Debate be adjourned until "Wednesday next."
Debate continued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question for adjournment of the Debate be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Tuesday next, and have precedence of all other business on the "Paper for that day."
Debate continued.
Notice being taken that there were Reporters in the Gallery, the Sergeant-at-Arms, by order of the Speaker, cleared the Reporters' Gallery.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question for adjournment of the Debate,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed;—
Whereupon Question,—That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported that while the House was in debate on the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act for the maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children*," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
W. W. BURTON,
President.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7 May, 1858.*
Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, May 18.
5. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
(3.) Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Buckley, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Buckley third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.

(4.)

- (4.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until next Tuesday week.
- (5.) Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until next Tuesday week.
6. Pounds and Poundkeepers, Moreton Bay :—Mr. Cribb moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the following information in regard to Pounds and Poundkeepers in or near Ipswich, Warwick, and Drayton, in the District of Moreton Bay ;—
- (1.) The particulars of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, impounded between the 1st day of March, 1857, and the 1st day of March, 1858 ; also, whether any deaths occurred in either of these Pounds between those dates, and, if so, the cause of such deaths, and whether any recompense was made to the owners
- (2.) Whether such cattle, sheep, goats, or swine were impounded for trespassing on private property, or on any waste lands belonging to the Crown occupied under any lease, license, or other proper authority, with the name of the proprietor of such private property, or occupier of such waste lands, and the amount of money paid to each, distinguishing between the sum charged for damage and that charged for driving ; also, the distance from the Pound where the trespass was made.
- Question put and passed.
7. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend " The City, Port, and Hamlets of " Sydney Police Act of 1853," the 17th Victoria, No. 31.
- Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Postponement :—Mr. Thornton postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
9. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Thornton having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the City, Port, and Hamlets of Sydney " Police Act, 1853,*" read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
10. Postponements :—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motions standing in his name ninth and tenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day until Friday next.
11. Proposed Sessional Order for Printing Petitions :—Mr. Arnold moved pursuant to notice, That it be an order of this House, for the present Session, unless otherwise specially directed, that all Petitions, after reception by the House, be printed.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
12. Australian Gas Light Company :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Francis Mitchell, Ralph Mansfield, George Barney, and John Fairfax, Directors and Proprietors of the Company, praying leave to introduce the said Bill.
- Petition received.
13. Pymont Bridge Company :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the 57th, 59th, and 63rd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize additional works by the Pymont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from George Allen, Robert Archibald Alison Morchhead, John Taylor, John Fairfax, and Walter Beames, Directors and Proprietors of the Company, praying leave to introduce the said Bill.
- Petition received.
14. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition with reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
15. Postponements :—
- (1.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until next Tuesday week.
- (2.) Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name sixteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
- (3.) Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Aldcorn, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Aldcorn seventeenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
16. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
17. Postponement :—Mr. Gordon, on behalf of Mr. Hay, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hay nineteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.

18. Mr. Robert Vining Gale :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Robert Vining Gale, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
19. Mr. George Underwood Alley :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. George Underwood Alley, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed
20. Postponements :—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation to Mr. David Cross, postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
(3.) The consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale, postponed, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, until Friday next.
(4.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
21. Titles to Land Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Faucett then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Faucett moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 7 May, 1858.
Question put and passed.
22. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill, on motion of Mr. Dalley, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Dalley then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act for further facilitating the payment of Debts out of Real Estate.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further facilitating the payment of Debts out of Real Estate,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 7 May, 1858.
Question put and passed.
23. Postponements :—
(1.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday next.
The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

" 5th.

" 5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's
 " Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a
 " Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six
 " months?"

" 6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that
 " voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted
 " for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral
 " District of this day of one thousand eight hundred
 " and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”

3. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*), That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Electoral Law Amendment Bill be "now" read a second time."

Upon which Mr. Macarthur had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to add at the end the words "on Wednesday, the 2nd June, in order that the Government may introduce a measure for the reconstruction of the Legislative Council on such Elective Basis as may secure to that Body its due weight in the Constitution."

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.

2. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.

4. MR. ALDCORN to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.

5. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Albury and the Southern Districts of New South Wales, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

2. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.

3. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.

4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

5. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

6. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*), That the following Clause stand part of the Bill:—

(1.) For Clause 9:—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended

tended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10:—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*; third reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the actual circumstances of the Australian Colonies indicate the extreme desirableness of establishing a Naval Station here for Her Majesty's ships.
 - (2.) That the very great advantages possessed by the Port of Sydney, its safety, the excellence of its lights and land-marks, as well as the extensive accommodation offered both by private enterprise and by Government establishment for docking the largest vessels in Her Majesty's Navy, point out this harbour as peculiarly eligible for the head-quarters of such a Naval Station.
 - (3.) That the geographical situation of Port Jackson on the eastern coast of Australia, its proximity to the settlements of our ally, the Emperor of the French, now rapidly growing into importance in the Pacific, its central position with respect to New Zealand and the other Australian Colonies, all combine to afford additional reasons for its selection for this purpose.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will bring this matter at an early day under the favorable consideration of Her Majesty the Queen.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider an Address to Her Majesty, praying the establishment of a Naval Station at Sydney, with such a number of armed vessels, and under such command and regulations as to Her Majesty may seem meet.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
5. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Captain Wickham and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary; also, between Captain Geary and W. A. Duncan, Esq., and any other Government Department, relative to the dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robinson, a Pilot at Moreton Bay.
6. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill "for the reform of the law of "Real Property."
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.

9. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing:—
- (1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.
 - (2.) The cost of its maintenance.
 - (3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.
 - (4.) The Revenue derived from it.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
4. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Police Magistrate at Armidale; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
 - (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
3. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1853.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up the Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the Petition of James Pyc, Esquire, against the Election and return of George Oakes, Esquire, as one of the Members of this House for the Electoral District of the Town of Parramatta,—declaring that the allegations contained in the said Petition have not been proved, and that the Petition was not frivolous or vexatious.
Ordered to be printed, together with the Evidence, Minutes, and Appendices.
2. Papers:—Mr. Robert Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Despatch, dated 6th February, 1858, enclosing a letter from the Master of the Royal Mint on the subject of the Returns from the Deputy Master of the Sydney Branch of that Establishment.
(2.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales, for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from Henry J. Hose, M.A., Warden, on behalf of himself and the Fellows of St. Paul's College within the University of Sydney, representing that Petitioners have an interest in the continuance of the Affiliated Colleges Endowment Act, and praying that this Bill may not be passed.
Petition received.
4. Electoral Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Morpeth, Hinton, Largs, and the eastern portion of the Police District of Maitland, praying that such division of the Police District of Maitland may be made by this Bill as will give to Petitioners that influence in the Councils of the Country, to which, by their numbers and property, they conceive themselves entitled.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Crown Tenants, Householders, and other residents in the Police District of Wagga Wagga, praying the House to refuse its assent to this Bill.
Petition received.
(3.) Mr. Hay presented a Petition from Henry S. Lewes, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Moama, on the 1st May, 1858, praying that the House will not permit this Bill to pass until its provisions shall have been so modified as to give to every class of the community a practicable, just, and fair share of representation in the Legislature, in proportion to its contributions to the general welfare and prosperity of the Colony.
Petition received.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That this Bill be "*now*" read a second time."
Upon which Mr. Macarthur had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "*now*" be omitted, with a view to add at the end the words "on Wednesday, the 2nd June, in order that the Government may introduce a measure for the re-construction of the Legislative Council on such Elective Basis as may secure to that Body its due weight in the Constitution,"—resumed.
Motion made by Mr. Hay, and Question,—That the Debate be adjourned until tomorrow, and take precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.
6. Court and Resident Judge at Albury:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, presented by him on the 5th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

7. Postponements :—
 (1.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until next Friday week.
 (2.) Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until this day week.
8. Navigation of the Shoalhaven River :—Mr. Aldcorn moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. Bridge over the Murray at Albury :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Albury and the Southern Districts of New South Wales, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponements :—
 (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow week.
 (2.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold"
 "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”
3. MR. W. MACLEAY to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*), That the following Clauses stand Clauses 4 and 5, instead of Clauses 4 and 5, as printed :—
 (1.) Instead of Clause 4 :—The Colony shall be divided into the following Electoral Districts, and the accompanying column shall define the boundaries of such Electorates :—
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| Argyle, North | { County of Argyle, north of the Sydney Road, including Town of Goulburn. |
| Argyle, South | { County of Argyle, south of the Sydney Road. |
| Bathurst | { Town of Bathurst. |
| Bathurst, East | { Police District of Bathurst, within the County of Bathurst. |
| Bathurst, West | { Police Districts of Carcoar and Orange, within the County. |
| Balonne, The | { Police Districts of Dalby and Condamine, and portion of Drayton west of the Condamine. |
| Bogan, The | { The Pastoral District of Wellington. |
| Braidwood | { The Police District of Braidwood. |

Brisbane

Brisbane, Borough of	Town of Brisbane.
Brisbane	County of Brisbane.
Bundarra, The.....	{ Portion of New England, south of Police District of Wellingrove, and west of the eastern watershed.
Burnett, The	
Camden, North	Police Districts of Gayndah and Maryborough.
Camden, South	West Camden, north of Picton.
Canterbury	Districts of Berrima and Picton.
Castlereagh, The	{ Metropolitan Police District, south of Port Jackson and Parramatta Road, and not included in the Hamlets.
Clarence, The	
Condamine, The	Pastoral District of Bligh.
Cumberland, North	District of Clarence.
Cumberland, West	{ Police Districts of Warwick and portion of Drayton, east of the Condamine.
Cumberland, East	Hundreds of Pakenham, Dundas, and Hardinge.
Cumberland, North Central	Hundred of Windsor and Richmond, exclusive of the Towns.
Cumberland, South Central	{ Portion of hundred of Sydney not included in the Electorates of Canterbury, or the Hamlets.
Cumberland, South	Hundred of Parramatta, without the Town.
Currajong.....	{ Hundred of Liverpool, with Town.
Darling, The	Do. of Evan, without Penrith.
Durham, East	Do. of Woronora and Southend.
Durham, Central	{ Hundreds of Campbelltown and Bringelly, including Town of Campbelltown.
Durham, West.....	County of Cook, exclusive of portion in Police District of Hartley.
Fitz Roy, The	Pastoral Districts of Lower Darling and Albert.
Geogiana	{ Portions of Police Districts of Raymond Terrace and Dungog, within the County of Durham.
Glebe, The	{ Portions of Police Districts of Paterson and Maitland, within the County of Durham.
Gloucester	{ Remainder of the County not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Gwydir and Namoi	Districts of Leichhardt and Gladstone.
Hartley	County of Georgiana.
Ipswich	Hamlets of Glebe and Balmain.
Illawarra, North	{ County of Gloucester, exclusive of Police District of Manning.
Illawarra, South	{ Pastoral District of Gwydir and Western Division of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
King	{ County of Westmoreland and the portion of Cook in the Police District of Hartley.
Lachlan, The	Town of Ipswich.
Macleay, The	Police District of Wollongoug.
Macquarie	Police District of Kiama.
Maitland, East.....	County of King.
Maitland, West	{ Police District of Binalong, and portion of Yass District contained in Lachlan Pastoral District.
Monaro, East	{ Macleay River District, and portion of Armidale on Eastern Falls.
Monaro, West	County of Macquarie, including Manning Police District.
Moreton, East	Towns of East Maitland and Morpeth.
Moreton, West.....	Town of West Maitland.
Murray, Upper, The	Police Districts of Broulee and Eden.
Murray, Lower, The	Police Districts of Bombala and Cooma.
Murrumbidgee, The.....	Police District of Brisbane, not included in Town of Brisbane.
Newcastle, Borough of.....	Police District of Ipswich, not included in Town.
Newtown	Police District of Albury.
Northumberland, North-east	{ Police Districts of Deniliquin, Moama, Moulamain, and that portion of Balranald included in Murrumbidgee District.
Northumberland, North ...	{ Police District of Wagga Wagga and portion of Gundagai District north of the River Murrumbidgee.
Northumberland, North-west, or Hunter	{ Newcastle, Stockton, and Raymond Terrace.
Northumberland, South ...	{ Hamlets of Chippendale, Newtown, O'Connell Town, and Camperdown.
Paddington	Police District of Newcastle, exclusive of Town.
Parramatta, North	{ Portions of Police Districts of Maitland and Raymond Terrace, within the County, and exclusive of the Towns of same name.
Parramatta, South	{ The County of Hunter and portions of Police Districts of Merton and Muswellbrook, and Patrick's Plains, within the County of Northumberland.
	Districts of Gosford, Wollombi, and Macdonald River.
	Hamlets of Paddington, Surry Hills, and Redfern.
	Town of Parramatta, north of the River.
	Town of Parramatta, south of the River.

Peel, The.....	Eastern portion of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
Phillip and Bligh	Counties of Phillip and Bligh.
Roxburgh, North.....	County of Roxburgh, north of South Watershed of Turon River.
Roxburgh, South.....	
Severn, The.....	County of Roxburgh, south of Turon Watershed.
Shoalhaven	Police Districts of Tenterfield and Wellingrove.
Sydney, North-east	Police District of Shoalhaven.
Sydney, South-west.....	Bourke and Macquarie Wards.
Sydney, South-east	Phillip and Denison Wards.
Sydney, North-west.....	Cook and Fitz Roy Wards.
	Gipps and Brisbane Wards.
Tumut, The.....	Police District of Tumut and portion of Gundagai south of Murrumbidgee, and portions of Yass and Queanbeyan in Murrumbidgee District.
Wellington, North	County of Wellington, north of the northern watershed of the Meroo River.
Wellington, West.....	County of Wellington, west of the Macquarie River.
Wellington, South	County of Wellington, not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Windsor	
	Towns of Windsor, Richmond, and Penrith.
Yass and Queanbeyan	County of Murray, excepting portion in Police District of Braidwood.

(2.) Instead of Clause 5 :—The Electoral District of Sydney South-east, shall return three Members. Sydney North-east—North-west—and South-west, each two Members. And all the other Electoral Districts shall each return one Member to serve in the Assembly.

4. Mr. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*,) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—

(1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described " in such specifications."

5. Mr. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*,) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Electoral " Law Amendment Bill be "now" read a second time."

Upon which Mr. Macarthur had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to add at the end the words "on Wednesday, the 2nd June, in " order that the Government may introduce a measure for the reconstruction of the " Legislative Council on such Elective Basis as may secure to that Body its due weight " in the Constitution."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Evidence taken by the Committee on Secondary Punishment, during the last Session, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.

3. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th instant, from certain Electors and others of the Manning River, be printed.
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Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government will be prepared to lay upon the Table of this House the Papers having reference to the liberation of Mr. William Bird Evans, prayed for in an Address of this House, which was agreed to on Friday, April 16th ?
2. MR. DALLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to procure the publication of the Acts of Parliament of this Country up to the most recent period ?

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the actual circumstances of the Australian Colonies indicate the extreme desirableness of establishing a Naval Station here for Her Majesty's ships.
 - (2.) That the very great advantages possessed by the Port of Sydney, its safety, the excellence of its lights and land-marks, as well as the extensive accommodation offered both by private enterprise and by Government establishment for docking the largest vessels in Her Majesty's Navy, point out this harbour as peculiarly eligible for the head-quarters of such a Naval Station.
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9. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.
 - (2.) The cost of its maintenance.
 - (3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.
 - (4.) The Revenue derived from it.
10. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
11. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Warden and Fellows of St. Paul's College, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
12. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
13. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise additional works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.
14. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Morpeth, Hinton, Largs, and the Eastern portion of the Police District of Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
15. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition from Wagga Wagga, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
16. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition of Henry S. Lewes, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
4. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Police Magistrate at Armidale; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.

(6.)

- (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Poekley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
3. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
4. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (1.) Report of the Proceedings of the University of Sydney, for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (2.) Return to the Address in reference to Instructions for laying out Towns and Villages, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 27th ultimo.
 - (3.) Communication from the Surveyor General, dated 27th ultimo, in reference to the discovery of Gold in the M'Intyre Brook.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Irish Female Immigration:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney and Members of the Australian Celtic Association, representing that the Immigration Agent has, in the opinion of Petitioners, misinformed His Excellency the Governor General, by representing the Irish Female Immigrants as being most unsuitable to the requirements of the Colony, and, at the same time, distasteful to the majority of the people, and has thereby attempted to overrule the instructions to the Emigration Commissioners to apportion emigration from the different divisions of the United Kingdom to the population of each, and praying the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the conduct of the Immigration Agent, and to consider what further steps ought to be taken to render the Immigration Department in Sydney more efficient in supplying female servants to the inhabitants of the interior.
Petition received.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Jenkins presented a Petition from certain persons residing on the Hanging Rock and Peel River Gold Fields, praying that the Elective Franchise may be extended to them.
Petition received.
4. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, in reference to the proceedings of this Committee in the matter of his Petitions against the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as one of the Members of this House for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, and praying the House to take such steps as may prevent the ill-effects that must arise if the Constitution Act be set aside—
And moved, That this Petition be received.
And the Clerk having read the Petition by direction of the Speaker,—
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That this Bill be "now" read a second time."
Upon which Mr. Macarthur had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to add at the end the words "on Wednesday, the 2nd June, in order that the Government may introduce a measure for the re-construction of the Legislative Council on such Elective Basis as may secure to that Body its due weight in the Constitution;"—resumed.
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

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Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Flood,
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Mr. Forster,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton,
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Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
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Mr. White,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Scott,
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Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

6. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in debate on the Question last before it, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Registered Instruments better Preservation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act for the better preservation of Registered Instruments*," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 May, 1858.

Bill,

Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

(2.) District Courts Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act for establishing District Courts, and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
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Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

7. Secondary Punishment :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the Proceedings of, and the Evidence taken by the Committee on Secondary Punishment, during the last Session, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 8. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Hard Labor Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
 - (4.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
 - (5.) The resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (6.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday next.
 9. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th instant, from certain Electors and others of the Manning River, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 10. Port of Bristol, (England) :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th instant, from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, be printed.
Question put and passed.
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 11. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th instant, from certain Residents of Port Macquarie, be printed.
Question put and passed.
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- The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the motion for the third reading of the *Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill*) That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the omission of Clause 31.
2. MR. JENKINS to move (in Committee on the *Chinese Immigration Bill*), That the following clause stand part of the Bill, to follow clause 4 :—The Health Officer for the Port of Sydney shall, on the arrival of any ship having Chinese on board, carefully ascertain whether such immigrants shall have had the disease called small-pox, or shall have been successfully vaccinated ; and in any instances where this has not been the case, he shall immediately report the same to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, who shall cause such steps to be taken as shall be necessary for the successful vaccination of such persons before disembarkation.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JENKINS to move, That the Petition from the Hanging Rock and Peel River Gold Fields, presented by him on the 12th instant, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill ; third reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

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1. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Report of the Engineer instructed to prepare plans and estimates for a Bridge over the Murray, at Albury, has been received by the Government, and what further steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

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10. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
11. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Warden and Fellows of St. Paul's College, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
12. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.
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16. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition of Henry S. Lewes, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill ; second reading.
2. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Mr. David Cross ; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
4. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Police Magistrate at Armidale ; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill ; second reading.
8. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Hard Labor Bill ; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote : Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of this day of one thousand eight hundred and fifty or sixty (as the case may be). Returning Officer."
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,—"No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate."

3. MR. W. MACLEAY to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*), That the following Clauses stand Clauses 4 and 5, instead of Clauses 4 and 5, as printed:—
- (1.) Instead of Clause 4:—The Colony shall be divided into the following Electoral Districts, and the accompanying column shall define the boundaries of such Electorates:—
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| Argyle, North | { County of Argyle, north of the Sydney Road, including Town of Goulburn. |
| Argyle, South | { County of Argyle, south of the Sydney Road. |
| Bathurst | { Town of Bathurst. |
| Bathurst, East | { Police District of Bathurst, within the County of Bathurst. |
| Bathurst, West | { Police Districts of Carecar and Orange, within the County. |
| Balonne, The | { Police Districts of Dalby and Condamine, and portion of Drayton west of the Condamine. |
| Bogan, The | { The Pastoral District of Wellington. |
| Braidwood | { The Police District of Braidwood. |
| Brisbane, Borough of | { Town of Brisbane. |
| Brisbane | { County of Brisbane. |
| Bundarra, The | { Portion of New England, south of Police District of Wellingrove, and west of the eastern watershed. |
| Burnett, The | { Police Districts of Gayndah and Maryborough. |
| Camden, North | { West Camden, north of Picton. |
| Camden, South | { Districts of Berrima and Picton. |
| Canterbury | { Metropolitan Police District, south of Port Jackson and Parramatta Road, and not included in the Hamlets. |
| Castlereagh, The | { Pastoral District of Bligh. |
| Clarence, The | { District of Clarence. |
| Condamine, The | { Police Districts of Warwick and portion of Drayton, east of the Condamine. |
| Cumberland, North | { Hundreds of Pakenham, Dundas, and Hardinge. |
| Cumberland, West | { Hundred of Windsor and Richmond, exclusive of the Towns. |
| Cumberland, East | { Portion of hundred of Sydney not included in the Electorates of Canterbury, or the Hamlets. |
| Cumberland, North Central | { Hundred of Parramatta, without the Town. |
| Cumberland, South Central | { Hundred of Liverpool, with Town. |
| | { Do. of Evan, without Penrith. |
| | { Do. of Woronora and Southend. |
| Cumberland, South | { Hundreds of Campbelltown and Bringelly, including Town of Campbelltown. |
| Currajong | { County of Cook, exclusive of portion in Police District of Hartley. |
| Darling, The | { Pastoral Districts of Lower Darling and Albert. |
| Durham, East | { Portions of Police Districts of Raymond Terrace and Dungog, within the County of Durham. |
| Durham, Central | { Portions of Police Districts of Paterson and Maitland, within the County of Durham. |
| Durham, West | { Remainder of the County not included in the two preceding Electorates. |
| Fitz Roy, The | { Districts of Leichhardt and Gladstone. |
| Geogiana | { County of Georgiana. |
| Glebe, The | { Hamlets of Glebe and Balmain. |
| Gloucester | { County of Gloucester, exclusive of Police District of Manning. |
| Gwydir and Namoi | { Pastoral District of Gwydir and Western Division of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains. |
| Hartley | { County of Westmoreland and the portion of Cook in the Police District of Hartley. |
| Ipswich | { Town of Ipswich. |
| Illawarra, North | { Police District of Wollongong. |
| Illawarra, South | { Police District of Kiama. |
| King | { County of King. |
| Lachlan, The | { Police District of Binalong, and portion of Yass District contained in Lachlan Pastoral District. |
| Macleay, The | { Macleay River District, and portion of Armidale on Eastern Falls. |
| Macquarie | { County of Macquarie, including Manning Police District. |
| Maitland, East | { Towns of East Maitland and Morpeth. |
| Maitland, West | { Town of West Maitland. |
| Monaro, East | { Police Districts of Broulee and Eden. |
| Monaro, West | { Police Districts of Bombala and Cooma. |
| Moreton, East | { Police District of Brisbane, not included in Town of Brisbane. |
| Moreton, West | { Police District of Ipswich, not included in Town. |
| Murray, Upper, The | { Police District of Albury. |
| Murray, Lower, The | { Police Districts of Deniliquin, Moama, Moulamain, and that portion of Balranald included in Murrumbidgee District. |
| Murrumbidgee, The | { Police District of Wagga Wagga and portion of Gundagai District north of the River Murrumbidgee. |
| Newcastle, Borough of | { Newcastle, Stockton, and Raymond Terrace. |

Newtown	{ Hamlets of Chippendale, Newtown, O'Connell Town, and Camperdown.
Northumberland, North-east	{ Police District of Newcastle, exclusive of Town.
Northumberland, North ...	{ Portions of Police Districts of Maitland and Raymond Terrace, within the County, and exclusive of the Towns of same name.
Northumberland, North-west, or Hunter	{ The County of Hunter and portions of Police Districts of Merton and Muswellbrook, and Patrick's Plains, within the County of Northumberland.
Northumberland, South ...	{ Districts of Gosford, Wollombi, and Macdonald River.
Paddington	{ Hamlets of Paddington, Surry Hills, and Redfern-
Parramatta, North	{ Town of Parramatta, north of the River.
Parramatta, South	{ Town of Parramatta, south of the River.
Peel, The	{ Eastern portion of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
Phillip and Bligh	{ Counties of Phillip and Bligh.
Roxburgh, North.....	{ County of Roxburgh, north of South Watershed of Turon River.
Roxburgh, South.....	{ County of Roxburgh, south of Turon Watershed.
Severn, The	{ Police Districts of Tenterfield and Wellinggrove.
Shoalhaven	{ Police District of Shoalhaven.
Sydney, North-east	{ Bourke and Macquarie Wards.
Sydney, South-west.....	{ Phillip and Denison Wards.
Sydney, South-east	{ Cook and Fitz Roy Wards.
Sydney, North-west.....	{ Gipps and Brisbane Wards.
Tumut, The.....	{ Police District of Tumut and portion of Gundagai south of Murrumbidgee, and portions of Yass and Queanbeyan in Murrumbidgee District.
Wellington, North	{ County of Wellington, north of the northern watershed of the Meroo River.
Wellington, West.....	{ County of Wellington, west of the Macquarie River.
Wellington, South	{ County of Wellington, not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Windsor	{ Towns of Windsor, Richmond, and Penrith.
Yass and Queanbeyan	{ County of Murray, excepting portion in Police District of Braidwood.

(2.) Instead of Clause 5:—The Electoral District of Sydney South-east, shall return three Members. Sydney North-east—North-west—and South-west, each two Members. And all the other Electoral Districts shall each return one Member to serve in the Assembly.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
 - (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.

3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.
5. MR. MURRAY to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy of this Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Elcctoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively :—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in " A Bill to transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there, certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximately ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

2. Mr. DONALDSON to move,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.

(2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.

(3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country;— and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.

(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Liberation of William Bird Evans:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 5.*
Governor General.
With reference to the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 16th ultimo, the Governor General feels assured that it is not necessary to remind the Assembly that the power of pardoning offences is inseparably incident to the Crown, as a personal trust and Prerogative in the Sovereign for a fountain of grace and bounty to Her subjects.
The Governor General is also persuaded that the Legislative Assembly is as little disposed as himself to permit that Prerogative to be in any way encroached on.
In order therefore that his assent to the Address above alluded to, praying “that all the papers connected with the liberation of William Bird Evans may be laid on the Table of the House,” may not, contrary to the wishes of the Assembly, involve such an encroachment on the Prerogative; The Governor General requests that, before complying with it, he may be favored with a statement of the objects for which the information contained in these papers is to be made available.
Government House,
Sydney, 13 May, 1858.
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Message be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Electoral Bill:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Deniliquin, praying that this Bill may not pass into law, or that it may be so modified as to give the Pastoral Interests and People a fair and equitable share in Parliamentary Representation.
Petition received.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Professors, Graduates, and Under-Graduates of the University of Sydney, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
4. Electoral Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Tenterfield, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Faucett presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Binalong, urging certain objections against this Bill, and praying that they may receive due consideration.
Petition received.
(3.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Residents of Richmond and its vicinity, praying that this Bill may be amended in certain respects.
Petition received.
5. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from the Professors of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Sydney, praying the House forthwith to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
6. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Jenkins moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Hanging Rock and Peel River Gold Fields, presented by him on the 12th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

7. **Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill** :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."
 Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "now," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "re-committed, with a view to the re-consideration of Clause 13."
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
 Question,—That this Bill be now recommitted, with a view to the re-consideration of Clause 13,—put and passed ;—
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow
8. **Supply** :—On motion of Mr Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. **Postponement** :—The Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 14.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*.) That the following Clause stand part of the Bill :—
 (1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.
 (2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.
 (3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications."
2. **MR. JENKINS** to move (*in Committee on the Chinese Immigration Bill*), That the following clause stand part of the Bill, to follow clause 4 :—The Health Officer for the Port of Sydney shall, on the arrival of any ship having Chinese on board, carefully ascertain whether such immigrants shall have had the disease called small-pox, or shall have been successfully vaccinated; and in any instances where this has not been the case, he shall immediately report the same to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, who shall cause such steps to be taken as shall be necessary for the successful vaccination of such persons before disembarkation.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DONALDSON** to move,—
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the actual circumstances of the Australian Colonies indicate the extreme desirableness of establishing a Naval Station here for Her Majesty's ships.
 (2.) That the very great advantages possessed by the Port of Sydney, its safety, the excellence of its lights and land-marks, as well as the extensive accommodation offered both by private enterprise and by Government establishment for docking the largest vessels in Her Majesty's Navy, point out this harbour as peculiarly eligible for the head-quarters of such a Naval Station.
 (3.) That the geographical situation of Port Jackson on the eastern coast of Australia, its proximity to the settlements of our ally, the Emperor of the French, now rapidly growing into importance in the Pacific, its central position with respect to New Zealand and the other Australian Colonies, all combine to afford additional reasons for its selection for this purpose.
 (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will bring this matter at an early day under the favorable consideration of Her Majesty the Queen.

2. **MR. DONALDSON** to move,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider an Address to Her Majesty, praying the establishment of a Naval Station at Sydney, with such a number of armed vessels, and under such command and regulations as to Her Majesty may seem meet.
3. **MR. FORSTER** to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
4. **MR. WILLIAMSON** to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a portion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, of not less than one-fourth, and not more than one-half, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
5. **MR. BUCKLEY** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Captain Wickham and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary; also, between Captain Geary and W. A. Duncan, Esq., and any other Government Department, relative to the dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robiison, a Pilot at Moreton Bay
6. **MR. THORNTON** to move, for leave to bring in a Bill "for the reform of the law of "Real Property."
7. **MR. HODGSON** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salaries of Police Magistrates at Warwick, and at Drayton-cum-Dalby.
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9. **MR. MURRAY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.
 - (2.) The cost of its maintenance.
 - (3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.
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15. **MR. HAY** to move, That the Petition from Wagga Wagga, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
16. **MR. HAY** to move, That the Petition of Henry S. Lewes, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed
17. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That the Governor General's Message No. 5, received on the 13th instant, in reply to an Address adopted by this House on the 16th ultimo, in reference to the liberation of William Bird Evans, be now taken into consideration.
18. **MR. GEORGE MACLEAY** to move, That the Petition from Deniliquin, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
19. **MR. PARKES** to move, That the Petition of certain Professors, Graduates, and Under Graduates of the University of Sydney, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
20. **MR. TAYLOR** to move, That the Petition from Tenterfield, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
21. **MR. W. MACLEAY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, showing the number of Adult Males in every portion of the several Police Districts throughout the Colony, wherever such Police Districts comprise portions of distinct Counties and Pastoral Districts.
22. **MR. FAUCETT** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th instant, from certain inhabitants of Binalong, be printed.

23. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Residents of Richmond and its vicinity, praying the alteration and amendment of certain Clauses in the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
24. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition of the Professors of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Sydney, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
4. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Police Magistrate at Armidale; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.
8. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
4. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

Question:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER, Whether it be the intention of the Government to re-introduce a Bill prepared by the late Government, which was read a first time, printed, and ordered to be read a second time on the 18th September, 1857, intituled, "A Bill to Consolidate and Amend the Laws relating to Customs, and other matters in connexion therewith?"

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill),—
 - (1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."
 - (2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."
 - "5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"
 - "6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"
 - (3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."
 - (4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."
2. MR. FORSTER to move (in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill), That the following stand as Clause 38,—“No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate.”
3. MR. W. MACLEAY to move (in Committee upon the Electoral Bill), That the following Clauses stand Clauses 4 and 5, instead of Clauses 4 and 5, as printed:—
 - (1.) Instead of Clause 4:—The Colony shall be divided into the following Electoral Districts, and the accompanying column shall define the boundaries of such Electorates:—

Argyle, North	{	County of Argyle, north of the Sydney Road, including Town of Goulburn.
Argyle, South		County of Argyle, south of the Sydney Road.
Bathurst		Town of Bathurst.
Bathurst, East		Police District of Bathurst, within the County of Bathurst.
Bathurst, West		Police Districts of Carcoar and Orange, within the County. Balonne

Balonne, The	{ Police Districts of Dalby and Condamine, and portion of Drayton west of the Condamine.
Bogan, The	The Pastoral District of Wellington.
Braidwood	The Police District of Braidwood.
Brisbane, Borough of	Town of Brisbane.
Brisbane	County of Brisbane.
Bundarra, The.....	{ Portion of New England, south of Police District of Wellingrove, and west of the eastern watershed.
Burnett, The	Police Districts of Gayndah and Maryborough.
Camden, North	West Camden, north of Picton.
Camden, South	Districts of Berrima and Picton.
Canterbury	{ Metropolitan Police District, south of Port Jackson and Parramatta Road, and not included in the Hamlets.
Castlereagh, The	Pastoral District of Bligh.
Clarence, The	District of Clarence.
Condamine, The	{ Police Districts of Warwick and portion of Drayton, east of the Condamine.
Cumberland, North	Hundreds of Pakenham, Dundas, and Hardinge.
Cumberland, West	{ Hundred of Windsor and Richmond, exclusive of the Towns.
Cumberland, East	{ Portion of hundred of Sydney not included in the Electorates of Canterbury, or the Hamlets.
Cumberland, North Central	Hundred of Parramatta, without the Town.
Cumberland, South Central	{ Do. of Liverpool, with Town. Do. of Evan, without Penrith. Do. of Woronora and Southend.
Cumberland, South	{ Hundreds of Campbelltown and Bringelly, including Town of Campbelltown.
Currajong.....	County of Cook, exclusive of portion in Police District of Hartley.
Darling, The	Pastoral Districts of Lower Darling and Albert.
Durham, East	{ Portions of Police Districts of Raymond Terrace and Dungog, within the County of Durham.
Durham, Central	{ Portions of Police Districts of Paterson and Maitland, within the County of Durham.
Durham, West.....	{ Remainder of the County not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Fitz Roy, The	Districts of Leichhardt and Gladstone.
Georgiana	County of Georgiana.
Glebe, The	Hamlets of Glebe and Balmain.
Gloucester	{ County of Gloucester, exclusive of Police District of Manning.
Gwydir and Namoi	{ Pastoral District of Gwydir and Western Division of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
Hartley	{ County of Westmoreland and the portion of Cook in the Police District of Hartley.
Ipswich	Town of Ipswich.
Illawarra, North	Police District of Wollongong.
Illawarra, South	Police District of Kiama.
King	County of King.
Lachlan, The	{ Police District of Binalong, and portion of Yass District contained in Lachlan Pastoral District.
Macleay, The	{ Macleay River District, and portion of Armidale on Eastern Falls.
Macquarie	County of Macquarie, including Manning Police District.
Maitland, East.....	Towns of East Maitland and Morpeth.
Maitland, West	Town of West Maitland.
Monaro, East	Police Districts of Broulee and Eden.
Monaro, West	Police Districts of Bombala and Cooma.
Moreton, East	Police District of Brisbane, not included in Town of Brisbane.
Moreton, West.....	Police District of Ipswich, not included in Town.
Murray, Upper, The	Police District of Albury.
Murray, Lower, The	{ Police Districts of Deniliquin, Moama, Moulamain, and that portion of Balranald included in Murrumbidgee District.
Murrumbidgee, The.....	{ Police District of Wagga Wagga and portion of Gundagai District north of the River Murrumbidgee.
Newcastle, Borough of.....	Newcastle, Stockton, and Raymond Terrace.
Newtown	{ Hamlets of Chippendale, Newtown, O'Connell Town, and Camperdown.
Northumberland, North-east	Police District of Newcastle, exclusive of Town.
Northumberland, North ...	{ Portions of Police Districts of Maitland and Raymond Terrace, within the County, and exclusive of the Towns of same name.
Northumberland, North-west, or Hunter	{ The County of Hunter and portions of Police Districts of Merton and Muswellbrook, and Patrick's Plains, within the County of Northumberland.
Northumberland, South ...	{ Districts of Gosford, Wollombi, and Macdonald River. Paddington

Paddington	Hamlets of Paddington, Surry Hills, and Redfern-
Parramatta, North	Town of Parramatta, north of the River.
Parramatta, South	Town of Parramatta, south of the River.
Peel, The	Eastern portion of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
Phillip and Bligh	Counties of Phillip and Bligh.
Roxburgh, North.....	County of Roxburgh, north of South Watershed of Turon River.
Roxburgh, South... ..	
Severn, The	Police Districts of Teunterfield and Wellinggrove.
Shoalhaven	Police District of Shoalhaven.
Sydney, North-east	Bourke and Macquarie Wards.
Sydney, South-west.....	Phillip and Denison Wards.
Sydney, South-east	Cook and Fitz Roy Wards.
Sydney, North-west.....	Gipps and Brisbane Wards.
Tumut, The.....	Police District of Tumut and portion of Gundagai south of Murrumbidgee, and portions of Yass and Queanbeyan in Murrumbidgee District.
Wellington, North	
Wellington, West.....	County of Wellington, north of the northern watershed of the Neroo River.
Wellington, South	County of Wellington, west of the Macquarie River.
Windsor	County of Wellington, not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Windsor	Towns of Windsor, Richmond, and Penrith.
Yass and Queanbeyan	County of Murray, excepting portion in Police District of Braidwood.
(2.) Instead of Clause 5 :—	

The Electoral District of Sydney South-east, shall return three Members. Sydney North-east—North-west—and South-west, each two Members. And all the other Electoral Districts shall each return one Member to serve in the Assembly.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.
 - (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
3. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.

(4.)

- (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.
 5. MR. MURRAY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy of this Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
 6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill*.) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—

(1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

(2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in "A Bill to transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there, certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.
 - (3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country,—and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain Landed Proprietors and other Residents of the Shoalhaven District, praying that this Bill may be passed, but that the Elective Franchise may not, under any circumstances, be extended to Chinamen.
Petition received.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the Transfer of Registers of Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 27th April.
Ordered to be printed.
3. District Court at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Wagga Wagga, praying the establishment of a District Court at the Township of Wagga Wagga.
Petition received.
4. Establishment of an Australian Naval Station at Port Jackson:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the actual circumstances of the Australian Colonies indicate the extreme desirableness of establishing a Naval Station here for Her Majesty's ships.
 - (2.) That the very great advantages possessed by the Port of Sydney, its safety, the excellence of its lights and land-marks, as well as the extensive accommodation offered both by private enterprise and by Government establishment for docking the largest vessels in Her Majesty's Navy, point out this harbour as peculiarly eligible for the head-quarters of such a Naval Station.
 - (3.) That the geographical situation of Port Jackson on the eastern coast of Australia, its proximity to the settlements of other European powers now rapidly growing into importance in the Pacific, its central position with respect to New Zealand and the other Australian Colonies, all combine to afford additional reasons for its selection for this purpose.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will bring this matter at an early day under the favorable consideration of Her Majesty the Queen.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. Arnold moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question put,—That this Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lec,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.

5. Main Roads Bill:—The Speaker reported that while the House was in Debate on the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council;—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "An Act for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony," with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 May, 1858.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

6. Attendance of President of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Cowper moved, without previous notice, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council;—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon what changes can be made in the Public Departments, with a view to promote their efficiency and reduce their cost to the public, with power to send for persons and papers, and such Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable the President on the subject of their inquiry, as it regards the department of the Legislative Council, begs, in due form, to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to the Honorable the President to attend such Committee accordingly, for the purpose aforesaid, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and such Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14 May, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
8. Postponement:—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until next Tuesday week.
9. Proposed Apportionment of nett proceeds of Sale of Crown Lands to Local purposes:—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the further improvement and benefit of the various Districts throughout the Colony, and as a measure of justice and impartiality, a rateable proportion of the gross proceeds (after deducting the charges for survey, &c.) derived from the sale of Waste Lands within the boundary of each Police District, ought to be devoted to local purposes.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.
- Debate continued.
- Previous Question put—That this Question be now put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Tiddington,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Jamison, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

10. Dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robinson:—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Captain Wickham and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary; also, between Captain Geary and W. A. Duncan, Esq., and any other Government Department, relative to the dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robinson, a Pilot at Moreton Bay.
- Question put and passed.
11. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Thornton withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
12. Proposed Salary for Police Magistrate at Darling Downs:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate for the District of Darling Downs.
- Question put,—

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The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.

Noes, 17.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

13. Proposed Salary for Police Magistrate at Grafton :—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1858, for the salary of a Police Magistrate at Grafton.

Question put,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Hodgson, }

Noes, 19.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

14. Electric Telegraph between Sydney and South Head :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—

(1.) The Expenditure incurred in the construction of the Electric Telegraph between Sydney and the South Head.

(2.) The cost of its maintenance.

(3.) The number of Messages sent by it since its completion.

(4.) The Revenue derived from it.

Debate ensued,—

Motion by leave withdrawn.

15. Postponement :—Mr. Rotton, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes tenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.

16. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Warden and Fellows of St. Paul's College, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

17. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock.

Question put and passed, *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

18. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise additional works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Question put and passed, *Ordered* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

19. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley, having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the Boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock,*" read a first time.

20. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorise additional Works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation,*" read a first time.

21. Electoral Bill:—
 (1.) Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Morpeth, Hinton, Largs, and the Eastern portion of the Police District of Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Wagga Wagga, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3.) Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Henry S. Lewes, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
22. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name seventeenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
23. Electoral Bill:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Deniliquin, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
24. Postponement:—Mr. Gordon, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes nineteenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
25. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Tenterfield, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
26. Adult Male and Female Population of Police Districts:—Mr. W. Macleay moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, showing the number of Adults, distinguishing Males and Females, in every portion of the several Police Districts throughout the Colony, wherever such Police Districts comprise portions of distinct Counties and Pastoral Districts.
 Question put and passed.
27. Electoral Bill:—
 (1.) Mr. W. Macleay moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Faucett, That the Petition presented by Mr. Faucett on the 13th instant, from certain inhabitants of Binalong, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Residents of Richmond and its vicinity, praying the alteration and amendment of certain Clauses in the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
28. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Professors of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Sydney, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
29. Postponement:—The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Murray, until this day week.
30. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Thornton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
31. Mr. David Cross:—On motion of Mr. Piddington the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address for compensation to Mr. David Cross.
 The Chairman reported the following Address as agreed to in Committee:—Resolved, that an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, the sum of £150, to be paid to Mr. David Cross, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.
 Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adopt this Address.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
32. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Smith moved, That this Debate be adjourned until this day week.
 Debate continued.
 Question on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day week,—put and negatived.
 Mr. Smith then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "be," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Tooth, and Mr. Smith."

Debate

Debate continued.

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

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Dalley then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

Question put and passed ;—

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

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

33. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of an Address for salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale postponed, on motion of Mr. Taylor, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.

(3.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.

(4.) The second reading of the Registered Instruments better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.

(5.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*),—

(1.) That the following words stand part of clause 8, to be inserted after the word "Assembly," in the 31st line, "And without regard to term of residence or other qualifications as herein mentioned every such subject of Her Majesty holding a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold for the time being whose name shall not be on the Electoral Roll in the Electoral District where he may be when any election shall take place and who shall have held the same or other Miner's Right or License for six months shall be entitled to vote: Provided that it shall be compulsory upon every such holder of a Miner's Right or License as aforementioned when he presents himself to vote to produce such Miner's Right or License to the Returning Officer who shall certify on the back thereof in the form in the Schedule hereto marked A. that such vote has been recorded and that it shall not be competent for the holder to vote a second time in any other District at that election."

(2.) That the following words stand part of clause 38, to be added after the last word "Roll," "And if the qualification be the possession of a Miner's Right or License to dig for gold."

"5th. Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) now produced, and have you held a Miner's Right or License (as the case may be) for a period of six months?"

"6th. Are you a born or naturalized subject of the British Crown?"

(3.) That the following words stand clause 9 of the Bill, "For the purposes herein mentioned, after the passing of this Act, all Miner's Rights and Licenses to dig for gold shall have printed on the back thereof the form of words contained in Schedule hereto marked A."

(4.) That the following words stand Schedule A of the Bill, "I hereby certify that _____ voted by virtue of his right as holder of this document (being granted for a period yet unexpired) for a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred _____ and fifty _____ or sixty _____ (as the case may be). Returning Officer."

2. MR. FORSTER to move (*in Committee of the whole upon the Electoral Law Amendment Bill*), That the following stand as Clause 38,— "No person shall vote at any Election for more than one Candidate in one and the same Electorate."

3. MR. W. MACLEAY to move (*in Committee upon the Electoral Bill*), That the following Clauses stand Clauses 4 and 5, instead of Clauses 4 and 5, as printed :—

(1.) Instead of Clause 4 :—The Colony shall be divided into the following Electoral Districts, and the accompanying column shall define the boundaries of such Electorates :—

Argyle, North	{ County of Argyle, north of the Sydney Road, including Town of Goulburn.
Argyle, South	{ County of Argyle, south of the Sydney Road.
Bathurst	{ Town of Bathurst.
Bathurst, East	{ Police District of Bathurst, within the County of Bathurst.
Bathurst, West	{ Police Districts of Carcoar and Orange, within the County.
Balonne, The	{ Police Districts of Dalby and Condamine, and portion of Drayton west of the Condamine.

Bogan,

Bogan, The	The Pastoral District of Wellington.
Braidwood	The Police District of Braidwood.
Brisbane, Borough of	Town of Brisbane.
Brisbane	County of Brisbane.
Bundarra, The.....	} Portion of New England, south of Police District of Wellingrove, and west of the eastern watershed.
Burnett, The	
Camden, North	West Camden, north of Picton.
Camden, South	Districts of Berrima and Picton.
Canterbury	} Metropolitan Police District, south of Port Jackson and Parramatta Road, and not included in the Hamlets.
Castlereagh, The	
Clarence, The	District of Clarenc.
Condamine, The	} Police Districts of Warwick and portion of Drayton, east of the Condamine.
Cumberland, North	
Cumberland, West	} Hundred of Windsor and Richmond, exclusive of the Towns.
Cumberland, East	
Cumberland, North Central	Hundred of Parramatta, without the Town.
Cumberland, South Central	Hundred of Liverpool, with Town.
	Do. of Evan, without Penrith.
Cumberland, South	Do. of Worongera and Southend.
	Hundreds of Campbelltown and Bringelly, including Town of Campbelltown.
Currajong.....	County of Cook, exclusive of portion in Police District of Hartley.
Darling, The	Pastoral Districts of Lower Darling and Albert.
Durham, East	} Portions of Police Districts of Raymond Terrace and Dungog, within the County of Durham.
Durham, Central	
Durham, West.....	Remainder of the County not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Fitz Roy, The	Districts of Leichhardt and Gladstone.
Georgiana.....	County of Georgiana.
Glebe, The	Hamlets of Glebe and Balmain.
Gloucester	} County of Gloucester, exclusive of Police District of Manning.
Gwydir and Namoi	
Hartley	County of Westmoreland and the portion of Cook in the Police District of Hartley.
Ipswich	Town of Ipswich.
Illawarra, North	Police District of Wollongong.
Illawarra, South	Police District of Kiama.
King	County of King.
Lachlan, The	} Police District of Binalong, and portion of Yass District contained in Lachlan Pastoral District.
Macleay, The	
Macquarie	County of Macquarie, including Manning Police District.
Maitland, East.....	Towns of East Maitland and Morpeth.
Maitland, West	Town of West Maitland.
Monaro, East	Police Districts of Broulee and Eden.
Monaro, West	Police Districts of Bombala and Cooma.
Moreton, East	Police District of Brisbane, not included in Town of Brisbane.
Moreton, West.....	Police District of Ipswich, not included in Town.
Murray, Upper, The	Police District of Albury.
Murray, Lower, The	Police Districts of Deniliquin, Moama, Moulamein, and that portion of Balranald included in Murrumbidgee District.
	Murrumbidgee, The.....
Newcastle, Borough of.....	Newcastle, Stockton, and Raymond Terrace.
Newtown	} Hamlets of Chippendale, Newtown, O'Connell Town, and Camperdown.
Northumberland, North-east	
Northumberland, North ...	Portions of Police Districts of Maitland and Raymond Terrace, within the County, and exclusive of the Towns of same name.
	Northumberland, North-west, or Hunter
Northumberland, South ...	Districts of Gosford, Wollombi, and Macdonald River.
Paddington	Hamlets of Paddington, Surry Hills, and Redfern.
Parramatta, North	Town of Parramatta, north of the River.

Parramatta, South	Town of Parramatta, south of the River.
Peel, The	Eastern portion of Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains.
Phillip and Bligh	Counties of Phillip and Bligh.
Roxburgh, North.....	{ County of Roxburgh, north of South Watershed of Turon River.
Roxburgh, South.....	
Severn, The.....	Police Districts of Tenterfield and Wellingrove.
Shoalhaven	Police District of Shoalhaven.
Sydney, North-east	Bourke and Macquarie Wards.
Sydney, South-west.....	Phillip and Denison Wards.
Sydney, South-east	Cook and Fitz Roy Wards.
Sydney, North-west.....	Gipps and Brisbane Wards.
Tumut, The.....	{ Police District of Tumut and portion of Gundagai south of Murrumbidgee, and portions of Yass and Queanbeyan in Murrumbidgee District.
Wellington, North	
Wellington, West.....	County of Wellington, north of the northern watershed of the Meroo River.
Wellington, South	{ County of Wellington, west of the Macquarie River.
Windsor	
Windsor	County of Wellington, not included in the two preceding Electorates.
Windsor	Towns of Windsor, Richmond, and Penrith.
Yass and Queanbeyan	{ County of Murray, excepting portion in Police District of Braidwood.

(2.) Instead of Clause 5 :—The Electoral District of Sydney South-east, shall return three Members. Sydney North-east—North-west—and South-west, each two Members. And all the other Electoral Districts shall each return one Member to serve in the Assembly.

4. MR. FORSTER to move, (*in Committee upon the Government Railways Bill*), That they following Clause stand part of the Bill :—

(1.) For Clause 9 :—Specifications, severally describing the proposed direction, extent, nature, principle of construction, and probable cost of every Railway which it is intended to construct, the character, geographical and geological, of the country through which it must pass, the quantity, probable value, situation, and character of the lands, whether public or private, actually required for the purpose, the nature and probable value of the buildings or other improvements thereon, the names of the actual occupants, if any, and of the owners, if private, of such lands, shall be from time to time prepared by the Government, and submitted to both Houses of Parliament according to the usual forms.

(2.) To stand as the beginning of Clause 10 :—Whenever such specifications shall have been formally approved of by both Houses aforesaid.

(3.) After which insert Clause 9 as it now stands, omitting line 17, and that portion of line 18 before the word "and," inserting in lieu thereof—"as shall be described "in such specifications."

5. MR. JENKINS to move (*in Committee on the Chinese Immigration Bill*), That the following clause stand part of the Bill, to follow clause 4 :—The Health Officer for the Port of Sydney shall, on the arrival of any ship having Chinese on board, carefully ascertain whether such immigrants shall have had the disease called small-pox, or shall have been successfully vaccinated; and in any instances where this has not been the case, he shall immediately report the same to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, who shall cause such steps to be taken as shall be necessary for the successful vaccination of such persons before disembarkation.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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

(1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.

(2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.

(3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.

(4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.

(5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.

(6.)

- (6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.
5. MR. MURRAY to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy of this Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in the Report of the Chief Commissioner of Railways, in reference to the extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, and the construction of a Tramway from the Sydney Terminus to the Circular Quay.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
8. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition from Wagga Wagga, praying the establishment there of a District Court, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.
9. MR. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Tuesday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, deems itself entitled to the information sought, and repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution.
10. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the number of Bridges erected at the public expense on the main road to the south, as well as on the district roads running into that main road, distinguishing in each case the cost thereof; also a Return of all sums of money voted, but not expended, for similar works on such roads.
 - (2.) Similar Returns in the case of the main road to the north, and its district roads.
 - (3.) Similar Returns in the case of the main road to the west, and its district roads.
11. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
12. MR. DALLEY to move,—
- (1.) That the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Forster, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.
13. MR. DALLEY to move,—
- (1.) That the Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
14. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of certain Professors, Graduates, and Under Graduates of the University of Sydney, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Police Magistrate at Armidale; consideration in Committee of an Address for Salary.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.
5. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
6. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill; third reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

Questions:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government is aware that the Cockfighter's Bridge over the Wollombi Brook was partly washed away by a heavy flood many months since?
 - (2.) When the inhabitants of the District may hope to see either a new bridge erected or the old one repaired?
2. MR. MURRAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government will introduce, during the present Session, any measure for reforming the constitution of the Legislative Council?

 WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move (in Committee upon the Municipalities Bill,) That the following stand as Clauses 80 and 81 of the Bill, respectively:—
 - (1.) All fines and fees awarded by or payable under the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, or any other Local Courts—all fees from publicans' licenses,—all tolls or other such charges taken at or upon public ferries, bridges, or roads, being other than main roads,—all fees or rates taken at or derivable from public pounds, or the proceeds thereof respectively, after deduction of necessary expenses of collection, accruing within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act,—shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid, by the persons respectively authorised to collect or demand the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or of any person by him duly authorised to receive the same; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.
 - (2.) All rents, license fees, assessments, or other current revenues, derived from annual or any other temporary permission to cut timber upon, take stone or minerals from, or otherwise use and occupy, any public lands situated within the limits of any Municipality established in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby required to be paid by any Commissioner of Crown Lands, or other person duly authorised to collect or receive the same, into the hands of the Chairman of such Municipality, or other person by him duly authorised; to be by him applied to the purposes of this Act, and for the use and benefit of such Municipality.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in "A Bill to transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there, certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

 FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.

(3.)

(3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country,— and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.

(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; second reading
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. John Campbell presented a Petition from James Pemell, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Glebe, held on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the University Hotel, Parramatta Road, praying the House to pass this Bill, without any alteration of its main principles.
Petition received.
2. Paper:—Mr. Robert Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to Lieut. Scaver, R. N., adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 30th April last.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Minister and Office Bearers of the Congregation of Presbyterians at Balmain, praying the House to allow the words in the original Act "Systematic Religious Instruction" to be omitted in the new preamble proposed to be substituted by this Bill.
Petition received.
4. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Paterson presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Crown Tenants, Householders, and other residents in the Police District of Binalong, objecting to this Bill on various grounds, and praying the House to refuse its assent to it unless Petitioners' objections be removed.
Petition received.
5. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Thomas Barker, on behalf of one moiety of the Presbyterian College Committee, praying that the words "Systematic Religious Instruction" in the Preamble of the original Act may not be repealed as proposed by this Bill.
Petition received.
6. Tenders or applications for Leases of or Licenses to occupy Crown Lands:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying, that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Tenders, received by the Executive Government, since the year 1848, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts of Wide Bay and Burnett, Port Curtis, Leichhardt, and Maranoa, specifying, in each case, date of Tender and of receipt thereof; party or parties tendering; amount of premium, if any, offered; Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District at time of Tender, and Commissioner who reported thereon; date and nature of report; whether Tender was accepted or rejected; and, if rejected, the reasons for rejection.
 - (2.) A Return of all Leases, issued by the Executive Government, of Crown Lands situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of lessee; date of acceptance of Tender or application; date of lease and term for which granted; amount of rent charged, and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (3.) A Return of all Licenses granted by the Executive Government since the year 1848, for annual or other such temporary occupation of Crown Lands, situated or purporting to be situated in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, name of licensee; date of application, receipt and acceptance thereof by the Government; date of license and term for which granted; amount of rent or license fee; and amount thereof due, or actually received by the Government at date of Return.
 - (4.) A Return of all Reserves of Crown Lands established in the Districts aforesaid, specifying, in each case, the purpose of such Reserve; whether or not previously or at present in occupation, and on what terms; name of such occupant, if any; and how much of such Reserve has been actually sold.
 - (5.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of alteration of the boundaries of any of the Districts aforesaid.

(6.)

(6.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Forster having by leave withdrawn Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.—

Question—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and any Commissioner of Crown Lands or other person on the subject of rejection of tenders or applications for leases or occupation licenses, or of alleged delay or neglect on the part of any Commissioner of Crown Lands to report thereon,—put and passed.

7. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Members of various religious denominations in the City of Sydney, in Public Meeting assembled, praying the House to expunge the words "Systematic Religious Instruction" in the Preamble of the original Act proposed to be amended by this Bill.

Petition received.

8. Removal of Captain Pockley and Mr. Drew :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Papers relating to the removal of Captain Pockley from the office of Harbour Master in the Port of Sydney, and of Mr. Drew from that of Secretary to the Steam Navigation Board, and Accountant to the Light, Pilot and Navigation Board of Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Motion dropped :—Mr. Weekes not moving the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to day, it dropped.

10. Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th instant, in reference to a Sub-marine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australia, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

11. State of the Magistracy :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy of this Colony.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponement :—Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.

13. Proposed extension of Railways :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the proposals contained in the Second Report of the Chief Commissioner of Railways, in reference to the extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, and the construction of a Tramway from the Sydney Terminus to the Circular Quay.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.

And Mr. Piddington having required that the proposed Committee, if granted, be appointed by Ballot,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued,—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Parkes, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. White,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Piddington,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

14. District Court at Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Wagga Wagga, praying the establishment there of a District Court, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Postponement :—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
16. Bridges upon the Main Lines of Road :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of the number of Bridges erected at the public expense on the main road to the south, as well as on the district roads running into that main road, distinguishing in each case the cost thereof; also a Return of all sums of money voted, but not expended, for similar works on such roads.
(2.) Similar Returns in the case of the main road to the north, and its district roads
(3.) Similar Returns in the case of the main road to the west, and its district roads.
Question put and passed.
17. Postponement :—Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes eleventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
18. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
(1) That the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and that the Report and Proceedings of, and the Bill as amended in, the Select Committee of last Session, be referred to such Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Forster, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
19. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
(1.) That the Pymont Bridge Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and that the Report and Proceedings of, and the Bill as amended in, the Select Committee of last Session, be referred to such Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
20. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Professors, Graduates, and Under Graduates of the University of Sydney, presented by him on the 13th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
21. Postponement :—The second reading of the Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Friday next.
22. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
23. Police Magistrate at Armidale :—Mr. Taylor moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of an Address for Salary of a Police Magistrate at Armidale.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. White,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.
Mr. Taylor, }

Noes, 20.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

24. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—Mr. Martin moved, without previous notice, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Isidore John Blake in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18 May, 1858.

Question put and passed.

Speaker.

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25. Postponements:—The Orders numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
26. Fraudulent Trustees and Bankers better Punishment Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees Bankers and other persons entrusted with property.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees Bankers and other persons entrusted with property,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18 May, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

27. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, and reported the following Resolutions:—
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,289 7s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Police Magistrates, in Country Districts, for the year 1858.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,660 12s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Clerks of Petty Sessions for the year 1858.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,150 to defray the salaries of Chief Constables for the year 1858.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,018 15s., to defray the salaries of District Constables for the year 1858.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £553 13s. 9d., to defray the salaries of Police Detectives, for the suppression of crime in the interior.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,044 9s. 2d., to defray the salaries of Ordinary Constables for the year 1858.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,170 7s. 6d., to defray Contingencies of Police generally for the year 1858.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,025 3s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Horse Patrol in Country Districts for the year 1858.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, in the year 1858, for the general service of the Police, to meet claims for length of service and good conduct.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,519 16s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Native Police for the year 1858.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,828 12s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Gold Guards, and Conveyance, for the year 1858.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray the Conveyance of Gold, Money, and Escorts, for the year 1858.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,387 11s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,655, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parramatta Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,063 18s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Bathurst Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,954 18s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Maitland Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,778 6s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Goulburn Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,223 18s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Brisbane Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,932 13s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, for the year 1858.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,087 10s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Printing, Lithographing, and Binding Establishment, for the year 1858.

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(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,343 14s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1858.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,161 15s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Health Officers and Medical Board, for the year 1858.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £490, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Vaccine Institution, for the year 1858.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,102 15s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban, for the year 1858.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,335 14s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, for the year 1858.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,186 3s. 6d., to defray Charitable Allowances, for the year 1858,—being £1,800 for the support of Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals; £700 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £4,936 3s. 6d. in support of the Establishment of the Benevolent Society at Sydney, on condition of £1,000 being raised by private subscriptions; £1,500 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £1,000 in aid of Hospitals at Windsor, Bathurst, Newcastle, Port Macquarie, and Yass, at £200 each, on the like condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta, on the like condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Brisbane, on the like condition; £300 for repairs and additions to the said Hospital at Brisbane; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Goulburn, on condition of an equal sum being raised by private subscriptions; £200 in aid of the Armidale and New England Hospital, on the like condition; £100 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Parramatta, on the like condition; £100 in aid of the Benevolent Society at Singleton and Patrick's Plains, on the like condition; £200 in aid of the Wide Bay and Burnett District Hospital, on the like condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital at Ipswich, on the like condition; £500 in aid of the Maitland Hospital, on the like condition; and £250 for the erection of Fever Wards and Dead House at the Maitland Hospital, on the like condition.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800, in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1858,—being £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £200 to supplement the present annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; £500 towards building the Parramatta Mechanics' School of Arts, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £200 Outfit of the Parramatta Mechanics' School of Arts, on the like condition; £500 in aid of the erection of a Mechanics' Institute at Mudgee, on the like condition; £100 in aid of Goulburn School of Arts, on the like condition, until a Building be erected; and £100 in aid of Brisbane School of Arts, on the like condition.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the Aborigines, during the year 1858,—being for the cost of Blankets, carrying, distributing, and marking them; Medicines, and Medical Attendance.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the City of Sydney, in aid of City Funds.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,700, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1858,—being £3,000 for Paper and Parchment for Printing; £600 for expenses attending the preparation of the Electoral Lists; £100 for erecting Pounds, and allowances to Poundkeepers; and £2,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for.

Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

28. Postponement:—The Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Thursday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in "A Bill to transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there, certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Main Roads Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Hard Labor Bill; second reading.
8. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
9. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
3. MR. J. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition from the Glebe, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, presented by him on the 12th instant, complaining of the conduct of the Immigration Agent in reference to his remarks upon Irish Female Immigrants, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

Question:—

1. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government have made any arrangements for conducting the business of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even, without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.
 - (3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country,—and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.
3. MR. PATERSON to move, That the Petition relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."

5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the particulars of an investigation into the Harbour Master's Department at Newcastle, recently held there.
6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.
7. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
8. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Tuesday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, deems itself entitled to the information sought, and repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution.
9. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
10. MR. JENKINS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Deaths, (specifying the sexes and ages) registered in the Office of the Registrar for the City of Sydney, from 1st March, 1856, to 31st March, 1858, distinguishing those cases in which the causes of death have been recorded on the Certificate of a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; second reading.
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
3. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal Return of all Officers and Servants appointed under the provisions of the second, fourth, and sixth sections of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 40, entitled, "The Government Railways Act of 1854," from 2nd December, 1854, to 31st March, 1858, shewing the name of the officer or servant, the date of appointment, the nature of his duties, the locality in which employed, the rate of salary or allowance, and the amount of salary, allowance, or other emolument received by him in each year of the period mentioned.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, embodying, for opinion of the House, certain Resolutions in reference to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, against the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay.
Ordered to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices.
2. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "A Bill to transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there, certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840."
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8. The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and reported the following Resolution:—
(1) Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1858, the further sum of £244,464 16s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the District Courts' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(2.) The second reading of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the consideration of this Bill in Committee stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and take precedence of all other business.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers,

Noes, 14.

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Kotton,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,

6. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill :—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at War in England, from the principal Officers of Ordnance there, of certain lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council of 1840,*" read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. Main Roads Bill :—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill ;—
Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments so agreed to. Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th May, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
9. Hard Labor Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until this day week. Debate ensued.
Motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day week, by leave withdrawn. Debate of the Original Question ensued.
Original Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time ;—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
10. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—
(1.) Attendance of President of Legislative Council.
MR. SPEAKER,
In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 14th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, on "*Retrenchment in Public Expenditure,*" the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to the President to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 19th May, 1858. President.
- (2.) Attendance of Member of Legislative Council.
MR. SPEAKER,
In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 15th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Isidore John Blake, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill, the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Blake to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 19th May, 1858. President.
11. Trust Funds Security Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
12. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
13. Motion dropped :—Mr. Parkes not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
14. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed. Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

15. Electoral Bill :—Mr. J. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Glebe, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed. Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Motion dropped :—Mr. Parkes not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
17. Irish Female Immigrants :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, presented by him on the 12th instant, complaining of the conduct of the Immigration Agent in reference to his remarks upon Irish Female Immigrants, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
18. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Dalley, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Dalley then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to provide for the establishment and endowment of Colleges within the University of Sydney.'*"
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment and endowment of Colleges within the University of Sydney,'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th May, 1858.
- Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, " That the Chinese Immigration Bill be now read a second time."
3. District Courts Bill ; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
5. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Trust Funds Security Bill ; third reading.
7. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. MR FAUCETT to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government have made any arrangements for conducting the business of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court ?

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.
 - (3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country,—and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.

(4.)

- (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.
3. Mr. PATERSON to move, That the Petition relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
 4. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."
 5. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the particulars of an investigation into the Harbour Master's Department at Newcastle, recently held there.
 6. Mr. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.
 7. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
 8. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Tuesday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, deems itself entitled to the information sought, and repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution.
 9. Mr. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
 10. Mr. JENKINS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Deaths, (specifying the sexes and ages) registered in the Office of the Registrar for the City of Sydney, from 1st March, 1856, to 31st March, 1858, distinguishing those cases in which the causes of death have been recorded on the Certificate of a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill ; second reading.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill ; second reading
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; second reading.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Hard Labor Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
3. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal Return of all Officers and Servants appointed under the provisions of the second, fourth, and sixth sections of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 40, entitled, "The Government Railways Act of 1854," from 2nd December, 1854, to 31st March, 1858, shewing the name of the officer or servant, the date of appointment, the nature of his duties, the locality in which employed, the rate of salary or allowance, and the amount of salary, allowance, or other emolument received by him in each year of the period mentioned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This not only helps in tracking expenses but also ensures compliance with tax regulations.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools. Each method has its own strengths and limitations, and the choice of which to use depends on the specific requirements of the study.

The third section provides a detailed overview of the data analysis process. It starts with the initial cleaning and organization of the raw data, followed by the application of statistical techniques to identify trends and patterns. The final step involves the interpretation of these results in the context of the research objectives.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a list of recommendations for future research. It suggests that further exploration into the relationship between the variables studied would be beneficial, particularly in the area of data collection methods.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Leave of Absence for a fortnight granted to Mr. Buckley, on motion of Mr. Richardson.
2. Papers:—
 1. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(1.) Further Return to the Order in reference to Bank Assistance to Government made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 30th March last.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(2.) Despatches respecting the unsatisfactory manner in which the Mails between England and Australia have been conveyed by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company.
(3.) Return to the Address in reference to the Central Police Office Clerks adopted, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on the 7th April last.
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Return to the Address in reference to the investigation into Mr. Dunlop's conduct, adopted, on motion of Mr. Scott, on the 30th March last.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the consideration of this Bill in Committee be postponed until next Tuesday week, and take precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. White,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Owen, } Tellers.
Mr. Parkes, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lee,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Tooth, }

Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

5. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will break down, even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.
 - (3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country,—and that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect this important object.
3. MR. PATERSON to move, That the Petition relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the particulars of an investigation into the Harbour Master's Department at Newcastle, recently held there.
6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.
7. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
8. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Tuesday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, deems itself entitled to the information sought, and repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution.
9. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.
10. MR. JENKINS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Deaths, (specifying the sexes and ages) registered in the Office of the Registrar for the City of Sydney, from 1st March, 1856, to 31st March, 1858, distinguishing those cases in which the causes of death have been recorded on the Certificate of a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.
11. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the present Commandant of the Native Police, as to the suspension or dismissal of Mr. Ross, Second Lieutenant of the Native Police, together with a copy of the Evidence relative thereto, as taken by Lieutenant Murray.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; second reading.
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hard Labor Bill; third reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. District Courts Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Trust Funds Security Bill; third reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. HODGSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to move an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, expressive of the grateful acknowledgment of this House for the high honor and distinction which Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer upon this Colony, by declaring that the degrees granted by the Senate of the University of Sydney shall be entitled to the same rank, precedence, and consideration, as degrees granted by any University of the United Kingdom?
2. MR. PARKES *to ask* MR. ROBERTSON,—Whether the Government have decided upon any plan for the reclamation of the land at the head of Woolloomoolloo Bay, and the erection of a public Wharf, for the benefit of the inhabitants in that part of the City?
3. MR. FAUCETT *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government have made any arrangements for conducting the business of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY *to move*,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
3. MR. FLOOD *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal Return of all Officers and Servants appointed under the provisions of the second, fourth, and sixth sections of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 40, entitled, "The Government Railways Act of 1854," from 2nd December, 1854, to 31st March, 1858, shewing the name of the officer or servant, the date of appointment, the nature of his duties, the locality in which employed, the rate of salary or allowance, and the amount of salary, allowance, or other emolument received by him in each year of the period mentioned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Motion Dropped:—Mr. Parkes not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
2. Unsatisfactory State of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, —
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain is very unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That it is extremely probable that the Contract at present existing with the European and Australian Mail Packet Company will terminate even without the interference of the Australian Colonies themselves.
 - (3.) That in the event of a cessation of the present uncertain and costly system of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, it is very desirable that an effort be made to establish a Postal Service between Sydney, Panama, and the Mother Country, and, without pledging the House at this moment to adopt that particular course, that the Cunard line of Steamers, at present running between Liverpool, New York, and Aspinwall, on the eastern side of the Isthmus of Panama, affords an advantageous opening for the extension of this line between the Ports of Panama and Sydney.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take an early opportunity of bringing this matter under the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy to be granted for carrying into effect a more efficient Postal Communication between New South Wales and Great Britain.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Paterson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
5. Inquiry into Harbour Master's Department at Newcastle:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the particulars of an investigation into the Harbour Master's Department at Newcastle, recently held there.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Paper used in Government Printing Office:—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the quantity and description of paper used for printing, and issued by the Government Printer for the various departments during the years 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857, specifying the names of the departments, and the quantity and description of paper respectively printed for each.
Question put and passed.
7. Expense of the Government Printing Office:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The date of the establishment of the Government Printing Office, and the amount of the working expenses of that Office for each year during its existence.
 - (2.) The number of persons in situations of trust or authority, the number of journeymen Compositors, the number of journeymen Pressmen, the number of Apprentices, and the number of other persons employed in that Office in the month of July of the years 1850, 1852, 1854, and 1856, and in the month of April of 1858.
 - (3.) The salaries paid to the persons in situations of trust or authority, and the rates paid to the working hands at the respective periods mentioned.
 - (4.) The total expenditure for machinery and material, and the total expenditure for repairs and erection of buildings during the existence of the establishment.
 Question put and passed.

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8. Prerogative—Liberation of W. B. Evans:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, (1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Tuesday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, "deems itself entitled to the information sought, and" repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arnold moved, That the Question be amended by the omission in the fifth line of section (1), of the words "deems itself entitled to the information sought, and"—with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "is of opinion that the circumstances preceding and attending that liberation render it desirable that the information sought should not be withheld, and respectfully"—

Debate continued.

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

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

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Question be amended by inserting in place of the words omitted, the words following—"and, disclaiming any wish to question the prerogative of the Crown, is nevertheless of opinion that it is not incumbent upon the House to assign specific reasons in asking for the Papers in question, and respectfully"—

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

Whereupon Question put, *as so amended*,—

(1.) That this House having had under consideration His Excellency the Governor General's reply to an Address of this House, agreed to on Friday, April 16, praying for the production of certain papers connected with the liberation of W. B. Evans, convicted of Embezzlement at the Goulburn Assizes in March or April of last year, and disclaiming any wish to question the prerogative of the Crown, is nevertheless of opinion that it is not incumbent upon the House to assign specific reasons in asking for the papers in question, and respectfully repeats its request contained in the Address referred to.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully acquainting His Excellency with the above Resolution.

The House divided.

Ayes 20.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Faucett
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Suttor,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes 18.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Owen,

9. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Debate on the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend and extend the Act passed for shortening Acts of the Legislature*," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21 May, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

10. Buildings occupied as Government Offices in Sydney:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of buildings occupied in the City of Sydney as Government Offices, the annual amount of rent paid in each case, where rented, and the probable annual value of all buildings so occupied, the same being the property of the Government.

Question put and passed.

11. Postponement:—Mr. Jenkins postponed the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
12. Dismissal of Mr. Ross, Second Lieutenant of Native Police:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the present Commandant of the Native Police, as to the suspension or dismissal of Mr. Ross, Second Lieutenant of the Native Police, together with a copy of the Evidence relative thereto, as taken by Lieutenant Murray.
Question put and passed.
13. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Murray, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
(3.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Tuesday next.
(4.) The second reading of the Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
(5.) The second reading of the Deserted Wives and Childrens' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Friday next.
14. Hard Labor Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to make better provision for carrying out sentences to hard labor.*"
Question put and passed;
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make better provision for carrying out sentences to hard labor,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st May, 1858. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
15. Postponements:—The Orders numbered 2, 3, 4, and 5, on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
16. Trust Funds Security Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Martin then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act for better securing Trust Funds and for the Relief of Trustees.*"
Question put and passed;
Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for better securing Trust Funds and for the relief of Trustees,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st May, 1858. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
17. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Wednesday next.
The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
(2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
(3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

3. Mr. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal Return of all Officers and Servants appointed under the provisions of the second, fourth, and sixth sections of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 40, entitled, "The Government Railways Act of 1854," from 2nd December, 1854, to 31st March, 1858, shewing the name of the officer or servant, the date of appointment, the nature of his duties, the locality in which employed, the rate of salary or allowance, and the amount of salary, allowance, or other emolument received by him in each year of the period mentioned.
4. Mr. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Customs, and other matters in connexion therewith.
5. Mr. HODGSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, May 28, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, expressive of the grateful acknowledgment of this House for the high honor and distinction which Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer upon this Colony, by declaring that the degrees granted by the Senate of the University of Sydney shall be entitled to the same rank, precedence, and consideration, as degrees granted by any University of the United Kingdom.
6. Mr. JENKINS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Deaths, (specifying the sexes and ages) registered in the Office of the Registrar for the City of Sydney, from 1st March, 1856, to 31st March, 1858, distinguishing those cases in which the causes of death have been recorded on the Certificate of a legally qualified Medical Practitioner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. District Courts Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. Mr. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any information has reached the Government relative to the murders recently perpetrated by the Natives in the neighbourhood of the Dawson River, and whether it is the intention of the Government to take any immediate steps to protect the Northern Frontier of this Colony?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."
2. Mr. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, complaining of the statements made by the Immigration Agent in regard to Irish female immigrants, be referred to a Select Committee, to investigate and report upon the allegations contained in the said Petition.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Murray, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
3. Mr. THORNTON to move, That the 57th and 59th Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale, Mortgage, or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 MAY, 1858.

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

Messages from the Governor General:—

- (1.) Prerogative;—Liberation of W. B. Evans:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 6.

Governor General.

The Legislative Assembly having in their Address of the 21st instant, distinctly disclaimed any wish to question the prerogative of the Crown, the Governor General accepts that disclaimer; and he now sees no objection to the production of the papers connected with the liberation of Mr. W. B. Evans, and has therefore given the necessary directions that copies of these papers shall be forthwith laid on the Table of the Assembly.

*Government House,
25 May, 1858.*

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Unsatisfactory state of the Postal Service between New South Wales and Great Britain:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 7.

Governor General.

In accordance with the wish expressed in the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 21st instant, the Governor General will be prepared, in the event of the cessation of the present Contract for the conveyance of the Mails between England and the Australian Colonies, to submit for the consideration of Parliament, with a view to the proposal of a proper subsidy for that service, a scheme for a more efficient conduct of the Postal Communication between New South Wales and Great Britain.

*Government House,
25 May, 1858.*

Ordered to be printed.

2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in reference to the Special Return made to the Writ for the Election and Return of a Member to serve in this House for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices.

3. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. W. Macleay postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day until Friday next.

(2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

4. Government Railway Officers and Servants:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal Return of all Officers and Servants appointed under the provisions of the second, fourth, and sixth sections of the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 40, intituled, "The Government Railways Act of 1854," from 2nd December, 1854, to 31st March, 1858, shewing the name of the officer or servant, the date of appointment, the nature of his duties, the locality in which employed, the rate of salary or allowance, and the amount of salary, allowance, or other emolument received by him in each year of the period mentioned. Question put and passed.

5. Abattoirs on Glebe Island:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain Butchers of Sydney and its environs, praying the completion of the Abattoirs on Glebe Island.

Petition received.

6. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Dickson presented a Petition from certain Members of the Committee of the Maitland Branch of the Society for promoting the due observance of the Lord's Day—praying that the words in this Bill which will permit Public Houses to be kept open on the Sabbath Day "between one and three o'clock in the afternoon, and between eight and ten o'clock in the evening," may be expunged from the Bill.

Petition received.

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7. Chinese Immigration Bill :—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from John Smith, of Sydney, merchant, praying that a reasonable time may be allowed to elapse before this Bill shall come into operation, and to be heard at the Bar, by Counsel, against the last clause of the Bill.
Petition received.
8. Customs Consolidation Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Customs, and other matters in connexion therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
9. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from John Harris, of Shaue's Park, South Creek, and James Fullerton, of the City of Sydney, Minister of the Established Church of Scotland, in opposition to this Bill.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
10. Customs Consolidation Bill :—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Customs, and other matters in connexion therewith*;" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. Sydney University :—Address of Thanks to Her Majesty; Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Friday, May 28, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, expressive of the grateful acknowledgment of this House for the high honor and distinction which Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer upon this Colony, by declaring that the degrees granted by the Senate of the University of Sydney shall be entitled to the same rank, precedence, and consideration, as degrees granted by any University of the United Kingdom.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Jenkins withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, a Return of the number of Deaths Registered in the Office of the Registrar for the City, from 1 March, 1856 to 31 March, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Postponements :—
(1.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.
(3.) The second reading of the Registered Instruments better preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(4.) The further consideration in Committee of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
15. District Courts Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Thursday next.
16. Municipalities Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time; to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
17. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at half-past five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; second reading.
5. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Presbyterians at Balmian, relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of members of various Religious Denominations in Sydney, relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
3. MR. SCOTT to move, That this House do now adopt the Resolutions reported on the 25th instant, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with regard to the special return made to the Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this House for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa.

4. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the Butchers of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
5. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Petition relative to the Chinese Immigration Bill, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend to proceed at an early period with the erection of a Court House at East Maitland, for which work a vote was passed in 1857?

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."
2. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, complaining of the statements made by the Immigration Agent in regard to Irish female immigrants, be referred to a Select Committee, to investigate and report upon the allegations contained in the said Petition.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Denichy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Murray, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
3. MR. THORNTON to move, That the 57th and 59th Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale, Mortgage, or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
5. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Sydney University; consideration in Committee of Address of Thanks to Her Majesty
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, a comparative Return of the number of persons sentenced to the Roads, from 1 May, 1850, to 30 April, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep:—
(1.) Mr. Hodgson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 27th ultimo, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Act, 19 Vict., No. 27, and to prepare a Bill for the prevention of the disease called Scab in Sheep.
Ordered to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices.
(2.) Scab in Sheep prevention Bill:—Mr. Hodgson then brought up the Bill as prepared by the Committee, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the prevention of Scab in Sheep*;"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on next Friday week.
3. Railway Crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland:—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from Isaac Robinson, on behalf of himself and a Public Meeting of which he subscribes himself the Chairman, praying that a Crossing-place may be constructed at the intersection of Abbott-street West Maitland by the Great Northern Railway, and a passenger platform at Abbott or High-street.
Petition received.
4. Special Return to Writ:—Mr. Hodgson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee to whom was referred on the 31 March last, the Writ for the Election of a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, with an instruction to inquire into and report upon the Special Return endorsed thereon.
Ordered to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices.
5. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow week.
6. Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Robertson.
7. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
8. Registered Instruments better Preservation Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time; to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
9. Postponements:—
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
10. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Presbyterians at Balmain, relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of members of various Religious Denominations in Sydney, relative to the Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

11. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House do now adopt the following Resolutions reported on the 25th instant, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with regard to the special return made to the Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this House for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa:—
- (1) That the Writ for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, be returned to the Returning Officer named therein, with instructions to him to endorse thereon the name of the person elected for such District, according to the Voting Papers delivered to such Returning Officer.
- (2.) That the said Returning Officer be further instructed to forward to the Clerk of the Assembly, the Voting Papers so delivered to him, in accordance with the 46th Clause of the Electoral Act.
- (3.) That the time for presenting Petitions against the validity of the Return of the person whose name may be endorsed on the Writ by the said Returning Officer, be held to date from the day of the return of the Writ endorsed as directed in the first Resolution.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed;—
- Whereupon Mr. Scott moved, That the foregoing Resolutions, together with the said Writ, be transmitted, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to carry them into effect.
- Question put and passed.
12. Abattoirs on Glebe Island:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Butchers of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
13. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Hodgson not moving the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and ordered to be printed on the 14th instant, with reference to the transfer of Registers of the Bishop's Registrar to the Office of the Registrar General, be referred to the Committee now sitting upon the "Registration and Preservation of Records."
2. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1) That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, complaining of the statements made by the Immigration Agent in regard to Irish female immigrants, be referred to a Select Committee, to investigate and report upon the allegations contained in the said Petition.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Murray, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
3. MR. THORNTON to move, That the 57th and 59th Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale, Mortgage, or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

5. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
7. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Isaac Robinson, relative to a Railway crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th instant, be now adopted by this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill ; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill ; second-reading.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney University ; consideration in Committee of Address of Thanks to Her-Majesty.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill ; second reading

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPIER,
Speaker.

No. 35.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 MAY, 1858.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Publican's Licensing Bill :—Mr. White presented a Petition from certain Members of the Hunter River Vineyard Association, praying that the sale of Wine by the makers may be permitted under this Bill in quantities as small as heretofore of one and the same sort of Wine at one time.
Petition received.
 2. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 3. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 4. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at half past Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, complaining of the statements made by the Immigration Agent in regard to Irish female immigrants, be referred to a Select Committee, to investigate and report upon the allegations contained in the said Petition.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Murray, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
3. MR. THORNTON to move, That the 57th and 59th Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale, Mortgage, or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximatively ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.

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5. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
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6. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
7. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Isaac Robinson, relative to a Railway crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.
8. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th instant, be now adopted by this House.
9. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition from the Hunter River Vineyard Association, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
10. MR. DICKSON to move, That the Petition from certain members of the Committee of the Maitland branch of the Society for promoting the due observance of the Lord's Day, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
11. MR. HODGSON to move. That the Petition of John Smith, merchant, of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill ; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney University ; consideration in Committee of Address of Thanks to Her Majesty.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill ; second reading

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 MAY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Denominational School Board's Report for the year 1857.
(2.) An Appendix to their Report for the year 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Bridges in the Wide Bay and Burnett Districts:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Stockholders of the Wide Bay and Burnett Districts, praying that Bridges may be erected across the Baramba and Gundi Creeks.
Petition received.
3. Publicans Licensing Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from J. G. Cattley and George John Crouch, on behalf of themselves and the Committee and Members of the Alliance for the suppression of Intemperance, praying the House not to consent to any measure which will enable Public Houses to be kept open on Sunday evenings.
Petition received.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from Robert Dodge Merrill and Thomas Roger Leavitt, merchants, of and residing in Sydney, and trading under the firm of "Merrill and Leavitt," praying the House will not pass this Bill, unless modified in such a way as to prevent the injury Petitioners would sustain were it brought into immediate operation.
Petition received.
5. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Donaldson not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
6. Irish Female Immigrants:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice:—
(1.) That the Petition of certain Citizens of Sydney, complaining of the statements made by the Immigration Agent in regard to Irish female immigrants, be referred to a Select Committee, to investigate and report upon the allegations contained in the said Petition.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Denichy, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Murray, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Rotton, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. Electoral Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Town and District of Seone, praying the House to pass this Bill in its integrity with as little delay as possible.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Denichy presented a Petition from H. E. Campbell, on behalf of himself and certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that this Bill may be passed without material alteration.
Petition received.
8. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, a Return shewing the number of Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of New South Wales during the several years 1851 to 1856 inclusive, and the proportion in which they were selected from each division of the United Kingdom.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Parsonage of St. Philip:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sale, Mortgage, or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes 26.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. White,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.
Mr. Scott, }

Noes 9.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

10. Annual Expenditure of the Civil Service from 1850 to 1858 :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure for the Civil Service of the Colony, for the seven years from 1850 to 1858, shewing for each year the separate cost of each Department, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population, approximately ascertained, with an accompanying explanation of the causes of increase or decrease in the annual amount for each respective service.
Question put and passed.
11. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. Paterson, on behalf of Mr. William Macleay, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Macleay fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
(3.) Mr. Dickson, on behalf of Mr. Weekes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Weekes seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
(4.) Mr. Hodgson postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
12. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—
(1.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Hunter River Vineyard Association, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Dickson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain members of the Committee of the Maitland Branch of the Society for Promoting the due observance of the Lord's Day, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Chinese Immigration Bill :—Mr. Hodgson moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition of John Smith, merchant, of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Postponements :—
(1.) The second reading of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until the seventh Order on the Paper of Other Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
(2.) The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Murray, until this day week.
15. Deserted Wives and Childrens' Act Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
16. Postponement :—The second reading of the Customs Consolidation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
17. Sydney University :—Address of Thanks to Her Majesty :—On motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address of Thanks to Her Majesty for the high honor and distinction which Her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer upon this Colony, by declaring that the Degrees granted by the Senate of the University of Sydney shall be entitled to the same rank, precedence, and consideration, as Degrees granted by any University of the United Kingdom.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

18. Postponements :—
 (1.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until this day week.
 (2.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.
19. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.
20. District Courts Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That the consideration of this Bill in Committee be postponed until next Tuesday week.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
21. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—Mr. Jones moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
 The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the state of the Magistracy, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Mr. Justice Therry in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28 May, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
22. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
 The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
 The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition from Wide Bay and Burnett, praying the erection of Bridges in those Districts, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
3. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition relative to the Chinese Immigration Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition from the Police District of Scone, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Petition from Albury, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Isaac Robinson, relative to a Railway crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland, presented by him on the 26th ultimo, be printed.
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th ultimo, be now adopted by this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney University; Further consideration in Committee of Address of Thanks to Her Majesty.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What are the particular duties of the Health Officer of the Port?
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—
 (1.) If the Steam Dredge has undergone the necessary repairs?
 (2.) Whether she is again to be placed under the management of the Harbour Master?
 (3.) Whether the Government intend making any provision for additional barges?
3. MR. WILLIAMSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps have been taken by the Government to repair the Court House at Raymond Terrace?

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. THORNTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of a despatch from the Emigration Commissioners, dated 5th February, 1855, having reference to Irish Emigration and Irish Female Emigration in particular.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SCOTT to move, That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves:—
 - (1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
 - (2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded.
2. Mr. COX to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Lands measured in the Police District of Orange, from the 1st January, 1856, to the present time, distinguishing those portions that have been applied for to purchase, from those measured at the discretion of the Surveyor.
 - (2.) A Return of all Land sold at Orange during the same period, with the amount realised.
 - (3.) All correspondence relative to the sale of Land between the Land Agent at Orange and the Surveyor General, since the 1st January, 1858.
3. Mr. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
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4. Mr. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading.
7. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. DR. BOWKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps are about to be taken for the proper arrangement of the Wharves in Newcastle?

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 37.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address in reference to date of Leases of Crown Lands held under Orders in Council, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on 4th December, 1857.
 - (2.) Return to the Address in reference to the conduct of the Returning Officer for the Western Boroughs, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 27th April last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Electors being Members of the Electors' Corresponding Committee for the District of the Macleay River, praying that this Bill may be allowed to pass into law with as little delay as possible.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Macarthur presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of part of the Electoral District of West Camden, expressive of their disapproval of the proposed alteration in the franchise, and of the additional Members proposed to be given to the Metropolitan Districts, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration in passing this Bill.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Owen presented a Petition from the President and Secretary of the Illawarra Liberal Political Association, urging certain grounds upon which Petitioners conceive the Electorate of Illawarra to be entitled to two Members instead of one as proposed by this Bill, and praying the House to take the same into consideration.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the removal of Captain Pockley and Mr. Drew, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 18th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Supply:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, without previous notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as will admit of a motion being made, without notice, for the restoration to the Paper of the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 28th ultimo.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. R. Campbell moved, without notice, That the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants of Sydney, praying that no alteration may be made by this Bill in the Law, as it now affects Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants.
Petition received.
6. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from certain Landholders, Stockholders, Settlers, Electors, and other Residents in the Macleay River District, praying that the Macleay Police District may be joined to the Armidale Police District, and allowed two Representatives under this Bill.
Petition received.
7. Duties of Health Officer of Port Jackson:—Mr. Cowper, in answer to a question put to him by Mr. Williamson, laid upon the Table a Paper detailing the duties of the Health Officer of Port Jackson.
Ordered to be printed.

8. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill; and that, in the absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Owen do take the Chair of the Committee, of the whole for this evening.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported progress and asked leave to sit again immediately,—
Mr. Cowper moved, That the Committee do now resume, and that Mr. Arnold, the Chairman of Committees, (being now present) do take the Chair of the Committees of the whole.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
9. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply on the 28th ultimo, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 28th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Mr. Justice Therry, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend, and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy, the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Justice Therry to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28 May, 1858. W. W. BURTON,
President.
10. Bridges in the Wide Bay and Burnett Districts :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Wide Bay and Burnett, praying the erection of Bridges in those Districts, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Chinese Immigration Bill :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Chinese Immigration Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Electoral Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Police District of Scone, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Albury, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Railway Crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Isaac Robinson, relative to a Railway crossing in Abbott-street, West Maitland, presented by him on the 26th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Postponement :—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
16. Sydney University—Address of Thanks to Her Majesty :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Address.
The Chairman reported the following Address as agreed to in the Committee :—
" To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith,
" &c., &c., &c.
" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—
" We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with the strongest feelings of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Crown and Person.
" We desire to convey our humble thanks and grateful acknowledgments for the marked honor which Your Majesty has been most graciously pleased to confer upon this Colony, by declaring that the Degrees granted by the Senate of the University of Sydney shall be entitled to the same rank, precedence, and consideration, as Degrees granted by any University of the United Kingdom.
" We

" We acknowledge, with gratitude, the deep interest which Your Majesty has been pleased to evince in the advancement of Education amongst us, by selecting this Colony as the first of Your Majesty's Colonial possessions upon which to confer this high privilege and distinction; we confidently hope that this gracious exercise of Your Majesty's Prerogative, while maintaining the high standard of our degrees, will give a fresh impetus to the Institution itself, and largely extend its sphere of usefulness; and we trust that the Graduates of our University will prove themselves not inferior, in scholastic acquirements, to the majority of Graduates of those time-honored Institutions—the Universities of Great Britain.

" We feel assured that this boon which Your Majesty has been pleased to grant to New South Wales, will prove an incentive to her social, moral, and intellectual advancement; will encourage useful knowledge; will foster and extend a sound and liberal education; and will tend to perpetuate that bond of union and attachment to the Parent State which now so happily exists throughout this distant portion of Your Majesty's Dominions."

Mr. Hodgson moved, That this House do now adopt this Address.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Hodgson then moved, That the Mover and Seconder accompany the Speaker to present the Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

Question put and passed.

17. Postponement:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of a despatch from the Emigration Commissioners, dated 5th February, 1855, having reference to Irish Emigration and Irish Female Emigration in particular.
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition from the Macleay River, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
3. MR. MACARTHUR to move, That the Petition from West Camden, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
4. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition from the Illawarra Political Association, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
5. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
6. MR. TAYLOR to move, That the Petition from the Macleay District, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. ROTTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If the Government has any intention to provide means for the public crossing the Nepean River, at Penrith, until the Bridge is put into repair?

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. SCOTT to move, That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves :—
 - (1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
 - (2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded.
2. Mr. COX to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Lands measured in the Police District of Orange, from the 1st January, 1856, to the present time, distinguishing those portions that have been applied for to purchase, from those measured at the discretion of the Surveyor.
 - (2.) A Return of all Land sold at Orange during the same period, with the amount realised.
 - (3.) All correspondence relative to the sale of Land between the Land Agent at Orange and the Surveyor General, since the 1st January, 1858.
3. Mr. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
 - (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
 - (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
4. Mr. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
5. Mr. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all commitments for trial by Justices, within the three years ending December 31st, 1857, in which the Attorney General declined to prosecute, specifying the names of the committing Magistrates.
6. Mr. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th ultimo, be now adopted by this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading.
7. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. DR. BOWKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps are about to be taken for the proper arrangement of the Wharves in Newcastle?

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from T. G. Rusden, Esquire, expressive of his confidence that the House will not entertain any proposition which might prejudicially affect his character or his interests, and praying to be heard at the Bar of the House, to supply certain information, and object to any such proposition.
Petition received.
2. Electoral Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Wild presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Electoral District of West Camden, expressive of their objections to the alteration in the franchise, and to the preponderating influence proposed to be given by this Bill to the Metropolitan Districts, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Murrurundi, approving of the principles of this Bill generally, and praying that it may soon pass into Law.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from John Fyfe, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Pyrmont, on the 31st ultimo, praying that this Bill may pass without any alteration in its main principles, and with all practicable speed.
Petition received.
 - (4.) Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from John Thomas, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Newtown, on the 28th ultimo, praying that this Bill may pass without any alteration in its main principles, and with all practicable speed.
Petition received.
 - (5.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Largs and the south-eastern part of Dunmore, praying the House to pass this Bill in its integrity.
Petition received.
3. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill:—Mr. Thornton, under suspension, on the 28th ultimo, of the 59th Standing Order, presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Bishop of Sydney, praying leave to introduce a Bill to authorise the sale, mortgage, or exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip, in Sydney, and the providing of another Parsonage, and for other purposes of the said Parish,—And having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* Newspapers, containing notice for four consecutive weeks, in the month of March last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a point of Order which had arisen in the Committee shall have been determined in the House,—The point of Order was then stated to be, That, clause 4 being under consideration, a motion had been made for the postponement of clauses 4 and 5, "in order to afford " Ministers the opportunity of bringing up New Clauses in lieu of those apportioning " the Representatives in accordance generally with the present Electoral Districts,"—which motion the Chairman had refused to propose to the Committee, on the ground of irregularity, and it was thought desirable to ascertain the Speaker's opinion, whether, by the practice of Parliament, the Chairman was justified in such refusal;—Whereupon, the Speaker stated, that whilst the Committee had full power to affirm, amend, postpone, or reject Clauses of the Bill committed to them, they had not power to entertain any motion in the nature of the Previous Question, or of an Instruction to the House or to the Government, or to refer back to the House that or any part of that which the House had committed to them to deal with, in one or other of the modes already referred to—and ruled, that the Chairman had properly declined to propose to the Committee the motion for postponement of the 4th Clause, with the Rider so attached to it.
The Committee then resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.

5. Government Loan Bill of 1858 :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—Mr. Murray moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the State of the Magistracy, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, Chief Justice, in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1858. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
7. Government Loan Bill of 1858 :—Mr. R. Campbell having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858,*"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on this day week.
8. Postponement :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
9. Irish Female Immigrants :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of a despatch from the Emigration Commissioners, dated 5th February, 1855, having reference to Irish Emigration, and Irish Female Emigration in particular.
Question put and passed.
10. Electoral Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Macleay River, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Macarthur moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from West Camden, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(3.) Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Illawarra Political Association, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
~~Ordered to be printed.~~
11. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Macleay District, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 1st instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Three" o'clock to-morrow.
Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Three," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Six."
Debate ensued.
Question put—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.
Mr. Scott, }

Noes, 19.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Suttor, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Question

Question stated—That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock "to-morrow."
 Mr. Faucett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "to-morrow," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "on Friday next."
 Question put—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Lee,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
 Mr. Scott, }

Noes, 15.

Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Owen,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.
 Mr. Faucett, }

Whereupon Question—That this House do now adjourn until three o'clock to-morrow—
 put and passed,—
 And the House accordingly adjourned at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until
 to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ~~Electoral Law Amendment Bill~~; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILD to move, That the Petition from West Camden, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition from Murrurundi, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from Largs and Dunmore, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from Pymont, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
5. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from Newtown, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken, or are proposed to be taken, on the part of the Government, to give effect to the Resolution adopted by this House on the 29th April last, with reference to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education?

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves:—
 (1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.

(2.)

- (2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded.
2. MR. COX to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Lands measured in the Police District of Orange, from the 1st January, 1856, to the present time, distinguishing those portions that have been applied for to purchase, from those measured at the discretion of the Surveyor.
- (2.) A Return of all Land sold at Orange during the same period, with the amount realised.
- (3.) All correspondence relative to the sale of Land between the Land Agent at Orange and the Surveyor General, since the 1st January, 1858.
3. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.
- (2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.
- (3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
- (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
- (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
- (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
- (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all commitments for trial by Justices, within the three years ending December 31st, 1857, in which the Attorney General declined to prosecute, specifying the names of the committing Magistrates.
6. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th ultimo, be now adopted by this House.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return stating,—
- (1.) The day and the hour of the day appointed for the execution of Joseph Wilkoe, who was convicted of murder at the last Criminal Sessions in Sydney, and the date on which it was determined by the Government that the sentence should take effect.
- (2.) The date on which a commutation of the sentence was decided on by the Executive Council.
- (3.) The day, and the hour of the day, and the place, where this latter decision was communicated to him.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading
7. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. DR. BOWKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps are about to be taken for the proper arrangement of the Wharves in Newcastle?

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons, having reference to any complaints made by E. B. Uhr, Esq., J.P., of Maryborough, Wide Bay, against Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, for alleged irregular conduct upon the Bench, and in particular for insulting language addressed to the complainant aforesaid, at the Court of Petty Sessions, Maryborough, upon Monday, December 28, 1857.
- (2.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons holding, or having formerly held, the office of Magistrate in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, purporting to resign, or stating the intention of any such person or persons to resign, his or their commission or commissions, or to sit no longer upon the Bench at Maryborough, in consequence of alleged improprieties in Mr. Halloran's conduct in the above-mentioned, or any other matter relating to his public duties.

(3.)

- (3) That the correspondence above specified, and the subject to which it relates, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon the Magistracy, with instructions to consider and report thereon.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Immigrants introduced into this Colony by Government in each year, under the Unassisted and Assisted Systems of Immigration respectively, from England, Ireland, and Scotland severally, from the commencement of the year 1842 to the date of the Return.
 3. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney, in so far as to enact that all Aldermen of the said Council shall be *ex-officio* Justices of the Peace.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated processes. The goal is to ensure that the information is both reliable and up-to-date.

The third part of the report details the results of the analysis. It shows a clear upward trend in the data over the period covered. This indicates that the current strategy is effective and that there is significant potential for further growth.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future action. These include investing in new technology to improve data collection and implementing more rigorous quality control measures. The author believes that these steps will lead to even greater success in the coming years.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
District Court at Yass:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Yass, praying the establishment of a District Court in the Town of Yass.
Petition received.
2. Road from Shoalhaven to Braidwood:—Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain Landowners, Householders, and Residents in and of the District of Shoalhaven, praying that the House will consider the necessity for placing a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of repairing the Road from Shoalhaven to Braidwood.
Petition received.
3. Mr. Edward James Howes Knapp:—Mr. White presented a Petition from Edward James Howes Knapp, of Sydney, surveyor, representing that Petitioner emigrated to this Colony in the year 1826, upon the express assurance given to him at the Colonial Office, that His Excellency Governor Darling was authorised to issue to him the then usual grant of land;—that owing to certain causes, in the Petition mentioned, he has not yet received such grant of land, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and afford Petitioner such relief as the circumstances of the case may seem to warrant.
Petition received.
4. Electoral Bill;—
(1.) Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Richmond and its vicinity, praying the House will proceed to take this Bill into consideration without any unnecessary delay, so as to effect the reform so urgently required in the Electoral Law.
Petition received.
5. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act:—Dr. Bowker presented a Petition from John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying the re-introduction of the Bill of last Session for further postponing the collection of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty.
Petition received.
6. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return to the order, in reference to the Adult Male and Female Population of the Police Districts, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Wm. Macleay, on the 14th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from Mr. John N. Beit, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Balmain on the 2nd instant, praying the House to pass this Bill without any alteration in its main principles, and with all practicable speed.
Petition received.
8. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
9. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend two Acts passed respectively in the sixteenth and nineteenth years of Her Majesty, concerning Land and Buildings of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

A printed copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, to which this Bill was referred, is also transmitted herewith.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

(2.)

(2.) Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to extend to Cheques the provisions of the 20th Victoria, No. 30,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly, for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.

10. Postponements :—

(1.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.

(2.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

(3.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

11. Electoral Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Macarthur, on behalf of Mr. Wild, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Wild, That the Petition from West Camden, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by Mr. Wild on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Murrurundi, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Largs and Dunmore, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Pymont, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Newtown, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves :—

(1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.

(2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded.

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

(1.) A Return of all Lands measured in the Police District of Orange, from the 1st January, 1856, to the present time, distinguishing those portions that have been applied for to purchase, from those measured at the discretion of the Surveyor.

(2.) A Return of all Land sold at Orange during the same period, with the amount realised.

(3.) All correspondence relative to the sale of Land between the Land Agent at Orange and the Surveyor General, since the 1st January, 1858.

3. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to expend all the sums sanctioned by this House, for the purposes for which they were voted, without partiality.

(2.) That the assertion frequently made by Government of their inability to carry out certain works for want of funds, has been amply disproved by the readiness with which they have carried out others in more favored localities.

(3.) That this House is therefore of opinion, that the erection of Bridges over the Jugiong and Gunning water-courses, has been unjustly and improperly delayed, and that these works should be immediately proceeded with.

4. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all committments for trial by Justices, within the three years ending December 31st, 1857, in which the Attorney General declined to prosecute, specifying the names of the committing Magistrates.
6. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th ultimo, be now adopted by this House.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return stating,—
 - (1.) The day and the hour of the day appointed for the execution of Joseph Wilkes, who was convicted of murder at the last Criminal Sessions in Sydney, and the date on which it was determined by the Government that the sentence should take effect.
 - (2.) The date on which a commutation of the sentence was decided on by the Executive Council.
 - (3.) The day, and the hour of the day, and the place, where this latter decision was communicated to him.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Yass, relative to the District Courts Bill, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
9. MR. ALDCORN to move, That the Petition relative to the Road from Shoalhaven to Braidwood, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
10. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition of Mr. E. J. H. Knapp, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
11. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition from Richmond and its vicinity, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
12. DR. BOWKER to move, That the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, relative to the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
13. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition from Balmain, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Customs Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading.
7. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. DR. BOWKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If any steps are about to be taken for the proper arrangement of the Wharves in Newcastle?

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons, having reference to any complaints made by E. B. Uhr, Esq., J.P., of Maryborough, Wide Bay, against Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, for alleged irregular conduct upon the Bench, and in particular for insulting language addressed to the complainant aforesaid, at the Court of Petty Sessions, Maryborough, upon Monday, December 28, 1857.
 - (2.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons holding, or having formerly held, the office of Magistrate in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, purporting to resign, or stating the intention of any such person or persons to resign, his or their commission or commissions, or to sit no longer upon the Bench

Bench at Maryborough, in consequence of alleged improprieties in Mr. Halloran's conduct in the abovementioned, or any other matter relating to his public duties.

(3) That the correspondence above specified, and the subject to which it relates, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon the Magistracy, with instructions to consider and report thereon.

2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Immigrants introduced into this Colony by Government in each year, under the Unassisted and Assisted Systems of Immigration respectively, from England, Ireland, and Scotland severally, from the commencement of the year 1842 to the date of the Return.
3. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney, in so far as to enact that all Aldermen of the said Council shall be *ex-officio* Justices of the Peace.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "Ethereal," and "Mary Nicholson," in or about the month of May, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (1.) Abstract of the State of Shipping registered in the Colony, for the year ended 31 December, 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (2.) Report from the Health Officer of Port Jackson, for the year 1857.
 - (3.) Report from the Health Officer of Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
 - (4.) Return of Receipts and Expenditure upon the Sydney University Buildings, for the year 1857.
 - (5.) Copy of Judgment on Appeal of Fenton and Fraser v. Hampton, from Supreme Court of Tasmania to Her Majesty's Privy Council.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Thomas Holt, on behalf of himself and certain Ministers of Religion, Magistrates, and other Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, and its Suburbs, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that the forty-fifth Clause of this Bill be so modified as that Public Houses shall not be allowed to open on week days, or on Sundays, for a greater number of hours than at present.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Members and Subscribers of the Young Men's Christian Association of Sydney, praying that the forty-fifth Clause of this Bill be so modified, as to prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors on the Sabbath, and especially between the hours of eight and ten in the evening of that day.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Ministers, Stewards, Leaders, and Members of the Congregation of the Waverly Methodist Chapel, objecting to that part of the forty-fifth Clause of this Bill, which would permit of Public Houses being open from eight to ten o'clock on the Sunday evening, and praying such modification thereof as to the House shall seem meet.
Petition received.
 - (4.) Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from certain Ministers, Stewards, Leaders, and Members of the Congregation of the Surry Hills Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, praying that such alteration may be made in the Publicans' Licensing Law as will altogether prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors on the Sabbath Day.
Petition received.
3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves:—
 - (1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
 - (2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Motion made by Mr. Cox, and Question,—That this Debate be adjourned until this day week,—put and passed.
4. Lands Measured and Sold at Orange:—Mr. Cox moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Lands measured in the Police District of Orange, from the 1st January, 1856, to the present time, distinguishing those portions that have been applied for to purchase, from those measured at the discretion of the Surveyor.

- (2.) A Return of all Land sold at Orange during the same period, with the amount realised.
- (3.) All correspondence relative to the sale of Land between the Land Agent at Orange and the Surveyor General, since the 1st January, 1858.
Question put and passed.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from Joseph S. Willis, Chairman of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, urging certain objections against this Bill, and praying that it may not be passed.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, and others, praying that this Bill may not be passed.
Petition received.
6. Bathurst School of Arts Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on the 30th April last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Suttor then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.
7. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. William Macleay withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Postponement :—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
9. Cases in which the Attorney General declined to Prosecute :—Mr. Murray moved pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all commitments for trial by Justices, within the three years ending December 31st, 1857, in which the Attorney General declined to prosecute, specifying the names of the committing Magistrates.
Question put and passed.
10. Special Return to Writ :—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That the Report brought up by the Committee on Special Return to Writ, on the 26th ultimo, be now adopted by this House.
(2.) That a copy of the said Report be transmitted, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee.
Question put and passed.
11. Reprieve of Joseph Wilkes :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return stating,—
(1.) The day and the hour of the day appointed for the execution of Joseph Wilkes, who was convicted of murder at the last Criminal Sessions in Sydney, and the date on which it was determined by the Government that the sentence should take effect.
(2.) The date on which a commutation of the sentence was decided on by the Executive Council.
(3.) The day, and the hour of the day, and the place where this latter decision was communicated to him.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. District Court at Yass :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Yass, relative to the District Courts Bill, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Aldcorn not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Mr. Edward James Howes Knapp :—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. E. J. H. Knapp, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Dalley, That the Petition from Richmond and its vicinity, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by Mr. Dalley on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act :—Dr. Bowker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle, relative to the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
17. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Balmain, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

18. Postponements:—

- (1.) The second reading of the Scab in Sheep prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Flood, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, until this day week.
- (2.) The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. John Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Murray, until this day week.

19. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly dated the 2nd instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, Knt., Chief Justice, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire into the State of the Magistracy, the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly, that leave has been granted to Sir Alfred Stephen to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Titles to Land Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

20. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.

21. Customs Consolidation Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—

Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.

Question put and passed.

22. Postponement:—The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Deniehy, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until this day week.

23. Impounding Bill, on motion of Mr. Jamison, read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.

24. Postponement; The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until this day week.

25. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and reported the following Resolutions:—

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,535, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1858.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,670 15s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs' Department, for the year 1858.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray Drawbacks and Refund of Duties for the year 1858.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,217 7s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Colonial Distilleries, for the year 1858.

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,466 10s. 5d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, for the year 1858.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, to defray the salaries of Gold Receivers, for the year 1858.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,445, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1858.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £736 4s. 4d., to defray the salary and contingencies of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, for the year 1858.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,697, to defray the expenses of Shipping Masters' Establishments, for the year 1858,—being £1,565 for such Establishment at Sydney; £80 for such Establishment at Newcastle; and £52 for such Establishment at Moreton Bay.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,743, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Steam Navigation Board and Harbor Master, for the year 1858.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £768, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at South Head of Port Jackson, for the year 1858.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £848, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment, at the Inner South Head of Port Jackson, for the year 1858.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £746, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Floating Light Establishment in Port Jackson, for the year 1858.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £929 10s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Floating Light Establishment at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,010, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a contribution to meet one-half of the actual expense incurred by the Government of Victoria, in the maintenance of the Light House Establishment at Gabo Island, for the year 1858.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, as a contribution of one-third of the probable expense of maintaining the Light House at Kent's Group, for the year 1858.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £748, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at Newcastle, for the year 1858.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,217, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Harbour Master at Newcastle, for the year 1858.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,519, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £204, to defray the salary of the Pilot in charge of the Basin at Wollongong, and for keeping in repair the Moorings at Wollongong, Kiama, and Ulladulla, for the year 1858.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £728, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Manning River, for the year 1858.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £878, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Macleay River, for the year 1858.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104, to defray the salary of the Pilot in charge of the Moorings, and for preventing improper deposition of ballast, at Kiama, for the year 1858.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £779, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at Port Macquarie, for the year 1858.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £874, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Clarence River, for the year 1858.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £778, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Richmond River, for the year 1858.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,013, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Telegraph Stations, for the year 1858;—being £714 for such Stations at Sydney and South Head; and £299 for such Stations at Moreton Bay.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Port Curtis Establishment, for the year 1858.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,030, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1858;—being £30 for Provisions to be left at Booby Island, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; and £2,000 to defray the expense of the employment of the Steam Dredge.

Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

26. Postponement; The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons, having reference to any complaints made by E. B. Uhr, Esq., J.P., of Maryborough, Wide Bay, against Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, for alleged irregular conduct upon the Bench, and in particular for insulting language addressed to the complainant aforesaid, at the Court of Petty Sessions, Maryborough, upon Monday, December 28, 1857.
 - (2.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons holding, or having formerly held, the office of Magistrate in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, purporting to resign, or stating the intention of any such person or persons to resign, his or their commission or commissions, or to sit no longer upon the Bench at Maryborough, in consequence of alleged improprieties in Mr. Halloran's conduct in the abovementioned, or any other matter relating to his public duties.
 - (3.) That the correspondence above specified, and the subject to which it relates, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting upon the Magistracy, with instructions to consider and report thereon.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Immigrants introduced into this Colony by Government in each year, under the Unassisted and Assisted Systems of Immigration respectively, from England, Ireland, and Scotland severally, from the commencement of the year 1842 to the date of the Return.
3. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Act of the City of Sydney, in so far as to enact that all Aldermen of the said Council shall be *ex-officio* Justices of the Peace.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition of the Young Men's Christian Association, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Wesleyan Methodists at Waverly, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
7. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Petition of the Wesleyan Methodists at Surry Hills, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
8. MR. THORNTON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise the sale, mortgage, or exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the parish of St. Philip's, in Sydney, and for other purposes of the said parish
9. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 4th instant, from the Chairman of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, praying that the Publicans' Licensing Bill may not be passed, be printed.
10. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 4th June, from 140 Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, praying that the Publicans' Licensing Bill may not be passed, be printed.
11. MR. TAYLOR to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—
 - (1.) The amount of money placed at the disposal of the Road Trust of the Tenterfield and Grafton Road, for the years 1857 and 1858 respectively.
 - (2.) The amount drawn by the Trustees of such Road, from 1 January, 1857, to 4 June, 1858.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the said Road Trustees, upon the subject of the funds to be provided by the Government for the years 1857 and 1858, and upon the business of the Trust relating to such Road.
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13. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons employed in working the Steam Dredge while on the Hunter, specifying the various occupations, with the Salaries attached to each individual, with any allowances for provisions, fuel, light, or other accommodation.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions

Questions :—

1. MR. PARKES to ask MR. ROBERTSON,—When the Government intend taking any steps, in compliance with the application of certain residents in the neighbourhood of Ryde, Kissing Point, for the opening of the authorised road leading from the Wharf, known as Blanch's Wharf, to the Great Northern Road on the north bank of the Parramatta River?
2. MR. TAYLOR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
Whether it be the intention of the Government to withdraw from the Public Road between Grafton and Tenterfield, New England, all Government aid?
If not, what sum has been placed at the disposal of the Trustees of the Tenterfield and Grafton Road, for the year 1858?
Whether the Road party under Mr. Yates, has not been broken up?
3. MR. RORTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
Whether the Government has any intention to establish Telegraphic Communication between Sydney and Bathurst, in accordance with the recommendation of a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly in 1856?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "Ethereal," and "Mary Nicholson," in or about the month of May, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Scott, "That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves :—
" (1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
" (2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded."
3. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; second reading.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
5. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
6. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
8. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. PATERSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government is aware of the present dilapidated state of the Berrima Bridge, and whether any steps are being taken for its repair?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper,—
(1.) Return to the Address in reference to Buildings occupied as Government Offices in Sydney, adopted, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on the 21st ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper,—
(2.) Return to the Address in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Thomas Robinson, a Pilot at Moreton Bay, adopted, on motion of Mr. Buckley, on the 14th ultimo.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Dr. Bowker presented a Petition from John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying that this Bill may not pass.
Petition received.
3. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Owen presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Glebe and its neighbourhood, praying that Clauses may be introduced into this Bill for the preservation of the Navigation of Black Wattle Creek.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
(2.) Mr. Owen presented a Petition from Thomas Tipple Smith, of the Glebe, praying that Clauses may be introduced into this Bill for the preservation of the Navigation of Black Wattle Creek.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Licensed Wholesale Wine and Spirit Dealers of the Town of Goulburn, praying that those clauses of this Bill which go to increase the fee hitherto exacted from Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants, and the minimum quantity they have hitherto been permitted to sell, may not pass into Law.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Members of Committee of the Society for Promoting the Observance of the Lord's Day, praying the House to withhold its sanction from any Clause in this Bill which would enable Public Houses to be kept open on the Sabbath Evening.
Petition received.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
6. Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons, having reference to any complaints made by E. B. Uhr, Esq., J.P., of Maryborough, Wide Bay, against Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, for alleged irregular conduct upon the Bench, and in particular for insulting language addressed to the complainant aforesaid, at the Court of Petty Sessions, Maryborough, upon Monday, December 28, 1857.
(2.) Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons holding, or having formerly held, the office of Magistrate in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, purporting to resign, or stating the intention of any such person or persons to resign, his or their commission or commissions, or to sit no longer upon the Bench at Maryborough, in consequence of alleged improprieties in Mr. Halloran's conduct in the abovementioned, or any other matter relating to his public duties.
Question put and passed.

7. Unassisted and Assisted Government Immigration from 1842 :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Immigrants introduced into this Colony by Government in each year, under the Unassisted and Assisted Systems of Immigration respectively, from England, Ireland, and Scotland severally, from the commencement of the year 1842 to the date of the Return.
Question put and passed.
8. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Thornton withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Young Men's Christian Association, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(3.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Wesleyan Methodists at Waverly, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Wesleyan Methodists at Surry Hills, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise the sale, mortgage, or exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the parish of St. Philip's, in Sydney, and for other purposes of the said parish.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Publican's Licensing Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 4th instant, from the Chairman of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, praying that the Publicans' Licensing Bill may not be passed, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 4th June, from 140 Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, praying that the Publicans' Licensing Bill may not be passed, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Tenterfield Road and Road Trust :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
(1.) The amount of money placed at the disposal of the Road Trust of the Tenterfield and Grafton Road, for the years 1857 and 1858 respectively.
(2.) The amount drawn by the Trustees of such Road, from 1 January, 1857, to 4 June, 1858.
(3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the said Road Trustees, upon the subject of the funds to be provided by the Government for the years 1857 and 1858, and upon the business of the Trust relating to such Road.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. Kiama Steam Navigation Company :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, to enable him to present a Petition, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act, 17 Victoria, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Kiama Steam Navigation Company.*"
Debate ensued.
And the Speaker having put the Question in the affirmative,—
Notice taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
Whereupon the House was counted,—
And there not being Twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. BOWKER to move, That the Petition from the Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, against the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 8th instant, be printed.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th instant, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 8th instant, be printed.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons employed in working the Steam Dredge while on the Hunter, specifying the various occupations, with the Salaries attached to each individual, with any allowances for provisions, fuel, light, or other accommodation.

Question:—

1. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the promised New Code of Gold Regulations will be proclaimed?

THURSDAY, JUNE 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "Ethereal," and "Mary Nicholson," in or about the month of May, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Scott, "That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves:—
 - "(1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
 - "(2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded."
3. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; second reading.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
5. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
6. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
8. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. PATERSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government is aware of the present dilapidated state of the Berrima Bridge, and whether any steps are being taken for its repair?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The first part of the report should be a general statement of the purpose of the investigation and the scope of the work.

2. The second part should describe the methods used in the investigation, including the apparatus, materials, and procedures.

3. The third part should present the results of the investigation, including the data obtained and the conclusions drawn therefrom.

4. The fourth part should discuss the significance of the results and their relation to the work of other investigators.

5. The fifth part should contain a list of references and a list of symbols and abbreviations used in the report.

6. The report should be written in a clear, concise, and logical manner, and should be free from errors and omissions.

7. The report should be typed on one side of the paper, and should be double-spaced with a margin of one inch on all sides.

8. The report should be bound in a suitable cover, and should be accompanied by a title page and a table of contents.

9. The report should be submitted to the appropriate authority for review and approval.

10. The report should be kept in a safe place, and should be available for reference by other investigators.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that this Bill may be passed with as great expedition as may be convenient.
Petition received.
2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers;—
(1.) Return to the Address in reference to the Bathurst Town and Suburban allotments, adopted, on motion of Mr. Rotton, on the 30th April last.
(2.) Further Correspondence from the South Australian Government, respecting the Snag Boat lately constructed for clearing the River Murray.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Residents and Landed Proprietors of the District of Raymond Terrace, expressive of their concurrence in the provisions of this Bill, and praying that, with certain modifications, it may pass into law with as little delay as may be convenient.
Petition received.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church, Pitt-street, South, Sydney, urging certain objections against the provisions of this Bill which relate to the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors on the Sabbath, and praying the House to protect the publicans and the community generally in the enjoyment of the privileges of the Sabbath.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Minister, Elders, and Members of the Congregation of the Scots' Church, Sydney, praying that the House will, if possible, altogether prevent the opening of Public Houses on the Christian Sabbath, or, if that cannot be, that they may not be permitted to be open between the hours of eight and ten in the evening of that day.
Petition received.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—
Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Postponement:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—
(1.) Dr Bowker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, against the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 8th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th instant, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

8. *St. Philip's Parsonage Bill*:—Mr. Thornton having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, Bill intitled, "*A Bill to authorize the sale mortgage or exchange of the Parsonage in connexion with the parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said parish,*" read a first time.
9. *Publicans' Licensing Bill*:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Murray, that the Petition presented by Mr. Murray, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill; on the 8th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. *Steam Dredge*:—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons employed in working the Steam Dredge while on the Hunter, specifying the various occupations, with the Salaries attached to each individual, with any allowances for provisions, fuel, light, or other accommodation.
Question put and passed.
11. *Death of Sir Ralph Darling*:—Mr. Cowper moved, That in testimony of respect to the memory of Sir Ralph Darling, formerly Governor of New South Wales, the melancholy intelligence of whose death reached the Colony to-day, this House do now adjourn until three o'clock on Friday next.
Question put and passed;—
And the House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until *Friday next*, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "*Ethereal,*" and "*Mary Nicholson,*" in or about the month of May, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.
2. **MR. FORSTER** to move, that it is the opinion of this House,—
(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
3. **MR. COWPER** to move, That the Petition of certain Citizens, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
4. **MR. WILLIAMSON** to move, That the Petition from Raymond Terrace, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
5. **MR. ALDCORN** to move, That the Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church, Pitt-street, South, Sydney, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
6. **MR. PARKES** to move, That the Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Members of the Congregation of the Scots' Church, Sydney, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Scott, "That this House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in relation to the Petitions of T. G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, resolves:—
(1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and 67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them under the provisions of that Act.
(2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded."

3. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; second reading.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
5. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
6. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
8. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. PATERSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government is aware of the present dilapidated state of the Berrima Bridge, and whether any steps are being taken for its repair?
2. DR. BOWKER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
 - (1.) If he is aware that the Australian Agricultural Company is having ballast laid down, or has had ballast laid down opposite its grant of land at Newcastle, thereby encroaching on the Harbour of Newcastle, and that it has appropriated the wharfage land so made?
 - (2.) If he is so aware, whether he has taken, or is about to take, any steps to regulate this matter?
3. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the promised New Code of Gold Regulations will be proclaimed?

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary sources, as well as the specific techniques employed for data processing and statistical analysis.

The third section provides a detailed overview of the results obtained from the study. It includes a series of tables and graphs that illustrate the trends and patterns observed in the data. The author also discusses the implications of these findings and how they relate to the overall objectives of the research.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a list of recommendations for future research. The author suggests that further studies should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends and to develop more effective strategies for addressing the issues identified.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Marks presented a Petition from the Minister, Leaders, Stewards, and Congregation of the Princes-street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, praying the House to reject the 45th Clause of this Bill, and prohibit the opening of public houses at any time during the Sabbath.
Petition received.
2. Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Maitland, Singleton, Wollombi, and Jerry's Plains, representing the great injury and inconvenience resulting from the destruction of the Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek, and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Postponement :—Mr. Forster amended and postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—
 - (1.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Sabbath School Teachers in connexion with the Wesleyan Church, York-street, Sydney, praying such modification in the forty-fifth clause of this Bill, as shall prohibit the opening of Public Houses at any time during the Sunday.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Richmond and its vicinity, praying such modification in the forty-fifth clause of this Bill, as shall provide that Public Houses shall not be open more hours than at present, either during a week day or on a Sunday.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from the Minister, Stewards, Leaders, and Congregation of the York-street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, expressive of their opinion that it is at variance with the sacred character of the Sabbath that Public Houses should be kept open on that day, and praying the House to bear this in mind whilst dealing with this Bill.
Petition received.
5. Crown Law Officers as Cabinet Ministers :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependant upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - (3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions.
 Debate ensued.
Motion made by Mr. Wild, and Question,—That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next,—put and passed.

6. Electoral Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Citizens, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Raymond Terrace, in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Alcorn moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church, Pitt-street, South, Sydney, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Members of the Congregation of the Scots' Church, Sydney, in reference to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Faucett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—Upon the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Scott, "That" this

"House having had under consideration the Report brought up on the 19th May last, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in relation to the Petitions of T.

"G. Rusden, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and

"Macleay, resolves :—

"(1.) That the Petitioner not having complied with the requirements of the 65th and

"67th sections of the Electoral Act in regard to any one of the said Petitions, the

"Committee of Elections and Qualifications cannot deal with them, or any one of them

"under the provisions of that Act.

"(2.) That the Resolutions of the 14th and 30th April last, by which this House

"referred the said Petitions to that Committee, be, therefore, now rescinded"—

Mr. Wild moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That Mr. T. G. Rusden be now heard at the Bar of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed ;—

And Mr. Rusden being introduced at the Bar, by the Sergeant-at-Arms, thereupon addressed the House.

Mr. T. G. Rusden having withdrawn,—

Adjourned Debate resumed.

Motion made by Mr. Arnold, and Question put,—That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wild
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. White,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.
Mr. Suttor, }

Mr. Arnold then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into the alleged disability or disqualification of Mr. Moriarty to be elected and returned as a Member to serve in the Assembly, at the time of his Election as one of the Members for the Electoral District of New England and "Macleay."

Debate continued.

Question

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.
Mr. Suttor, }

Noes, 9.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. White,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cribb, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon Original Question put,—
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cribb, } Tellers.
Mr. Faucett, }

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. White,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

10. Postponements:—

- (1.) The second reading of the Bathurst School of Arts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Suttor, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Scab in Sheep prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hodgson, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Deniehy, on behalf of Mr. Murray, until Tuesday next.
 - (4.) The further consideration in Committee of the Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Tuesday next.
- Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
The Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARKS to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition relative to the Bridge at Cockfighter's Creek, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "Ethereal," and "Mary Nicholson," on October 16th, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government; and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session, and the two Petitions from certain Chinamen, presented by Mr. Dalley on the 13th and 16th April last, be referred to this Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.
4. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Richmond, praying a modification of the 45th Clause of the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.
5. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from Sabbath School Teachers in connexion with the Wesleyan Church in York-street, Sydney, praying a modification of the 45th Clause of the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.

6. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from 222 Members of the Congregation of the York-street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, praying alterations in the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.
7. MR. HONGSON to move,—
 - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the murders which have recently taken place on the Dawson River, with a view to render the working of the Native Police Force more efficient.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cribb, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
8. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the St. Philip's Parsonage Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Owen, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tooth, Mr. Buckley, and the Mover.
9. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions."
2. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill; third reading.
3. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; second reading.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; second reading.
5. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
6. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
8. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, OR THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When the Assessment Bill, alluded to in the Governor General's Speech at the commencement of the Session, is to be brought forward for the consideration of this House?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from John Baker Smithers, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Paddington, praying that this Bill may be passed without alteration in any of its main principles, and with all practicable speed.
Petition received.
2. Papers:—
 1. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(1.) Return to the Address in reference to the retirement from Office of Police Magistrates or Commissioners of Crown Lands, adopted, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on the 16th April last.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(2.) Despatch of 23rd March, 1858, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the manner in which the Mail Contract has hitherto been performed by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Publican's Licensing Bill:—Mr. Marks moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Bridge at Cockfighter's Creek:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Bridge at Cockfighter's Creek, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Seizure of Gold Dust on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson":—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice:—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon "*the*" circumstances connected with the late Seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns, on board the "Ethereal," and "Mary Nicholson," on October 16th, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government; and that all proceedings of the Select Committee of last Session, and the two Petitions from certain Chinamen, presented by Mr. Dalley on the 13th and 16th April last, be referred to this Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jamison, and Mr. Cox.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words of section (1) following the word "*the*" on the first line before the word "circumstances," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "working of the Acts 19 Victoria, No. 17, of 12th February, and No. 22, of 23rd February, 1857."
Debate continued.
Question put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Thornton.
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. W. Macleay.
 Mr. G. Macleay-
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Owen.
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Taylor.
 Mr. Lee.
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Paterson.
 Mr. Moriarty.
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Dalley.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Jenkins.
 Mr. Wild
 Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
 Mr. Forster, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
 Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Paterson,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Owen,
 Mr. Dalley,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
 Mr. Forster, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Mr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
 Mr. Dickson, }

6. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—

(1.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Richmond, praying a modification of the 45th Clause of the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from Sabbath School Teachers in connexion with the Wesleyan Church in York-street, Sydney, praying a modification of the 45th Clause of the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, from 222 Members of the Congregation of the York-street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, praying alterations in the Publicans' Licensing Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to amended notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the murders which have recently taken place on the "Dawson River," with a view to render the working of the Native Police Force more efficient, and with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cribb, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words thereof following the words "Dawson River," in section (1), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "and generally on the state of outrage between the white population and the Aborigines in the Northern Districts.

" (2.)

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cribb, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Murray, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Hodgson."

Debate continued,—

And the proposed Amendment being, *by consent*, amended, by adding at the end of the words proposed to be inserted in lieu of the words proposed to be omitted from section (1) the words "with a view to providing for the better protection of life and property."

Debate continued,—

And Mr. Hodgson having required, in event of the Amendment being carried, that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—

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

Question,—That in place of the words omitted there be inserted the words "and generally on the state of outrage between the white population and the Aborigines, in the Northern Districts, with a view to providing for the better protection of life and property,"—put and passed.

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the murders which have recently taken place on the Dawson River, and generally on the state of outrage between the white population and the Aborigines in the Northern Districts, with a view to providing for the better protection of life and property,—put and passed ;—

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz. :—Mr. Cribb, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Forster, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Taylor.

8. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from the Minister, Members, and Congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Newtown, praying that the forty-fifth section of this Bill be so modified as to prevent Public Houses from being open a greater number of hours than at present on week days or Sundays.
Petition received.
9. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the St. Philip's Parsonage Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Owen, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Cox, Mr. Tooth, Mr. Buckley, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. Weekes, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Deniehy, ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) The Order standing first on the Paper of Other Business for to-day, being read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill being read,—
Mr. Parkes moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn,—
Whereupon Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Faucett then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to extend the provisions of the 20th Victoria, No. 30.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Faucett moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence in the amendment made in the Title :—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to extend to cheques the provisions of the 20th Victoria, No. 30,*" with the following amendment in the Title, in which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—
Omit the words "to cheques."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1858.

Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
12. Bathurst School of Arts Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Suttor,—
Mr. Suttor moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with the view to the insertion in their place of the words "the committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Footh,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. White,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cribb, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Original Question then put and passed;—

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.

13. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill:—Mr. Hodgson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.

14. Postponement:—The second reading of the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, on behalf of Mr. Murray, until Friday next.

15. Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

16. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Rotton, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.

(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.

(4.) The second reading of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.

17. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again to-morrow week, and reported the following Resolution:—

5. Resolved, That, towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1858, the further sum of £95,059 Gs. 9d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition from Paddington relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

Question :—

1. MR. HODGSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any answer has been received from the Returning Officer for Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, as to the Writ transmitted to him for his endorsement, sufficient time having now elapsed for such an answer to have been received?

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bathurst School of Arts Bill ; third reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill ; second reading.
3. Publicans' Licensing Bill ; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill ; consideration in Committee.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government intend selling the Parramatta Domain, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 20 Victoria, No. 35 ?
 - (2.) Whether the 200 acres of land reserved under that Act as a Park for the use of the Inhabitants of Parramatta, have been set apart for that purpose, and if so what part of the Domain ?
 - (3.) Whether the portion of the Domain required for the Railway line from Parramatta to Penrith and Windsor has been marked off ?
 - (4.) Whether the Inhabitants of Parramatta are allowed to quarry and take stone from the Domain without leave ? and if not, who is the proper party to grant such leave ? Also if permission so to do has been granted to any person during the last two years ?
 - (5.) Whether the sum of £107,000 voted on the 9th March, 1857, by the late Legislative Assembly, for the purchase of Rails for the proposed Railway extensions to Singleton, Penrith, and Picton, has been expended for that purpose ?

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions."
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1858.

There being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tooth, and Mr. Weekes,—the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition from Paddington relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. HODGSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any answer has been received from the Returning Officer for Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, as to the Writ transmitted to him for his endorsement, sufficient time having now elapsed for such an answer to have been received?

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; third reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

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1. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government intend selling the Parramatta Domain, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 20 Victoria, No. 35?
 - (2.) Whether the 200 acres of land reserved under that Act as a Park for the use of the Inhabitants of Parramatta, have been set apart for that purpose, and if so what part of the Domain?
 - (3.) Whether the portion of the Domain required for the Railway line from Parramatta to Penrith and Windsor has been marked off?
 - (4.) Whether the Inhabitants of Parramatta are allowed to quarry and take stone from the Domain without leave? and if not, who is the proper party to grant such leave? Also if permission so to do has been granted to any person during the last two years?
 - (5.) Whether the sum of £107,000 voted on the 9th March, 1857, by the late Legislative Assembly, for the purchase of Rails for the proposed Railway extensions to Singleton, Penrith, and Picton, has been expended for that purpose?

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions."
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) A Letter from the National Education Board, dated 3rd instant, on the subject of Non-vested Schools.
(2.) Return to the Order, in reference to the expense of the Government Printing Office, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Weckes, on the 21st May last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Ferry at Bumaderry Point, Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain landed proprietors, leaseholders, tradesmen, and other residents in the Police District of Shoalhaven, praying the establishment of a Ferry at Bumaderry Point, Shoalhaven River.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order in reference to the Steam Dredge, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Williamson, on the 9th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
4. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from T. G. Rusden, Esquire, in reference to the proceedings on his Petitions against the election and return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of New England and Macleay, praying that justice be done—that the Constitution Act be not disregarded—that the Electoral Act be carried out in its true spirit, according to the 61st section, without regard to legal forms and solemnities.
Petition received.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Samuel Callaghan, Chairman of the Christian Total Abstinence Society, expressive of his belief that the entire closing of Public-houses on the Lord's Day would be an incalculable boon to the community, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.
Petition received.
6. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again so soon as a point of Order which had arisen in the Committee shall have been disposed of,—
And the point of Order being stated to be, that the Committee having proceeded as far as Clause 4, and considered and amended that Clause as far as line 9, and an amendment having been moved in lines 14 and 15, passing over the intermediate lines, it was proposed to deal with the Electoral Districts as if the table enumerating them were an ordinary schedule, and a motion being offered, going back upon the Electoral District of Brisbane, to the effect that that Electoral District, as defined in lines 10 and 11 stand part of the clause, with the understanding that the Question be put in like manner upon each succeeding District,—the Chairman declined to propose that Question, on the ground that it would be inconsistent with the practice of Parliament to deal with the Clause in any other manner than as a whole, amending it line by line if thought desirable, and then putting the Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
And a Debate arising,—
7. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
(1.) Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act extension Bill:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 8.*
Governor General.
A Bill intituled, "*An Act for further facilitating the payment of Debts out of Real Estate,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 17 June, 1858. (2.)

(2.) Trust Funds Security Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 9.

A Bill intituled "An Act for better securing Trust Funds and for the relief of Trustees," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17 June, 1858.

(3.) Main Roads Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 10.

A Bill intituled "An Act for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17 June, 1858.

8. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—The Debate on the point of Order, interrupted by the foregoing Messages,—resumed.
The Speaker ruled, That the Chairman of Committees had correctly stated the practice of Parliament, and that the clause would have to be amended, as pointed out by him, unless, for greater convenience, the Committee unanimously agreed to treat it as in the nature of a Schedule.
The Committee then resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:—Mr. Murray moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the State of the Magistracy, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable E. Deas Thomson, Esquire, C.B., in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th June, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
10. Postponements;—
(1.) Orders 2, 3, 4, and 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
(2.) Orders 6, 7, and 8 postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
11. Electoral Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Dalley, That the Petition from Paddington relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by Mr. Dalley on the 15th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.
3. MR. ALDCORN to move, That the Petition from Shoalhaven, relative to the establishment of a Public Ferry, at Bumaderry Point, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
4. MR. MACARTHUR to move for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the University of Sydney to grant *ad eundem* Degrees.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all Monies paid by the Colonial Treasurer since the expiration of the Votes of Credit granted by this House, (which extended to the 30th April last, or for the past four months of 1858) distinguishing those payments which were included in the expenditure authorised by these Votes of Credit from those which have been made without any Legislative authority.
(2.) A Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, (if any) which may have been passed upon the subject of issues out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, in 1858, without Legislative sanction.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bathurst School of Arts Bill; third reading.
2. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill; second reading.
3. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government intend selling the Parramatta Domain, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 20 Victoria, No. 35?
 - (2.) Whether the 200 acres of land reserved under that Act as a Park for the use of the Inhabitants of Parramatta, have been set apart for that purpose, and if so what part of the Domain?
 - (3.) Whether the portion of the Domain required for the Railway line from Parramatta to Penrith and Windsor has been marked off?
 - (4.) Whether the Inhabitants of Parramatta are allowed to quarry and take stone from the Domain without leave? and if not, who is the proper party to grant such leave? Also if permission so to do has been granted to any person during the last two years?
 - (5.) Whether the sum of £107,000 voted on the 9th March, 1857, by the late Legislative Assembly, for the purchase of Rails for the proposed Railway extensions to Singleton, Penrith, and Picton, has been expended for that purpose?
2. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to permit an encroachment to be made upon Hyde Park, a spot specially set apart for the health and recreation of the inhabitants of Sydney, by granting a portion of it for the erection of a Town Hall, especially as a block of land for that purpose has already been granted in another situation?
3. MR. DONALDSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) If any monies have been disbursed by the Government since the expiration of the Votes of Credit granted by this House, for the first four months of the present year?
 - (2.) If so, by what authority such issues from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, without Legislative sanction, have been made?

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions."
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether, in general, the Public business of the various Crown Law Officers is conducted, and parties, for public purposes, required to attend at the private Offices of the functionaries aforesaid?
 - (2.) Whether all, or any part of the business connected with the Administration of Intestate Estates, is conducted by and in the private Office of a private Solicitor, who is employed as Agent for the Curator?
 - (3.) Whether in such cases the practices referred to have received the sanction of the Government?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.
Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Members of the Congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, at East Maitland, praying that the words " and between eight and ten o'clock in the evening," in the 45th Clause of this Bill, may not receive the consent of the House.
Petition received.
2. Assessment on Stock :—Mr. Moriarty presented a Petition from certain Agriculturists, Gold Miners, Town Residents, and other Inhabitants of the District of New England, expressive of their opinions in regard to the Assessment on Stock, and suggesting that any Assessment Bill which may be brought in this Session may have a retrospective effect.
Petition received.
3. Wallis's Creek :—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Landowners and others, representing that the Railway Commissioners, in extending the line of Railway from East to West Maitland, have dammed up the natural outlet for the waters of Wallis's Creek, and in lieu thereof have made a new cut which is not to the level of the natural outlet, to the great injury of Petitioners, in flooding and preventing the drainage of their lands, and praying relief.
Petition received.
4. Papers :—
(1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to Paper used in the Government Printing Office, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Williamson, on the 21st May last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to the inquiry into the Harbor Master's Department at Newcastle, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 21st May last.
5. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponement :—Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Deniehy second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
7. Ferry at Bumaderry Point, Shoalhaven River :—Mr. Aldcorn moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Shoalhaven, relative to the establishment of a Public Ferry, at Bumaderry Point, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill :—Mr. Macarthur moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the University of Sydney to grant *ad Eundem* Degrees.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill,—
And Mr. Macarthur having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to empower the University of Sydney to grant ad Eundem Degrees*," read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on next Tuesday week.
9. Expenditure authorised and unauthorised by Vote since 30 April, 1858 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all Monies paid by the Colonial Treasurer since the expiration of the Votes of Credit granted by this House, (which extended to the 30th April last, or for the first four months of 1858) distinguishing those payments which were included in the expenditure authorised by these Votes of Credit from those which have been made without any Legislative authority.

(2.)

(2.) A Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, (if any) which may have been passed upon the subject of issues out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, in 1858, without Legislative sanction.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported, that whilst the House was in Debate of the Question last before it, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to increase the rates of Pilotage, and to impose certain Harbour Dues, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales,*" with certain amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, and rendered necessary with a view to make the provisions of the Bill conformable to the present state of the law; in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

(2.) Hard Labor Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to make better provision for carrying out sentences to Hard Labor,*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

11. Bathurst School of Arts Bill, on motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and passed. Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the 'Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece or parcel of land in William-street, in the Town of Bathurst, sometime since granted as a site for the erection of a building for the use of the said School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof.*" Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the 'Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, to surrender a certain piece or parcel of land in William-street, in the Town of Bathurst, sometime since granted as a site for the erection of a building for the use of the said School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill :—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Motion made by Mr. Cowper, and Question,—That the Debate of this Question be postponed until this day week—put and passed.
13. Postponement :—The second reading of the Publicans' Licensing Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until this day week.
14. Impounding Bill :—On motion of Mr. Jamison, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
15. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee on the Impounding Bill, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 17th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire, C.B., a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into the state of the Magistracy, the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Deas Thomson to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

16. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until this day week.

(2.) The second reading of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

17. Chinese Immigration Bill : Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 19 JUNE, 1858.

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

18. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at a quarter after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition from the Wesleyan Methodists of East Maitland, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
2. MR. MORIARTY to move, That the Petition from certain Residents of New England, on the subject of Assessment on Stock, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition in reference to the Outlet for the Waters of Wallis' Creek, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from Samuel Callaghan, Chairman of the Christian Total Abstinence Society, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Statement shewing the Amount issued up to 18 June, 1858, under the Act 7 Victoria, No. 21, which authorized the creation of Treasury Bills, to bear interest at 6 per cent. per annum, specifying the due dates of all such issues of Treasury Bills.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
 "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions."
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
7. Hard Labor Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
8. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether, in general, the Public business of the various Crown Law Officers is conducted, and parties, for public purposes, required to attend at the private Offices of the functionaries aforesaid?
 - (2.) Whether all, or any part of the business connected with the Administration of Intestate Estates, is conducted by and in the private Office of a private Solicitor, who is employed as Agent for the Curator?
 - (3.) Whether in such cases the practices referred to have received the sanction of the Government?
2. MR. MORIARTY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the protection of the public Lands of the Colony from intrusion and trespass?
3. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—When the Government intend to submit to this House a proposal for Railway extension?
4. MR. HODGSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether in consequence of the probable delay of the Separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales, there is any intention on the part of the Government to place a sum on the Supplementary Estimates to complete the Main Trunk Lines between Ipswich and Drayton, and Ipswich and Warwick?
 - (2.) Whether information has reached the Government to the effect that the progress of a new Road over a mountain range, known as Little Liverpool, half way between Ipswich and Drayton, has been suddenly put a stop to, owing to a want of funds?
 - (3.) Whether information has reached the Government, to the effect that the Road Surveyor, Mr. Roberts, for similar reasons, has been under the necessity of materially reducing the party at work on the Road leading from Ipswich to Spicer's Peak, and thence to Warwick?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Bill:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Yass, approving of the main principles of this Bill, and praying that it may soon pass into law.
Petition received.
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Goulburn, praying that the present law regulating the sale of Liquors by Storekeepers may be allowed to remain unaltered.
Petition received.
3. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from Isaac Shepherd, urging certain objections against this Bill, and praying especially that neither the 34th Clause, nor any other Clause in violation of private rights, may be allowed to pass without at the same time providing compensation for such violation.
Petition received.
4. Member Sworn:—William Butler Tooth, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, Maranoa, Leichhardt, and Port Curtis.
5. Chinese Immigration:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Citizens of the City of Sydney, in favor of the imposition of a Tax of Ten Pounds upon every Chinaman introduced into this Colony, as the most direct means of checking Chinese Immigration.
Petition received.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Aldcorn presented a Petition from certain Members and Adherents of the Free Presbyterian Church of Shoalhaven, in opposition to the Clause in this Bill which increases the number of hours Public Houses may be open on the Sabbath Day.
Petition received.
7. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Wesleyan Methodists of East Maitland, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Assessment on Stock:—Mr. Moriarty moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Residents of New England, on the subject of Assessment on Stock, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Wallis's Creek:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the Outlet for the Waters of Wallis's Creek, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Samuel Callaghan, Chairman of the Christian Total Abstinence Society, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

11. Kiama Steam Navigation Company:—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, “*That*” the Debate on his motion,—“That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended, to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act “incorporating the said Company,” which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 8th instant, be now resumed at the point where it was interrupted.

Mr. Arnold moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “*That*,” at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place, of the words “it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to receive evidence and report whether, in the case of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company, the 59th Standing Order ought to be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition to enable the Company to introduce a Bill to amend its “Act of incorporation.”

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Deniehy, } Tellers.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

Whereupon Original Question put and passed;—

And the Speaker,—reminding the House that he was interrupted whilst putting the Question,—again put the Question, That the 59th Standing Order of this House be suspended to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Kiama Steam Navigation Company, praying time to introduce a Bill to amend the Act Incorporating the said Company.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Lord,
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Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Deniehy,

Noes, 7.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

Mr. Deniehy then presented the said Petition, praying leave to introduce the said Bill. Petition read at length by the Clerk, and received.

12. Treasury Bills issued to 18 June, 1858:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Statement shewing the Amount issued up to 18 June, 1858, under the Act 21 Victoria, No. 5, which authorized the creation of Treasury Bills, to bear interest at 6 per cent. per annum, specifying the due dates of all such issues of Treasury Bills.

Question put and passed.

13.

13. **Crown Lay Officers as Cabinet Ministers:**—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That it is the opinion of this House,—
- "(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the Duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - "(2.) That the Office of Attorney General ought to be dependent upon good behaviour, and not upon political changes.
 - "(3.) That the Office of Solicitor General ought to be abolished, or incorporated with some subordinate Office.
 - "(4.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for carrying into effect the above Resolutions"—resumed.

Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.
 Debate continued.
 Previous Question put,—That this Question be now put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 16.	Noes, 26.
Mr. Donaldson, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Marks, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. B. Tooth, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hay, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smith, } Tellers. Mr. Forster }	Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Lord, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Wild, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Scott, } Tellers. Mr. Owen, }

14. **Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill:**—On motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

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

15. **Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:**—Mr. Owen moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Robert McIntosh Isaacs, Esquire, in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 22nd June, 1858.* Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. **Attendance of Clerk of Legislative Council:**—Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Clerk of the Legislative Council in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Clerk to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 22nd June, 1858.* Speaker.

Question put and passed.

17. **Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill:**—Upon the Order of the Day being read; the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill;—

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

18. **Postponements:**—
- (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
 - (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.

19. Government Loan Bill of 1858, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.
20. Postponements :—
(1.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.
(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Registered Instruments better preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day fortnight.
21. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council, with the following Amendment, viz. :—The substitution of the words "seventeenth and eighteenth," for the words "eighteenth and nineteenth," proposed to be inserted in Clause 7, page 2, lines 31 and 32.
Mr. R. Campbell then moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments so agreed to with an Amendment.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to increase the rates of Pilotage, and certain Harbour Dues and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales,*" with the following amendment, viz. :—The substitution of the words "seventeenth and eighteenth" for the words "eighteenth and nineteenth," proposed to be inserted in clause 7, page 2, lines 31 and 32, in which amendment it now requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council, to effectuate the correction intended to be made in this clause.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
22. Hard Labor Bill :—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments so agreed to.
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make better provision for carrying out Sentences to Hard Labor.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
23. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALDCORN to move, That the Petition from the Free Presbyterian Church at Shoalhaven, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 22nd instant, be printed.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act Incorporating the Kiama Steam Navigation Company.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Loan Bill of 1858; third reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Tenders for Flour for the Government of India received by Government on the 4th and 18th instant, and the Report or Proceedings of the Boards of Survey on both dates in reference thereto; copies of all correspondence with the parties tendering, or other persons, on the subject of the said Tenders; copies of all minutes or memoranda by the Government in relation to the said Tenders, or any other papers or documents calculated to explain the course adopted by the Executive in reference to the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. Mr. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE TREASURER,—If any Tender for Flour for the Government of India has yet been accepted by the Government, and, if so, the name of the party whose Tender has been accepted, and the place where the Flour so accepted is now stored?

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government:

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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The following is a list of the names of the members of the committee...

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Wednesday next.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
3. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Aldcorn, That the Petition from the Free Presbyterian Church at Shoalhaven, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by Mr. Aldcorn on the 22nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Deniehy not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
The House adjourned at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Loan Bill of 1858; third reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, relative to the Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 22nd instant, be printed.

Questions:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it be the intention of the Government to go on with the District Courts Bill this Session; and if so, whether they have any objection to name a day for going into Committee upon the same?
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any further communication have passed between the Government of New South Wales and that of Victoria, respecting the Bridge proposed to be thrown over the Murray, at Albury, since a question on the same subject was put by the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Hay? and if so, what is now being done in the matter?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Tenders for Flour for the Government of India received by Government on the 4th and 18th instant, and the Report or Proceedings of the Boards of Survey on both dates in reference thereto; copies of all correspondence with the parties tendering, or other persons, on the subject of the said Tenders; copies of all minutes or memoranda by the Government in relation to the said Tenders, or any other papers or documents calculated to explain the course adopted by the Executive in reference to the matter.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
3. Mr. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. Mr. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE TREASURER,—If any Tender for Flour for the Government of India has yet been accepted by the Government, and, if so, the name of the party whose Tender has been accepted, and the place where the Flour so accepted is now stored?

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Return to the Address in reference to Irish Female Immigrants, adopted, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on the 2nd instant.
 - (2.) The Third Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (3.) Copy of Mr. Surveyor Debenham's Report on the obstructions existing in the Crookhaven River, and upon the best method of removing them.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
3. Government Loan Bill of 1858, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Campbell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858.*," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1858. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
5. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
7. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 22nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Tenders for Flour for the Government of India received by Government on the 4th and 18th instant, and the Report or Proceedings of the Boards of Survey on both dates in reference thereto; copies of all correspondence with the parties tendering, or other persons, on the subject of the said Tenders; copies of all minutes or memoranda by the Government in relation to the said Tenders, or any other papers or documents calculated to explain the course adopted by the Executive in reference to the matter.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
3. Mr. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
4. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Mr. Surveyor McCabe's Reports to the Surveyor General on the River Darling District, with a view to their being referred to the Committee on the Navigation of the River Murray, &c., now sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Publicans' Licensing Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. Mr. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE TREASURER,—If any Tender for Flour for the Government of India has yet been accepted by the Government, and, if so, the name of the party whose Tender has been accepted, and the place where the Flour so accepted is now stored?
2. Mr. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government will name a day upon which they will submit the Railway Estimate to this House?
3. Mr. OWEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he has received the Report of Mr. Moriarty, relating to the Supply of Water to Wollongong?
4. Mr. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken to secure pasturage for the stock necessary for the purposes of the Miners on the Lower Adelong Creek, more especially in reference to the rights of Mr. Johnstone, lessee of the Adelong Run?

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. Mr. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between Mr. R. V. Gale (late Teacher of the Presbyterian School, Pitt-street, South) and the Local Board of Management and the Central Denominational School Board, relating to Mr. Gale's dismissal, together with a Minute of the Proceedings of the Local Board when the dismissal was determined upon.

3. Mr. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late Clerk of the Legislative Council.
4. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The extent and the estimated cost of the repairs required on the high road near the Horse Flat, Collector.
 - (2.) The date on which those repairs were commenced, and the progress which has been made.
 - (3.) The number of men employed thereon per month, since those repairs were commenced, and the rates at which they have been paid.
5. Mr. DENIEHY to move, That the Evidence given on the 11th instant, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, before this House, in the matter of the Petition presented by him concerning the Election for New England and McLeay, be printed.
6. Mr. DENIEHY to move, That the Petition from Mr. Thomas George Rusden, presented by Mr. Dalley, on the 17th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from George H. Stanley, B. A., as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Members of the Unitarian Congregational Church, Macquarie-street, Sydney, praying that this Bill may not be allowed to pass into law.
Petition received.
2. Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(1.) Return to the Address, in reference to the reprieve of Joseph Wilkes, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 4th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(2.) Return to the Order, in reference to Treasury Bills issued to 18th June, 1858, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 22nd instant.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Tenders for Flour for Indian Government:—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Tenders for Flour for the Government of India received by Government on the 4th and 18th instant, and the Report or Proceedings of the Boards of Survey on both dates in reference thereto; copies of all correspondence with the parties tendering, or other persons, on the subject of the said Tenders; copies of all minutes or memoranda by the Government in relation to the said Tenders, or any other papers or documents calculated to explain the course adopted by the Executive in reference to the matter.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Paper:—In answer to a question put to him by Mr. Owen, Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Mr. Moriarty's Report on the best source from which to draw a supply of Water for the Inhabitants of the Town of Wollongong.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Crown Law Officers as Cabinet Ministers:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
Mr. Cowper moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Deniehy third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
7. Proposed Presbyterian College:—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from John Dunmore Lang, Doctor of Divinity, and Senior Minister of the Scots' Church, Sydney, representing certain circumstances in relation to meetings recently held for the purpose of founding a Presbyterian College in Affiliation with the University of Sydney, and praying inquiry into the same.
Petition received.
8. River Darling District:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General on the River Darling District, with a view to their being referred to the Committee on the Navigation of the River Murray, &c., now sitting.
Question put and passed.

9. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day week.
10. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
11. Postponements:—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jenkins, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until this day week.
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, until this day week.
12. Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.
Mr Forster moved, pursuant to *contingent* Notice, that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "now," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "re-committed for the purpose of further considering Clause 6 ; with a view to the following Amendment in line 54 ; viz., the insertion between the word 'residence' and the word 'shall' of the words, 'or whose husband may have become by habitual intoxication incapable of managing his property, or of attending to the education of his children.'"
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a third time.
Mr. Donaldson then moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Act for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,*" with the following amendments, in which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—

Page 2. *Omit* clauses Nos. 4 and 5 ; *substitute* the three new clauses following :—

- " 4. A wife deserted by her husband may at any time after such desertion apply *ex parte* to the Supreme Court or to any Judge thereof for an order to protect any personal property which she may acquire after such desertion against her husband or his creditors or any person claiming under him and such order shall in all cases be made on such Court or Judge being satisfied by affidavit of the fact of such desertion and that the same was without reasonable cause and shall contain a statement of the day of such desertion and shall have the effect of protecting all personal property acquired by such wife at any time after such desertion from her husband and his creditors and all persons claiming under him and while such order shall continue in force such wife shall with respect to such personal property as aforesaid and to all contracts in reference thereto and to all other contracts entered into by her after the making of such order and not relating to real estate be regarded in all respects as a *feme sole* and if the husband or any of his creditors or any person claiming under him shall without the permission of the wife seize take or hold possession of any property protected as aforesaid such wife is hereby empowered to sue such husband creditor or other person for the restoration of the specific property seized taken or held as aforesaid and to recover in such suit in the event of such property not being restored a sum equal to double the value of the same with double costs of suit Provided always that it shall be lawful for the husband or any of his creditors or any person claiming under him at any time after the making of any such order as aforesaid to apply on notice to the wife to the Supreme Court or to any Judge thereof that such order may be rescinded and the same shall be rescinded in all cases where it shall be proved to the satisfaction of such Court or Judge by affidavit or by *voir dire* examination or both that such wife was not deserted without reasonable cause or that since the making of the order she and her husband have cohabited or resided together and on such order being so rescinded the husband shall have and enjoy with respect to all personal property protected by such order the same rights as he would have had if such order had not been made and shall be entitled to sue on any contracts which his wife may have made while such order was in force and shall be liable to be sued on all such contracts in the same manner as though they had been made by his wife before his marriage with her."
- " 5. Nothing in this Act shall take away or diminish the Common Law Liability of a husband in respect to contracts made by a wife deserted by her husband without reasonable cause."
- " 6. For the purpose of this Act a wife compelled to leave her husband's residence under reasonable apprehension of danger to her person or under other circumstances
- " which

" which may reasonably justify her withdrawal from such residence shall be deemed
" and taken to have been deserted without reasonable cause.

Page 2, Clause 6, line 27. Omit "in fact."

" " " " line 29. After "during" omit "at the least," after "seven" insert
" at the least."

Pages 2 and 3. Omit "Clauses Nos. 8, 9, and 10," substitute the new Clause
following:—

" If any parent shall after the passing of this Act wilfully and without lawful or
" reasonable cause or excuse desert any of his children under the age of sixteen years
" and leave such child without means of support such parent being able to maintain
" such child shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall on conviction be
" imprisoned for any period not exceeding twelve calendar months."

Page 3. Before Clause 11 insert the new Clause following:—

" Whenever any order is made for the maintenance of a wife under the second
" section of the said recited Act it shall be lawful for the Justices making such order
" instead of or in addition to any relief or remedy provided by the said recited Act
" to authorize and direct some person to demand and receive any annuity or other
" income payable to the husband or any money or moneys received or receivable or
" held by any person or persons in trust to be paid periodically or by instalments
" or otherwise to or for such husband or such portion of such annuity or income or
" other money or moneys as the said Justices shall think fit and to appropriate the
" proceeds towards the payment of such allowance in such manner as they shall from
" time to time direct and every payment made in pursuance of any such order shall
" be as valid as if made to the husband or by his authority or direction and shall
" protect and indemnify any person acting in pursuance of such order."

Page 3, Clause 11, line 14. Omit "or any one Police Magistrate."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th June, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, That during the Debate
on the motion for the third reading of the Deserted Wives and Children's Act
Amendment Bill, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 22nd
instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Robert M'Intosh Isaacs, a Member of the
Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative
Assembly, upon the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill, the Council acquaints
the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Isaacs to attend and be
examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 June, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Attendance of Clerk of Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 22nd instant,
requesting leave for the Clerk of the Legislative Council to attend and be examined
before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, upon Retrenchment in the Public
Expenditure, the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been
granted to the Clerk of the Legislative Council to attend and be examined by the
said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 June, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(3.) Bathurst School of Arts Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly the
following private Bill, viz.:—"The Bathurst School of Arts Bill," requests that the
Legislative Assembly will furnish to the Council a copy of the Report of the Select
Committee, and of the Evidence taken before such Committee, on that Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 June, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Mr. Suttor moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a Copy of the Report and
Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the
" Trustees of the 'Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute' to surrender a
" certain piece or parcel of land in William-street, in the town of Bathurst, some
" time since granted as a site for the erection of a building for the use of the said
" School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu
" thereof;" as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 25th instant.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25 June, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. **Impounding Bill:**—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that upon a division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. JAMES MACARTHUR** to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. **MR. PARKES** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between Mr R. V. Gale (late Teacher of the Presbyterian School, Pitt-street, South) and the Local Board of Management and the Central Denominational School Board, relating to Mr. Gale's dismissal, together with a Minute of the Proceedings of the Local Board when the dismissal was determined upon.
3. **MR. MURRAY** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late Clerk of the Legislative Council.
4. **MR. MURRAY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The extent and the estimated cost of the repairs required on the high road near the Horse Flat, Collector.
 - (2.) The date on which those repairs were commenced, and the progress which has been made.
 - (3.) The number of men employed thereon per month, since those repairs were commenced, and the rates at which they have been paid.
5. **MR. DENIEHY** to move, That the Evidence given on the 11th instant, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, before this House, in the matter of the Petition presented by him concerning the Election for New England and M'Leay, be printed.
6. **MR. DENIEHY** to move, That the Petition from Mr. Thomas George Rusden, presented by Mr. Dalley, on the 17th instant, be printed.
7. **MR. WILLIAMSON** to move, That the Petition from the Unitarian Congregation, Macquarie-street, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
8. **MR. DENIEHY** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
9. **MR. GORDON** to move, That the Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D. D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. **MR. SCOTT** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the new Steam Dredge, intended for the Hunter, will be ready for work ?
2. **MR. COX** to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government for the erection of a Bridge over the Cudgegong River at Mudgee, in accordance with a Resolution of this House, and, if not, when such work is likely to be commenced ?

3. MR. HAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken to secure pasturage for the stock necessary for the purposes of the Miners on the Lower Adelong Creek, more especially in reference to the rights of Mr. Johnstone, lessee of the Adelong Run?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Assessment on Stock :—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from certain Graziers holding Squatting Licenses in the Districts of New England and Macleay, representing that they have heard with alarm that it is proposed to levy an Assessment of £7 10s. per 1,000 Sheep or 100 head of Cattle depastured in the Squatting Districts, in addition to the License Fee, and praying that the Sheep and Cattle depastured in their Districts may be assessed at such smaller sum as to the House shall seem meet.
Petition received.
2. Postponements :—
 - (1.) Mr. Murray, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Macarthur first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until the motion standing ninth on the same Paper, shall have been disposed of.
 - (3.) Mr. Murray amended and postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
3. High Road near Horse Flat, Collector :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The extent and the estimated cost of the repairs required on the high road near the Horse Flat, Collector.
 - (2.) The date on which those repairs were commenced, and the progress which has been made.
 - (3.) The number of men employed thereon per month, since those repairs were commenced, and the rates at which they have been paid.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Northumberland Boroughs, praying that that District may be allowed to remain one Electorate, but returning three Members.
Petition received.
5. Lieutenant Seaver, R.N. :—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from Lieutenant Charles Seaver, R.N., late Shipping Master and Assistant Harbour Master at the Port of Newcastle, complaining of his removal from those offices, and praying redress.
Petition received.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—The Speaker pointing out to Mr. Deniehy that Mr. T. G. Rusden appeared at the Bar of the House upon Petition to address the House, and not upon Summons to give Evidence,—Mr. Deniehy withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day,—giving an Amended Notice for Friday next.
7. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Mr. Thomas George Rusden, presented by Mr. Dalley, on the 17th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Williamson, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Williamson, That the Petition from the Unitarian Congregation, Macquarie-street, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by Mr. Williamson on the 25th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. Postponement :—Mr. Deniehy postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

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10. Proposed Presbyterian College:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D. D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Mr. Robert Vining Gale:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between Mr. R. V. Gale (late Teacher of the Presbyterian School, Pitt-street, South) and the Local Board of Management and the Central Denominational School Board, relating to Mr. Gale's dismissal, together with a Minute of the Proceedings of the Local Board when the dismissal was determined upon.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed
12. Postponement:—The second reading of the Ad Eundem Degrees Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wild, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, until this day week.
13. Sydney Mechanic's School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
14. District Courts Bill:—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having obtained leave to sit again so soon as a point of Order which had arisen in the Committee shall have been decided,—the point of Order was stated to be, that there coming a Question between the greater and the lesser sum, over which it was proposed the District Courts should have jurisdiction,—the Chairman had declined to propose the greater sum first, as being against Parliamentary Practice, and the Committee desired to ascertain the opinion of the House, whether the rule which applies in Committee of Supply also applies in other Committees.
The Speaker ruled that the Chairman had properly declined to propose the larger sum, as the rule applicable in Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means is also applicable in other Committees.
The Committee then resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
15. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move, That the Publicans' Licensing Bill be now discharged from the Paper.
2. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Publicans' Licensing Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. TAYLOR to move, That the Petition from the Districts of New England and Macleay, relative to Assessment on Stock, presented by him on the 29th instant, be printed.
2. Mr. DENIHY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to change the name of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company, and otherwise to alter and amend the provisions of an Act intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Kiama Steam Navigation Company."

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

2. MR. MURRAY to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late a Clerk in the Office of the Legislative Council.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Seaver, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition from the Northumberland Boroughs, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Address delivered at the Bar of this House, on the 11th instant, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, in the matter of the Petitions presented by him, concerning the Election for New England and Macleay, be printed.
6. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Government and Mr. H. H. Browne, the Immigration Agent, relative to the bringing out of Teachers for the Denominational and National Boards of Education from the United Kingdom.
 - (2.) A copy of all Letters or Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. H. H. Browne, and his, or the Government Agent in the United Kingdom, relative to the same subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed "Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table Return to the Address, in reference to the liberation of W. B. Evans, adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 21st May last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Chinese Immigration:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from W. S. Willmott, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Miners, on the Meroo Gold Fields, praying the adoption of measures for the suppression of Chinese Immigration.
Petition received.
3. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That the Publicans' Licensing Bill be now discharged from the Paper.
Question put and passed.
4. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Parramatta, praying that that District may be divided into two separate Electorates, with power to each to return its own Member.
Petition received.
5. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Publicans' Licensing Act.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
7. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Publicans' Licensing Act*,"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
8. Postponements:—The second and third Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
9. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the Year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
10. Messages from the Governor General:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—
 - (1.) Amended Estimate for Lands and Public Works Department:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General. *Message No. 11*

With reference to Message No. 1, dated 26th March, 1858, transmitting Memorandum Explanatory of certain Alterations proposed to be made in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1858, the Governor General now submits an Amended Estimate of the Establishments and Services comprised in item No. VI., "LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS;" for the purpose of being substituted for that laid before the Legislative Assembly in the Message referred to.

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The amount of the Estimate, Item No. VI, submitted by the Memorandum of 26 March, was	£1,041,660	13	1
that as Amended	1,026,807	1	4
Shewing a further decrease in the Estimate originally laid before the Assembly of	£15,353	11	9

Government House,
Sydney, 30 June, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Amended Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

(2.) Hard Labor Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 12.

A Bill intituled "An Act to make better provision for carrying out sentences to hard labor," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30 June, 1858.

(3.) Titles to Land Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 13.

A Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain difficulties affecting Titles to Land," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30 June, 1858.

11. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table Statements Explanatory of Estimates No. 6 for Department of Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.
12. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
13. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "An Act to extend to Cheques the provisions of the 20th Victoria, No. 30," by omitting from the said Title the words "to Cheques."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Rates of Pilotage and certain Harbour Dues, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales," by substituting in clause 7, page 2, lines 31 and 32, the words "seventeenth and eighteenth" for the words "eighteenth and nineteenth."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

14. Chinese Immigration Bill Reported:—Mr. Cowper moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, be now adopted.
Mr. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed," with a view to amend the third clause, by substituting in the 28th line the word 'ten' for the word 'two' after "the word 'every.'"
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

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

Mr. Hay moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of all the words thereof, following the word "*re-committed*."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 17.

Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Question

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to amend the third Clause, by substituting in the 28th line the word “ten,” for the word “two,” after the word “every,”—put and passed;

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill without further Amendment,—Mr. Cowper moved, “That” the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “That,” at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this Bill be now re-committed.”

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Sattor,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Original Question put and passed;

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. Hamilton's Trust Bill :—The following Message received from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Settlement made on the marriage of Hugh Hamilton with Margaret Clunes Innes, to sell part of the Trust Property, and invest the proceeds of sale on Real Securities,*” begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

A printed copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, to which this Bill was referred, is also transmitted herewith.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30 June, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. W. Macleay, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

16. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

17. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

18. Assessment on Stock :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Districts of New England and Macleay, relative to Assessment on Stock, presented by him on the 29th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

19. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—Mr. Denichy having produced the *Government Gazette* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers, containing notice for four consecutive weeks, in the month of May last, (which ought to have been produced before the reception of the Petition) of the intention to apply for this Bill, moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to change the name of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company, and otherwise to alter and amend the provisions of an Act intituled, “*An Act to Incorporate the Kiama Steam Navigation Company.*”

Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; third reading.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Gold Fields at Meroo, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late a Clerk in the Office of the Legislative Council.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Seaver, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition from the Northumberland Boroughs, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Address delivered at the Bar of this House, on the 11th ultimo, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, in the matter of the Petitions presented by him, concerning the Election for New England and Macleay, be printed.
6. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Government and Mr. H. H. Browne, the Immigration Agent, relative to the bringing out of Teachers for the Denominational and National Boards of Education from the United Kingdom.
 - (2.) A copy of all Letters or Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. H. H. Browne, and his, or the Government Agent in the United Kingdom, relative to the same subject.
7. MR. MURRAY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the services rendered to the cause of Railway Communication in this Colony by Thomas Woore, Esquire, in the years 1846 and 1847.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
8. MR. DAILEY to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 25th ultimo, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th June, from the Inhabitants of Parramatta, praying that North and South Parramatta may be divided into separate Electorates, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Hamilton's Trust Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Point of Order:—Upon a Question raised by Mr. Forster, in reference to a proceeding in Committee on the Electoral Law Amendment Bill yesterday, the Speaker ruled that it is the right of any Member to call for a Division upon any Question declared by the Speaker or the Chairman to have passed in the affirmative or negative, provided that the voices have been given on both sides, and that the claim be made before any new motion proposed, or other proceeding commenced; in this case however the Honorable Member might urge the circumstance he complains of as a good argument for the recommitment of the Bill at a subsequent stage, in order again to take the sense of the Committee upon the Amendment he opposed.
2. Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to Expenditure authorised and unauthorised by Vote since 30 April, 1858, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 18th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again so soon as some points of Order which had arisen in the Committee shall have been disposed of.
The points of Order were then stated to be,—
(1.) That the Chairman had declined to receive an Amendment, after the voices on both sides had been given, but before he had declared whether the Question had passed in the affirmative or negative.
(2.) That the Chairman had again declined to receive this Amendment, when it was offered on occasion of a second division which was come to on the same question, in order to give Members who had been excluded, by the mistake of locking the doors before ringing the Bell, the opportunity of exercising their right to vote on it. And the Committee desired to know, whether the Chairman had properly declined to entertain this Amendment on either or both occasions on which it was offered.
The Speaker ruled, that the Chairman was quite right on both occasions,—
(1.) The voices being given on both sides, no debate or new motion was admissible.
(2.) The second division was had only to afford Members excluded by mistake from the first, the opportunity of recording their votes on a question already determined by their voices, and no debate or new motion could properly be allowed to intercept the decision of the Committee.
The Committee then resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. Government Loan Bill of 1858:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 1 July, 1858. President.
5. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
6. Chinese Immigration:—Mr. R. Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Parkes, That the Petition from the Gold Fields at Meroo, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by Mr. Parkes on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at a quarter before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late a Clerk in the Office of the Legislative Council.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Scaver, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition from the Northumberland Boroughs, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Address delivered at the Bar of this House, on the 11th ultimo, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, in the matter of the Petitions presented by him, concerning the Election for New England and Macleay, be printed.
6. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Government and Mr. H. H. Browne, the Immigration Agent, relative to the bringing out of Teachers for the Denominational and National Boards of Education from the United Kingdom.
 - (2.) A copy of all Letters or Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. H. H. Browne, and his, or the Government Agent in the United Kingdom, relative to the same subject.
7. MR. MURRAY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the services rendered to the cause of Railway Communication in this Colony by Thomas Woore, Esquire, in the years 1846 and 1847.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Deniehy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
8. MR. DALLEY to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 25th ultimo, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th June, from the Inhabitants of Parramatta, praying that North and South Parramatta may be divided into separate Electorates, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray, "That the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill, be now read a second time."
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; third reading.
5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. FLOOD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have received any Official information respecting a reported case of Kidnapping by a British Vessel trading among the South Sea Islands; and if so, whether there is any objection to state to the House the nature of such information, and the steps which are intended to be taken in the matter?

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

2. MR. GORDON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the Statements and Allegations made in a Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
3. MR. PATERSON to move,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
 - (2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the proceedings in the case of Pearce v. Bayley, tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, in November, 1857.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Writs which were issued from the Supreme Court, between the 1st of July, 1855, and the 30th June, 1858, specifying those which had reference, as follows, to sums under £30:—from £30 to £100; from £100 to £200; from £200 to £500; and from £500 upwards.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Hamilton's Trust Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Proposed appointment of a fourth Judge:—Mr. Owen presented a Petition from certain Solicitors, Attorneys, and Proctors, practising in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, praying that provision be made for the appointment of a fourth Judge, whose duty it shall be, if necessary, solely to attend to matters coming within the Equitable Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.
Petition received.
2. Mr. Robert Francis Pockley:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from Robert Francis Pockley, of Sydney, Master Mariner, complaining of his removal from the offices of Superintendent of Light, Pilot, and Navigation, and Harbour Master of New South Wales, and praying redress.
Petition received.
3. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Macarthur postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) Mr. Murray, amended and postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
4. Lieutenant Seaver, R. N.:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Lieutenant Seaver, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Northumberland Boroughs, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 29th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Address delivered at the Bar of this House, on the 11th ultimo, by Mr. Thomas George Rusden, in the matter of the Petitions presented by him, concerning the Election for New England and Macleay, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

<p>Ayes, 13.</p> <p>Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Wild, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Cox, Mr. Murray, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Macarthur, Dr. Bowker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Deniehy, } Tellers.</p>	<p>Noes, 21.</p> <p>Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Smith, Mr. Owen, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Cribb, Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers. Mr. Arnold,</p>
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7. Introduction of Teachers under Immigration Regulations:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Government and Mr. H. H. Browne, the Immigration Agent, relative to the bringing out of Teachers for the Denominational and National Boards of Education from the United Kingdom.
(2.) A copy of all Letters or Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. H. H. Browne, and his, or the Government Agent in the United Kingdom, relative to the same subject.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esquire :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the services rendered to the cause of Railway Communication in this Colony by Thomas Woore, Esquire, in the years 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, and 1850.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Denichy, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
9. Impounding Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 25th ultimo, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
 Question put and passed.
10. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—Mr. Denichy having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,*"—read a first time.
11. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th June, from the Inhabitants of Parramatta, praying that North and South Parramatta may be divided into separate Electorates, be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
12. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Murray,—"*That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,*"—resumed.
 Mr. Byrnes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*now,*" with a view to add at the end the words "*this day week.*"
 Debate continued.
 Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. W. B. Tooth,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Denichy,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Dr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Jones, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Paterson,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
 Mr. Owen.

- Question stated,—That this Bill be "*now*" read a second time.
 Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "*now,*" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "*referred to a Select Committee, to take Evidence and report thereon.*"
 Debate continued.
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Moriarty,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. W. B. Tooth,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Denichy,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Cribb,
 Dr. Aldcorn,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Murray, } Tellers.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Paterson,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Dr. Bowker,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Owen,
 Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Faucett,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Deniely,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

Question,—That this Bill be now referred to a Select Committee, to take Evidence and report thereon—put and passed ;—

Whereupon the House, upon the request of Mr. R. Campbell, proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, Mr. R. Campbell,—and the Member in charge of the Bill,—Mr. Murray,—the Committee duly appointed, viz ; Mr. Jones, Mr. Deniely, Mr. Forster, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Macarthur.

13. Messages from the Legislative Council ; The Speaker reported that during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Bathurst School of Arts Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute to surrender a certain piece or parcel of land in William-street, in the Town of Bathurst, some time since granted as a site for the erection of a Building for the use of the said School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act for transferring to the Registrar General, all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials relating to the United Church of England and Ireland,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Owen, read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

14. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until this day week.

(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Scab Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, until this day week.

15. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to amend two Acts passed respectively in the 16th and 19th years of Her Majesty, concerning Land and Buildings of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend two Acts passed respectively in the 16th and 19th years of Her Majesty, concerning Land and Buildings of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.
17. Publican's Licensing Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
18. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.
19. Chinese Immigration Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Donaldson and Question put,—That this Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Paterson,	
Mr. Moriarty,	
Mr. Owen,	
Mr. Faucett,	
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Jenkins,	
Mr. G. Macleay,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Rotton,	} Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Dr. Aldcorn,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Wild,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Macarthur,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Denichy,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Cribb,	
Mr. J. Campbell,	} Tellers.
Mr. Buckley,	

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Forster and Question put, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock on Tuesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Rotton,	
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Moriarty,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Owen,	} Tellers.
Mr. Forster,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	
Mr. Denichy,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Paterson,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Dr. Aldcorn,	
Mr. Cribb,	
Mr. J. Campbell,	} Tellers.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Flood,	

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Cox and Question,—That the Debate be now adjourned until Three o'clock on Tuesday next,—put and negatived.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 3 JULY, 1858.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cox moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cribb,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Deniely,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes 6.

Mr. Williamson,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Taylor,

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Cowper then moved, that this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act 'to' regulate Chinese Immigration.*"

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "to," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "*levy a Tax upon Chinamen*"

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Deniely,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Williamson,

Original Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act 'to regulate Chinese Immigration,'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd July, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

20. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at a quarter after One o'clock, a. m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock, p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the Statements and Allegations made in a Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Alcorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
3. MR. PATERSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
 - (2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the proceedings in the case of Pearce v. Bayley, tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, in November, 1857.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Writs which were issued from the Supreme Court, between the 1st of July, 1855, and the 30th June, 1858, specifying those which had reference, as follows, to sums under £30:—from £30 to £100; from £100 to £200; from £200 to £500; and from £500 upwards.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Mr. Robert Francis Poekley, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Isaac Shepherd, Esq., against the Impounding Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Yass, in favor of the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum equal to his salary for one year,—namely, £300—by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late a Clerk in the office of the Legislative Council.
10. MR. THORNTON to move, That the second reading of the City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill, the motion for which was withdrawn on the 14th May last, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
11. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Hamilton's Trust Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. THORNTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he can state the probable time when the Returns from the Official Assignees, ordered by this House in April last, will be laid upon the Table?

WEDNESDAY

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Death of the Venerable Archdeacon Cowper:—Mr. Martin,—informing the House of the Death of the Venerable Archdeacon Cowper, which took place at an early hour this morning, and of the necessary absence from this House of his Son, the Colonial Secretary, until after the funeral, which is to take place on Friday next, and advertng to the high estimation in which the general Public held the worth and services of the Venerable Deceased, who had for fifty years faithfully and satisfactorily discharged the duties of Pastor and Teacher to a large section of the community,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock,—
And Mr. Donaldson concurring in the eulogium passed upon the Venerable Archdeacon, and in the propriety of the course proposed in respect for the feelings of the Colonial Secretary in his present bereavement,—
Question put and passed;
And the House adjourned accordingly at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the Statements and Allegations made in a Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Aldcorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
3. MR. PATERSON to move,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
(2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the proceedings in the case of Pearce v. Bayley, tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, in November, 1857.

5. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Writs which were issued from the Supreme Court, between the 1st of July, 1855, and the 30th June, 1858, specifying those which had reference, as follows, to sums under £30 :—from £30 to £100 ; from £100 to £200 ; from £200 to £500 ; and from £500-upwards.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Mr. Robert Francis Pockley, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Isaac Shepherd, Esq., against the Impounding Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Yass, in favor of the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum equal to his salary for one year,—namely, £300—by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bates, late a Clerk in the office of the Legislative Council.
10. MR. THORNTON to move, That the second reading of the City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill, the motion for which was withdrawn on the 14th May last, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
11. MR. DENIBHY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.
12. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
13. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Hamilton's Trust Bill ; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; second reading.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
8. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. THORNTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he can state the probable time when the Returns from the Official Assignees, ordered by this House in April last, will be laid upon the Table ?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Reports from the Chief Commissioner of Railways, Engineer-in-Chief, Traffic Manager, Traffic Inspector, Locomotive Foreman, and Inspector of Permanent Way, with a statement of the particulars of the killed and injured by the Accident on the Great Southern Railway on the 10th July, 1858; with copies of the Evidence taken at the Coroner's Inquest, and at an Inquiry into the Accident conducted by the Chief Commissioner; and a Report on the state of the Casualties under medical treatment.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Martin laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(2.) Rules of Court promulgated by their Honors the Judges, since the last Rules were laid upon the Table.
Ordered to be printed.
(3.) Return to the Address, in reference to cases in which the Attorney General declined to prosecute, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 4th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the state of the Magistracy.
(4.) Part Return to the Order, in reference to Insolvencies, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on the 30th March last.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(5.) Return to the Order, in reference to the High Road, near Horse Flat, Collector, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 29th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
 4. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
(6.) Letter from the Government Resident, at Brisbane, Moreton Bay, dated 8th July, 1858, enclosing Returns of the expense, strength, and distribution of the Native Police.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River.
2. Postponement:—Mr. Denichy postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Proposed Presbyterian College:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the Statements and Allegations made in a Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Dr. Alcorn, Mr. Jones, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Smith having required that the proposed Committee, if granted, be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Statements and Allegations made in a Petition from the Reverend John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College,—put and passed;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot;—
And Mr. Macarthur tendering to the Clerk a List of Members for whom he desired to vote;—
And the Clerk declining to receive the same, on the ground that Mr. Macarthur was not in the House when the Question was put for the appointment of the Committee,—
And Mr. Macarthur requesting the Speaker's decision in the matter,—
The Speaker ruled, that the objection taken by the Clerk was a valid one, on the parliamentary principle—that to be entitled to vote, a Member must be present when the Question is put;—

Upon

Upon which Mr. Donaldson, declaring that he also was absent when the Question was put, withdrew the list he had given in to the Clerk;—

And the Ballot being concluded, the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Forster, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Marks.

4. Postponement :—Mr. Lee, on behalf of Mr. Paterson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Paterson third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
5. Pearce v. Bayley :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the proceedings in the case of Pearce v. Bayley, tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, in November, 1857.
Question put and passed.
6. Writs issued from Supreme Court :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Writs which were issued from the Supreme Court, between the 1st of July, 1855, and the 30th June, 1858, specifying those which had reference, as follows, to sums under £30 :—from £30 to £100; from £100 to £200; from £200 to £500; and from £500 upwards.
Question put and passed.
7. Mr. Robert Francis Pockley :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Robert Francis Pockley, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Impounding Bill :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Isaac Shepherd, Esq., against the Impounding Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Yass, in favor of the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 22nd ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Mr. John Murray Bate :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House the appropriation of a sum equal to his salary for one year,—namely, £300—by way of retiring allowance, to Mr. John Murray Bate, late a Clerk in the office of the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macarthur
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.
Mr. Taylor, }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

11. City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the second reading of the City, Port, and Hamlets Police Act Amendment Bill, the motion for which was withdrawn on the 14th May last, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
12. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—Mr. Denichy moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

13. Motion dropped :—Mr. Owen not moving the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Postponements :—
 (1.) Mr. Macarthur postponed the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday, August 10.
 (2.) The second reading of the Ad Eundem Degrees Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Macarthur, until this day week.
15. Hamilton's Trust Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Wm. Macleay, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
16. Impounding Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
17. Postponements :—
 (1.) The second reading of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until this day week.
 (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, until this day week.
 (4.) The consideration in Committee of the Registered Instruments better preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day week.
18. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported that upon a division in the Committee it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
 The Committee resumed.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five minutes after Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any report has reached the Government, of the murder of a native of Victoria, named "Tahiti," at the Dawson River, in April last, by the Native Police, and, if so, whether any inquiry into the circumstances has been instituted by the Government?
2. MR. GORDON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the fact that the Commissioners, or other authorities of Railways, impose a fine on the Guards or Engine Drivers, if they are behind time in arriving at any of the Stations, according to the Regulations?

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the landed property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.

3. MR. PATERSON to move,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.

(2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.

4. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and occupation of the Jurors who served at the Coroner's Inquest held on the remains of the persons who were killed by the Railway Accident on the 10th instant; and a copy of all the proceedings at the said Inquest.

5. MR. THORNTON to move, That Copies of the undermentioned Documents be referred to the Select Committee on Irish Female Immigration, now sitting, viz :—

(1.) Report of the Immigration Board, dated 5 February, 1855, on the Evidence taken before them, in respect to the irregularities alleged to have occurred on board the Immigrant ship "Lady Kennaway."—Ordered to be printed 24 June, 1858.

(2.) Return shewing the number of Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of New South Wales during the several years from 1851 to 1856 inclusive, and the proportion in which they were selected from each division of the United Kingdom.—Ordered to be printed, 28 May, 1858.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Hamilton's Trust Bill; third reading.
2. Impounding Bill; third reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens, for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.

2. Attendance of Members of Legislative Council:—Mr. Murray moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into The "Landed Property in cases of Intestacy descent Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, Chief Justice, and the Honorable James Norton, Esquire, in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Members to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th July, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Correspondence respecting a case of Kidnapping, said to be perpetrated by the Master of a vessel recently sailing out of the Port of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to the Address, in reference to Tenders for Flour for the Indian Government, adopted, on motion of Mr. Smith, on the 25th ultimo.

4. Railway Accident:—A discussion arising upon a question put by Mr. Gordon to the Minister for Lands and Public Works, in reference to the accident on the Great Southern Railway on the 10th instant—

And Mr. Oakes offering to speak in prolongation of the discussion,—

The Speaker said it would be irregular to allow this discussion to assume the character of a Debate.

Mr. Donaldson then, to give, as he observed, regularity to the discussion, offered a motion to the effect that this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Wednesday next, at three o'clock;—

Whereupon the Speaker ruled that that motion would be irregular, and quoted the like ruling of the Speaker of the House of Commons, given at page 24 of Bourke's "Decisions," on the occasion when Mr. Duncombe offered a similar motion for a similar object in the House of Commons,—but allowed Mr. Oakes to conclude his observations, upon the understanding that the irregularity which had been permitted in this instance only because of the great public importance of the matter in which it originated, should not be drawn into a precedent upon any future occasion. Mr. Donaldson then moved, without previous notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move, That the management of the Railways of this Colony—more especially the management of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway—with reference to the fatal accident which occurred on Saturday last, be referred to a Select Committee to be appointed by Ballot.

Debate ensued

Question put and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the management of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, with reference to the fatal accident that occurred on Saturday last, be referred to a Select Committee of ten Members, inclusive of the Mover, to be appointed by Ballot.

Question put and passed:—

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Egan, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Murray.

5.

5. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Members of the Committee of the New South Wales Alliance for the Suppression of Intemperance, praying that a clause may be introduced into this Bill, for the prevention of the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Sunday.
Petition received.
6. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
7. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1857–8.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after mid-night.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 1858.

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

8. Attendance of Members of Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 14th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, Chief Justice, and the Honorable James Norton, Members of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into the "Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill," the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to those Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

9. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr Cowper, until a later hour to-day.
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. PARKES to ask MR. ROBERTSON,—Whether, in the construction of the Electric Telegraph, the Government have diverged from the main line of road from Goulburn to Albury, and, if any such deviation has been agreed upon, what were the reasons which guided the Government in their decision in that departure from the original plan?

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the landed property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
3. MR. PATERSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
 - (2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
4. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and occupation of the Jurors who served at the Coroner's Inquest held on the remains of the persons who were killed by the Railway Accident on the 10th instant; and a copy of all the proceedings at the said Inquest.

5.

5. Mr. THORNTON to move, That Copies of the undermentioned Documents be referred to the Select Committee on Irish Female Immigration, now sitting, viz :—
- (1.) Report of the Immigration Board, dated 5 February, 1855, on the Evidence taken before them, in respect to the irregularities alleged to have occurred on board the Immigrant ship "Lady Kennaway."—Ordered to be printed 24 June, 1858.
- (2.) Return shewing the number of Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of New South Wales during the several years from 1851 to 1856 inclusive, and the proportion in which they were selected from each division of the United Kingdom.—Ordered to be printed, 28 May, 1858.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Hamilton's Trust Bill ; third reading.
2. Impounding Bill ; third reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; second reading. }

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Return to the Order, in reference to Pounds and Poundkeepers at Moreton Bay, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Cribb, on the 7th May last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to the Order, in reference to Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 8th ultimo.
Referred to the Select Committee on the state of the Magistracy.
(3.) Return to the Order, in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Ross, Second-Lieutenant of Native Police, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Hodgson, on the 21st May last.
Referred to the Select Committee on Murders by Aborigines on the Dawson River.
2. Extension of Railways:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from James Murphy, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, praying the extension of Railways throughout the Colony.
Petition received.
3. Leave of Absence, for one month, granted to Mr. Flood, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
4. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Arnold presented a Petition from Robert Mason, of Dungog, praying the repeal of the 4th section of the existing Publicans' Licensing Act.
Petition received.
5. Railway Accident:—Mr. Donaldson offering to make a motion, without notice, for extended powers to the Select Committee appointed yesterday on the recent Railway accident, including a power of adjournment from place to place,—
The Speaker said, that, before he could put the question, it would be necessary Mr. Donaldson should obtain the suspension of the Standing Orders, to enable him to make his motion without notice, and recommended Mr. Donaldson to withdraw that portion of it which would give power to the Committee to adjourn from place to place;—
Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, *by consent*, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move, without notice, That power be given to the Select Committee appointed yesterday to inquire into the causes of the fatal Railway accident on Saturday last, to send for persons and papers, and that all papers laid upon the Table by the Government upon the subject of the said Railway accident be referred to the said Committee, and that such Committee be empowered to sit during any adjournment of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Puterson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cribb,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That power be given to the Select Committee appointed yesterday to inquire into the causes of the fatal Railway accident on Saturday last, to send for persons and papers, and that all papers laid upon the Table by the Government upon the subject of the said Railway accident be referred to the said Committee, and that such Committee be empowered to sit during any adjournment of this House.

Question put and passed.

6. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from J. R. Houlding, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain Ministers of Religion, Magistrates, and other Inhabitants of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs, praying the introduction of a clause into this Bill to prevent the opening of Public Houses on the Sunday. Petition received.
7. Leave of absence, for one week, granted to Mr. White, on motion of Dr. Bowker.
8. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill postponed, on the motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
9. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857-8. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
10. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow. The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the landed property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
3. MR. PATERSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
 - (2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
4. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and occupation of the Jurors who served at the Coroner's Inquest held on the remains of the persons who were killed by the Railway Accident on the 10th instant; and a copy of all the proceedings at the said Inquest.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That Copies of the undermentioned Documents be referred to the Select Committee on Irish Female Immigration, now sitting, viz:—
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6. MR. SMITH to move, That the Return to the Address in reference to Tenders for Flour for the Indian Government, adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 25th ultimo, be printed.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
8. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
9. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition from Mr. Mason, of Dungog, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hamilton's Trust Bill; third reading.
2. Impounding Bill; third reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. PARKES *to ask* MR. ROBERTSON,—Whether any instructions were given to the persons in charge of the Electric Telegraph Station, at Sydney, on Saturday last, to withhold information respecting the late Railway accident from the public?

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he is in a position to state when the Government will be prepared to submit to the House the Estimates for 1859?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR *to move*, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JULY, 1858.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Dr. Bowker, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Marks, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Wild, the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the landed property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
4. MR. PATERSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.
 - (2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.
5. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and occupation of the Jurors who served at the Coroner's Inquest held on the remains of the persons who were killed by the Railway Accident on the 10th inst; and a copy of all the proceedings at the said Inquest.
6. MR. THORNTON to move, That Copies of the undermentioned Documents be referred to the Select Committee on Irish Female Immigration, now sitting, viz :—
 - (1.) Report of the Immigration Board, dated 5 February, 1855, on the Evidence taken before them, in respect to the irregularities alleged to have occurred on board the Immigrant ship "Lady Kennaway."—Ordered to be printed 24 June, 1858.
 - (2.) Return shewing the number of Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of New South Wales during the several years from 1851 to 1856 inclusive, and the proportion in which they were selected from each division of the United Kingdom.—Ordered to be printed, 28 May, 1858.
7. MR. SMITH to move, That the Return to the Address in reference to Tenders for Flour for the Indian Government, adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 25th ultimo, be printed.

8. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
9. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to the Publicans Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.
10. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition from Mr. Mason, of Dungog, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Hamilton's Trust Bill ; third reading.
5. Impounding Bill ; third reading.
6. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registered Instruments Better Preservation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
8. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he is in a position to state when the Government will be prepared to submit to the House the Estimates for 1859?
2. MR. PARKES to ask MR. ROBERTSON,—Whether any instructions were given to the persons in charge of the Electric Telegraph Station, at Sydney, on Saturday last, to withhold information respecting the late Railway accident from the public?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 JULY, 1358.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to Infants received into the Benevolent Asylum, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Robert Tooth, on the 30th April last.
Ordered to be printed in so far as it satisfies the Order of the House.
2. Mr. John Giblett:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from John Giblett, representing that he had destroyed 1,242 sheep under the Scab in Sheep Act, but, that in consequence of the omission of notice of the day on which he intended to commence the destruction of such sheep, no compensation had been allowed him, and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Copy of a Commission appointing Captain Denham, R.N., M. B. Pell, Esquire, B.A., and E. O. Moriarty, Esquire, C.E., to inquire into the causes of the late fatal accident on the Great Southern Railway.
(2.) The Return to the Order, in reference to the Tenterfield Road and Road Trust, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Taylor, on the 8th June last.
Ordered to be printed.
4. A. E. Halloran, Esquire:—Mr. W. B. Tooth presented a Petition from E. B. Uhr, Esquire, J.P., complaining of having been insulted on the Bench by A. E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, and praying redress.
Petition received.
5. University of Sydney:—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the manner of the expenditure of the funds granted by the Legislature for purposes connected with the University of Sydney, and also, as to the way in which that Institution has hitherto fulfilled the purpose for which it was instituted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Wild,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Macarthur,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hodgson,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Deniehy, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon

Whereupon Question (2.)—That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover—put and passed.

6. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Thornton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 15th ultimo.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Thornton then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—Mr. Thornton moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into Irish Female Immigration, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable J. R. Wilshire, Esquire, in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Motions withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Deniehy, on behalf of Mr. Murray, withdrew the motion standing in the name of Mr. Murray second on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving in his own name fresh notice of the same motion for Friday next.

(2.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Murray, withdrew the motion standing in the name of Mr. Murray third on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving in his own name fresh notice of the same motion for Friday next.

9. Conveyance of Immigrants into the Country Districts :—Mr. Paterson moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.

(2.) That Depôts ought to be formed at Goulburn and Bathurst, to which Immigrants of the class mentioned may be forwarded by waggons or other conveyances, at moderate charges; there being no means, provided by private enterprise, by which Female Immigrants and families may be forwarded to the Southern and Western parts of this Colony.

Debate ensued.

And the motion being by leave amended,—

Question put, on the motion as so amended, That in the opinion of this House, a system might with advantage be established, under the management of the Government, for conveying Immigrants, whose trades and occupations are most required in the Country Districts, into the Interior.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Paterson, } Tellers.
Mr. Rotton, }

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

10. Inquest on the remains of those Killed by Railway Accident :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and occupation of the Jurors who served at the Coroner's Inquest held on the remains of the persons who were killed by the Railway Accident on the 10th instant.

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put,—
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Smith, } Tellers.
Mr. Jamison, }

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jenkins, } Tellers.
Mr. Gordon, }

11. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Dalley, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 18th May last.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Dalley then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for next Friday week.

Question put and passed.

12. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Dalley, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 18th May last.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Dalley then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put and passed.

13. Irish Female Immigration :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That Copies of the undermentioned Documents be referred to the Select Committee on Irish Female Immigration, now sitting, viz :—

(1.) Report of the Immigration Board, dated 5 February, 1855, on the Evidence taken before them, in respect to the irregularities alleged to have occurred on board the Immigrant ship "Lady Kennaway."—Ordered to be printed 24 June, 1858.

(2.) Return shewing the number of Immigrants who arrived in the Colony of New South Wales during the several years from 1851 to 1856 inclusive, and the proportion in which they were selected from each division of the United Kingdom.—Ordered to be printed, 28 May, 1858.

Question put and passed.

14. Tenders for Flour for Indian Government :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Return to the Address in reference to Tenders for Flour for the Indian Government, adopted on his motion, on the 25th ultimo, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Paterson, } Tellers.
Mr. Smith, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cribb,
Mr. Gordon,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

15. Railway Extension :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

16. Publicans' Licensing Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Sydney, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Mr. Mason, of Dungog, relative to the Publicans' Licensing Bill, presented by him on the 15th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

17. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Ad Eundem Degrees Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Macarthur, until Tuesday, August 10.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday, August 10.

18. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill :— Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments,—

Motion made by Mr. Hodgson,—and Question put, That the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, be now adopted.

The House divided.

Aye, 25.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. W. Macleay.
Mr. G. Macleay
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Robertson,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Paterson, } Tellers.
Mr. Jamison, }

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Suttor, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Hodgson, the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

19. Hamilton's Trust Bill, on motion of Mr. William Macleay, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Macleay then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Settlement made on the marriage of Hugh Hamilton with Margaret Clunes Innes, to sell part of the trust property and invest the proceeds of sale on real securities.*"

Question put and passed ;—

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Settlement made on the marriage of Hugh Hamilton with Margaret Clunes Innes to sell part of the trust property and invest the proceeds of sale on real securities*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th July, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

20. Impounding Bill, on motion of Mr. Jamison, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Jamison then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Jamison moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Impounding of Cattle,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20 July, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

21. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill :—Mr. Owen moved, That this Bill be now "read a second time."

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a second time," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "referred to the Select Committee on the Registration and Preservation of Records." Debate ensued.

And

And Mr. Donaldson taking exception to certain words used by Mr. Cowper, the said words were ordered to be taken down, and the Clerk took them down accordingly, as follows: Mr. Cowper, referring to some observations made by Mr. Donaldson, characterised them as "contemptuous and insolent,"—

And the Speaker ruling that the word "insolent" was disorderly, Mr. Cowper withdrew the word "insolent,"—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Paterson, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Oakes,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Jamison, }

Original Question put and passed;

Whereupon, Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee this day week.

22. Registered Instruments better Preservation Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Owen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place, of the words "this Bill be referred to the Select Committee "on the Registration and Preservation of Records."

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

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

Whereupon Question—That this Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Registration and Preservation of Records—put and passed.

23. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day week.

24. Supply:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the resumption of the Committee of Supply be postponed until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Lord,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 13.

Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Smith, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

25. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

26. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at half-past eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House, having in view the better order and conduct of business, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That it is not necessary for the public interest, nor on any ground desirable, to protract the present session of Parliament to a late period of the year.
 - (2.) That it is expedient, and would conduce to the end in view, to proceed with the further consideration of the Electoral Bill in Committee, without the intervention of other business, except the Estimates for 1858.
 - (3.) That the passage of the Electoral Bill through the Legislative Council will, in all likelihood, occupy a period of time sufficient for winding up the general business of this House.

Questions:—

1. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the surveyor recently employed in surveying the Harbour at Kiama, has received any instructions to withhold his Report?
2. MR. THORNTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Under what circumstances Mr. William Tunks holds, or has held the right of possession to the Pennant Hills Quarry, to the practical exclusion of every other person?
 - (2.) Whether any lease, or contract in writing exists between the Government and Mr. William Tunks relative thereto, and if any correspondence has passed between the Mayor and Council, or Mr. W. Tunks and the Government, relative thereto, and if so, whether he will have any objection to produce the same?
3. MR. LORD to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to sell the land at Wellington known as the Missionary Reserve?

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the plans, sections, and books of reference of the proposed new lines of Railway to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton respectively.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return exhibiting the weekly state of the Treasury, at, or as near as may be at the following dates: 1 July, 1856; 1 January, 1857; 1 July, 1857; 1 January, 1858; 1 July, 1858; specifying all the particulars on each side of the account which are contained in the document called the Weekly State, laid before the Colonial Treasurer.
3. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant, from the Committee of the Temperance Alliance, be printed.
4. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
5. MR. SMITH to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Windsor, diverging from the proposed Parramatta and Penrith line; with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thornton, Mr. R. Tooth, and the mover.
6. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
7. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway services of Thomas Woore, Esquire.
8. MR. JONES to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. W. B. TOOTH to move, That the Petition of Mr. E. B. Uhr, J.P., presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Phillip's Parsonage Bill : second reading.
2. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill : second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the evening.
2. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

(1.) Bathurst School of Arts Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 14.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the 'Bathurst School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute to surrender a certain piece or parcel of land in William-street in the Town of Bathurst some time since granted as a site for the erection of a building for the use of the said School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

(2.) Government Loan Bill of 1858:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 15.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a certain Loan for 1858,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

(3.) Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 16.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend two Acts passed respectively in the 16th and 19th years of Her Majesty concerning Land and Buildings of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

(4.) Remedies on Cheques Facilitation Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 17.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to extend the provisions of the 20th Victoria, No. 30,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

(5.)

(5.) Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled, " *n Act to increase the Rates of Pilotage and to impose certain Harbour Dues and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

4. Messages :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Law of Evidence Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, " *An Act for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 20th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable J. R. Wilshire, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire into " *Irish Female Immigration,*" the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Wilshire to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

5. Postponements :—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the plans, sections, and books of reference of the proposed new lines of Railway to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton respectively.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return exhibiting the weekly state of the Treasury, at, or as near as may be at the following dates: 1 July, 1856; 1 January, 1857; 1 July, 1857; 1 January, 1858; 1 July, 1858; specifying all the particulars on each side of the account which are contained in the document called the Weekly State, laid before the Colonial Treasurer.
3. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant, from the Committee of the Temperance Alliance, be printed.
4. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.

5. MR. SMITH to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Windsor, diverging from the proposed Parramatta and Penrith line; with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thornton, Mr. R. Tooth, and the mover.
6. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
7. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway services of Thomas Woore, Esquire.
8. MR. JONES to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
9. MR. JENKINS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to render Vaccination compulsory throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
10. MR. PARKES to move, That this House, having in view the better order and conduct of business, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That it is not necessary for the public interest, nor on any ground desirable, to protract the present session of Parliament to a late period of the year.
 - (2.) That it is expedient, and would conduce to the end in view, to proceed with the further consideration of the Electoral Bill in Committee, without the intervention of other business, except the Estimates for 1858.
 - (3.) That the passage of the Electoral Bill through the Legislative Council will, in all likelihood, occupy a period of time sufficient for winding up the general business of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. B. TOOTH to move, That the Petition of Mr. E. B. Uhr, J.P., presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Phillip's Parsonage Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to the case of *Pearce v. Bayley*, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 13th instant.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 1858.

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

3. Board of National Education Bill:—The Speaker reported, that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer a power of Sale and Exchange on the Board of National Education*," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21 July, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the plans, sections, and books of reference of the proposed new lines of Railway to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton respectively.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return exhibiting the weekly state of the Treasury, at, or as near as may be at the following dates: 1 July, 1856; 1 January, 1857; 1 July, 1857; 1 January, 1858; 1 July, 1858; specifying all the particulars on each side of the account which are contained in the document called the Weekly State, laid before the Colonial Treasurer.
3. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant, from the Committee of the Temperance Alliance, be printed.
4. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
5. MR. SMITH to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Windsor, diverging from the proposed Parramatta and Penrith line; with power to call for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thornton, Mr. R. Tooth, and the mover.

6. MR. OWEN to move, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
7. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway services of Thomas Woore, Esquire.
8. MR. JONES to move, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
9. MR. JENKINS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to render Vaccination compulsory throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
10. MR. PARKES to move, That this House, having in view the better order and conduct of business, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That it is not necessary for the public interest, nor on any ground desirable, to protract the present session of Parliament to a late period of the year.
 - (2.) That it is expedient, and would conduce to the end in view, to proceed with the further consideration of the Electoral Bill in Committee, without the intervention of other business, except the Estimates for 1858.
 - (3.) That the passage of the Electoral Bill through the Legislative Council will, in all likelihood, occupy a period of time sufficient for winding up the general business of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, any sum for or towards the erection of the proposed Bridge at Albury?
2. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government can assign any cause for the non-arrival of the Mail Steamer from Suez, due on the 9th instant, at Sydney?

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. B. TOOTH to move, That the Petition of Mr. E. B. Uhr, J.P., presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Phillip's Parsonage Bill: second reading.
2. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill: second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Government Railways Bill:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from John Williams, Esquire, Mayor of Sydney, praying that no Railway, Tramway, or extension of the same may be made within the limits of the City of Sydney, unless under the authority of a special enactment, by the Parliament, for that purpose only.
Petition received.
2. Extension of Railway to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the plans, sections, and books of reference of the proposed new lines of Railway to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
3. Leave of Absence, for one week, from Tuesday next, granted to Mr. Moriarty, on motion of Mr. Jenkins.
4. Railway Accident:—Mr. Donaldson, as Chairman, having brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee appointed, on the 14th instant, to inquire into the recent Railway Accident,—moved
(1) That this Report be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
(2.) That a copy of this Report be forthwith communicated, by Message, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take it into present consideration.
Question put and passed.
(3) That this Report be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Weekly State of the Treasury:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return exhibiting the weekly state of the Treasury, at, or as near as may be at the following dates: 1 July, 1856; 1 January, 1857; 1 July, 1857; 1 January, 1858; 1 July, 1858; specifying all the particulars on each side of the account which are contained in the document called the Weekly State, laid before the Colonial Treasurer.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Publicans' Licensing Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant, from the Committee of the Temperance Alliance, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Mr. John Giblett:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Extension of Railway to Windsor:—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Windsor, diverging from the proposed Parramatta and Penrith line; with power to call for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dalley, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, Mr. White, Mr. Thornton, Mr. R. Tooth, and the mover.
Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.

Previous

Previous Question put—That this Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.	Noes, 9.
Mr. G. Macleay,	Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Denichy,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Owen,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. R. Tooth,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wild,	Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Paterson.	Mr. Arnold, }
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Hodgson,	
Mr. Macarthur,	
Mr. Richardson,	
Mr. W. B. Tooth,	
Mr. Lce,	
Mr. Dalley,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Rotton,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Fiddington,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.	
Mr. Smith,	

And Mr. Gordon having required that the Committee, if granted, be appointed by Ballot,—

Question (1)—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Windsor, diverging from the proposed Parramatta and Penrith line, with power to call for persons and papers,— put and passed ;— Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz. :—Mr. Dalley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Thornton, Mr. White, and Mr. R. Tooth.

9. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Dalley, read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
10. Proposed Appointment of a Fourth Judge :—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Solicitors of Sydney, praying the appointment of a fourth Judge, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 13th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Jones then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
12. Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esquire :—Mr. Denichy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railways in 1848, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into and report upon the Railway services of Thomas Woore, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
13. Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed in 1854 and 1855, to inquire into the Administration of Intestate Estates, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill.
Question put and passed.
14. Compulsory Vaccination Bill :—Mr. Jenkins moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to render Vaccination compulsory throughout the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Secunder prepare and bring in the Bill.
15. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Parkes withdrew the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. Postponement :—The second reading of the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Scott, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
17. Scab in Sheep prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Hodgson, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Hodgson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act for the prevention of Scab in Sheep.*"
Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Hodgson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for the prevention of Scab in Sheep,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23 July, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, Mr. Cowper moved, That in consequence of the illness of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Jones do take the Chair of Committees for this evening.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

19. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

20. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Tuesday next, at three o'clock."

Mr. Weckes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Tuesday next, at Three o'clock," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Wednesday next, at Four o'clock."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Byrnes, } Tellers.
Mr. Suttor, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—
And the House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. B. TOOTH to move, That the Petition of Mr. E. B. Uhr, J.P., presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition from John Williams, Esquire, Mayor of Sydney, relative to the Government Railways' Bill, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill : second reading.
2. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill ; second reading.
4. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

Question:—

1. MR. SMITH to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—

(1.) Whether, on or before the 25th June last, the Government had received two Reports upon the Flour tendered by Mr. W. Nicholson, on the 18th June—the one signed by Mr. E. T. Beilby and Mr. John Buchanan, and the other by Mr. Edward Pones,—to the effect that, in their opinion, the said Flour was not fit for the Indian Service; and if so, why these reports were not included in the papers laid upon the Table of this House in compliance with his motion carried on the 25th June?

(2.) Whether the Government have concluded the purchase of the 100 Tons of Flour from Mr. W. Nicholson, the acceptance of whose Tender was announced in this House by the Colonial Treasurer on the 25th ultimo; and if so, do the Government intend to ship the said Flour to the Indian Government,—and, in the event of purchase or shipment, by whom or from what fund is the cost of the said Flour to be defrayed?

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill : second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a communication from Captain Wickham, Government Resident at Moreton Bay, dated 21st July, 1858, in reference to the Native Police.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Murders by Aborigines on the Dawson River.
2. A. E. Halloran, Esquire:—Mr. W. B. Tooth moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. E. B. Uhr, J.P., presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
3. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Thornton withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Extension of Railway to Singleton:—Mr. White presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Singleton and its neighbourhood, praying relief from their present state of uncertainty as to the direction intended to be given to the line of Railway in contemplation towards Singleton.
Petition received.
5. Government Railways Bill:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, praying that no Railway, Tramway, or extension of the same, may be made within the limits of the City of Sydney, unless under the authority of a Special Enactment of the Parliament for that purpose only.
Petition received.
6. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill:—Mr. Thornton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Motion made by Mr. R. Campbell, and Question—That this Debate be adjourned until Friday next,—put and passed.
7. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Denieby, until Friday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Scott, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
 - (4.) The further consideration in Committee of the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
 - (5.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
 - (6.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
8. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill, and that, in the absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Piddington do take the Chair of Committees for this evening.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that, upon a division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
The Committee resumed,—
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of Sydney, relative to the Government Railways Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. SMITH to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Whether, on or before the 25th June last, the Government had received two Reports upon the Flour tendered by Mr. W. Nicholson, on the 18th June—the one signed by Mr. E. T. Beilby and Mr. John Buchanan, and the other by Mr. Edward Bones,—to the effect that, in their opinion, the said Flour was not fit for the Indian Service; and if so, why these reports were not included in the papers laid upon the Table of this House in compliance with his motion carried on the 25th June?
 - (2.) Whether the Government have concluded the purchase of the 100 Tons of Flour from Mr. W. Nicholson, the acceptance of whose Tender was announced in this House by the Colonial Treasurer on the 25th ultimo; and if so, do the Government intend to ship the said Flour to the Indian Government,—and, in the event of purchase or shipment, by whom or from what fund is the cost of the said Flour to be defrayed?

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition from Singleton, relative to Railway extension to Singleton, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Mr. Thornton's motion, "That the St. Philip's "Parsonage Bill be now read a second time."
4. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill; second reading.
6. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 20th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 66,

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, laid upon the Table Mr. Surveyor Debenham's plan of and Report upon Kiama Harbour.
Report only ordered to be printed.
2. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
 - (2.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
3. Municipalities Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that, upon a Division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
The Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
4. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Thornton, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Thornton on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
 The House adjourned at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OWEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labor of the said Secretary.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of Sydney, relative to the Government Railways Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.

Question:

Question :—

1. MR. SMITH to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 (1.) Whether, on or before the 25th June last, the Government had received two Reports upon the Flour tendered by Mr. W. Nicholson, on the 18th June—the one signed by Mr. E. T. Beilby and Mr. John Buchanan, and the other by Mr. Edward Bones,—to the effect that, in their opinion, the said Flour was not fit for the Indian Service; and if so, why these reports were not included in the papers laid upon the Table of this House in compliance with his motion carried on the 25th June?
 (2.) Whether the Government have concluded the purchase of the 100 Tons of Flour from Mr. W. Nicholson, the acceptance of whose Tender was announced in this House by the Colonial Treasurer on the 25th ultimo; and if so, do the Government intend to ship the said Flour to the Indian Government,—and, in the event of purchase or shipment, by whom or from what fund is the cost of the said Flour to be defrayed?

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition from Singleton, relative to Railway extension to Singleton, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill : second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Mr. Thornton's motion, "That the St. Philip's " Parsonage Bill be now read a second time."
4. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill ; second reading.
6. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd instant, with accompanying Statistical Documents, relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board, as an Appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857.
 - (2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to the Weekly State of the Treasury, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 23rd instant,—also Statements of the Balance in the Treasury on the 7th November, 1856, and 15th April, 1857, respectively,—
And moved, That these Papers be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Compulsory Vaccination Bill :—Mr. Jenkins having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to render Vaccination Compulsory throughout New South Wales,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow fortnight.
3. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. Messages :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—
 - (1.) Law of Larceny Amendment Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for amending the law relative to Larceny by Carriers and other Bailees,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 28 July, 1858. President.
 - (2.) Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting of certain lands situated within the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which were formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
A printed copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, to which this Bill was referred, is also transmitted herewith.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 28 July, 1858. President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.
5. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow, and to have precedence over all Other Business on the Paper for that day.
 - (2.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
6. Compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney :—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in

in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labor of the said Secretary.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. Government Railways Bill:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of Sydney, relative to the Government Railways Bill, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.
2. Mr. WHITE to move, That the Petition from Singleton, relative to Railway extension to Singleton, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
3. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without formal Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz., 18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 - (2.) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without formal Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a full statement of all payments so made, containing all particulars relating to such payments.
4. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed by the Government to inquire into the conduct of Ch. Luke Bayley, Esq., J.P., with a view to having the said Report referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Mr. Thornton's motion, "That the St. Philip's Parsonage Bill be now read a second time."
4. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill; second reading.
6. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. Mr. HODGSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to appoint a Surveyor for the District of Darling Downs?
 - (2.) Whether it is probable that the Township of Toowoomba (District of Darling Downs,) will be gazetted?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. Mr. PATERSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,— Whether the Government is aware of the necessity for the erection of a Bridge or causeway at Mutbilly, on the road between Goulburn and Yass?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 JULY, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to the introduction of Teachers under Immigration Regulations, adopted, on motion of Mr. Faucett, on the 2nd instant.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
 3. Board of National Education Bill, on motion of Mr. Dalley, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
 4. Erection of a Church at Albury :—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England, resident in the District of Albury, representing that they have recently subscribed a sum towards the erection of a Church in the Town of Albury, and praying aid.
Petition received.
 5. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
 6. Postponement :—Mr. Smith postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 7. Railway Extension to Singleton :—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Singleton, relative to Railway extension to Singleton, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 8. Postponement :—Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 9. Inquiry into conduct of Ch. Luke Bayley, Esq., J.P. :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed by the Government to inquire into the conduct of Ch. Luke Bayley, Esq., J.P., with a view to having the said Report referred to the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy.
Question put and passed.
 10. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Pymont Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The resumption of the adjourned Debate, on Mr. Thornton's motion, "That the " St. Philip's Parsonage Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.
 - (4.) The Consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
 11. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Deniehy, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
 12. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.
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NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.
2. MR. OWEN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labor of the said Secretary.
3. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition from Albury, praying for aid in the erection of a Church, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. SMITH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill : second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Mr. Thornton's motion, " That the St. Philip's " Parsonage Bill be now read a second time."
4. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. PATERSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,— Whether the Government is aware of the necessity for the erection of a Bridge or causeway at Nutbilly, on the road between Goulburn and Yass ?
2. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) If any Minute of the Executive Council has been made to authorise the expenditure of Public Money, without formal Parliamentary sanction, since the expiration of the Vote of Credit, on the 30th April, 1858 ?
 - (2.) If so, why such Minute was not laid upon the Table of this House, in pursuance of an Order of this House, dated 1st July, 1858 ?
 - (3.) If no such Minute of the Executive Council has existence, by what Warrant, Monies are issued out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, without formal Parliamentary sanction ?
3. MR. HODGSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to appoint a Surveyor for the District of Darling Downs ?
 - (2.) Whether it is probable that the Township of Toowoomba (District of Darling Downs,) will be gazetted ?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill ; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. BYRNES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether, in the arrangement of the Time Table upon the opening of the Railway to Campbelltown, any consideration was paid to the Petitions which were presented to this House on the subject of Sunday Traffic on the Railway ? and also, whether any Report upon this subject has been received from the Chief Commissioner of Railways,—and if so, whether there be any objection on the part of the Government, to lay a copy of such Report upon the Table of this House.

2. MR. BYRNES *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any Report has been made to him of one of the Bridges, on the Sydney and Parramatta Line of Railway, being in a dangerous state from some defect in its construction?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without formal Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz., 18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 (2) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without formal Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a full statement of all payments so made, containing all particulars relating to such payments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill ; second reading.
2. Board of National Education Bill ; second reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Return to the Address, in reference to Lands Measured and Sold at Orange, adopted on motion of Mr. Cox, on the 4th June last.
(2.) Report from Captain Ward on the Elasticity and Strength of the Timber of New South Wales.
(3.) Report from the Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold Fields, for the half-year ended 30th June last.
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Return to the Address, in reference to the River Darling District, adopted, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 25th June last.
2. Postponement :—Mr. R. Tooth postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Compensation to the Secretary of the Lord Bishop of Sydney :—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labor of the said Secretary.
Question put and passed.
4. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council :—Mr. Gordon moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council ;—
The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the Proposed Presbyterian College, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Francis Lewis Shaw McCrewwether, Esq., in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
Legislative Assembly Chamber.
Sydney, 3 August, 1858. Speaker.
Question put and passed.
5. Erection of a Church at Albury :—Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. George Macleay, That the Petition from Albury, praying for aid in the erection of a Church, presented by Mr. George Macleay, on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Tenders for Flour for Indian Government :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Reports of Surveys upon the Flour tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, on the 18th June last, and of all Correspondence between the Government and the Tenderer, or any other persons on the subject of the said Flour, and of all minutes or memoranda in any way relating to the matter.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River :—Mr. Hodgson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed, on the 15th June last, to inquire into, and report upon, the Murders which have recently taken place on the Dawson River, and generally on the state of outrage between the White Population and the Aborigines in the Northern Districts, with a view to providing for the better protection of life and property.
Ordered to be printed.

8. Postponement :—The second reading of the Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until the next following Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
9. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Dalley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
10. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time ; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
11. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Thornton,—
“ That this Bill be now read a second time,”—resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Thornton then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
12. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—On motion of Mr. Denieby, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
13. Postponement :—The second reading of the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
14. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, and reported the following Resolutions :—
(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,927, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1858.
(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,907, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1858.
(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,865, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Moreton Bay Court Establishment, for the year 1858.
(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,613 2s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sheriff's Establishment, for the year 1858.
(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,302, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Insolvent Court Establishment, for the year 1858.
(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,659 to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1858.
(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,293, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Courts of Requests Establishment, for the year 1858.
(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the expenses of the Court of Claims, for the year 1858.
(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,189, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Coroners, for the year 1858.
(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,214 14s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, for the year 1858.
(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,241 10s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey and Management of Crown Lands, for the year 1858.
(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray Commission on Sales of Land, for the year 1858.
(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,581 17s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Gold Fields Establishments, for the year 1858.
(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £2,500, as a Gold Contingent, to meet unforeseen expenses in case of emergency at the Gold Fields, to be hereafter accounted for.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £65,000, to defray the Expense of Railways for the year 1858, being £12,000 for the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Railways, and £53,000 for the Working Expenses of 54 miles of Railway.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Roads, for the year 1858.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84,000, to defray the expense of the Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges for the year 1858,—being £80,000 for the construction, maintenance, and repair of Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries; £400 for the formation of the Road from the Dapto Road (at Figtree Bridge) to the Cordeaux River; £1,000 for the construction of a Bridge over the Paterson at Clark's Crossing-place; £1,400 for the construction of a Bridge over the Peel at Tamworth; £100 for opening up a Road through Manly Cove; £250 for the formation of a Road from the navigable portion of the Hunter to Port Stephens, on condition that the like sum is raised by private contribution; £300 for the construction of a Bridge over the Vale Creek, on the like condition; £250 for the construction of a Bridge over Prospect Creek, and the repairs of the Road from Smithfield to Parramatta, on the like condition; and £300 to provide a Punt at Aberdeen, on the Northern Road.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1858.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,432, to defray the expense of Public Works, connected with Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1858,—being £500 for placing Beacons for crossing the Bar at Wide Bay, and Buoys in the Channel of the River Mary; £2,000 to improve the Navigation of the Rivers Murray and Murrumbidgee; £800 for providing gun-carriages and platforms for Defences, Port Jackson, and Lantern on Fort Denison; a further sum of £3,000 for the Defences of Port Jackson; and a further sum of £4,132 for the construction of the Dry Dock, Cockatoo Island, and for the employment of the Convicts there.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,189, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Architect's Department, for the year 1858.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,015, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings connected with the Colonial Architect's Department,—being £6,000 for ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to Public Buildings generally; £1,500 the like in respect to Police Buildings, Country Districts; £6,000 for additions and repairs to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek; £150 for the like to the Prisoners' Barracks, Cockatoo Island; £1,500 for the repair of the Victoria Barracks and various Military Buildings in Sydney and the Country Districts; £250 for lighting Lamps and sweeping Chimneys, at the Victoria Barracks; £250 for special repairs to the Court and Watch House, Wee Waa; £350 the like in respect of Court and Watch House, Raymond Terrace; £300 for the like in respect of the Court and Watch House, Moulamein; £250 for the like in respect of the Court and Watch House, Tenterfield; £1,500 to provide Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £450 furniture for Police Buildings, Country Districts; £4,000 for the erection of Court Houses of the 1st class at Armidale and Gundagai, at £2,000 each; £4,800 for the erection of Court Houses of the 2nd class at Gayndah, Moama, Kiama, Campbelltown, Wellington, and Tumut, at £800 each. (Previous votes of £800 for Gundagai, £500 for Kiama, and £700 for Wellington, being considered cancelled); £800 for the erection of Court Houses of the 3rd class, at Coonabarrabran and Condamine, at £400 each; £4,800 for the erection of Watch Houses at the following places:—Wellington, Gayndah, Tamworth, Moama, Condamine, Mendooran, Gulligal (further sum), Clerkness, Bendemeer, Moonbi, Cowra, and Gunnadah (Namoi), at £400 each; £6,000 towards the erection of Gaol Buildings (in connexion with the extension of criminal jurisdiction in Country Districts); the further sum of £50 for the erection of a Watch House at Bargo; £500 for additions to Quarters for the Gaoler, Goulburn Gaol; £215 for the erection of Sheds for Customs Officers, Circular Quay; and £350 for lighting the Government Lamps in Sydney.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,386, to defray the expense of Miscellaneous Public Works, for the year 1858,—being £200 for keeping in repair the Fences of the Domain and Botanic Gardens; £1,000 to be expended under the superintendence of the Hyde Park Committee; £36 for attending to the Sluices, Cook's River Dam; £2,000 for providing materials and implements for the employment of prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol; £1,000 the like in respect of prisoners in Parramatta Gaol; £250 for the employment of prisoners on the streets of Brisbane; £150 for the like service on the streets of Ipswich; £100 for additional planting and fences at Newcastle Sandhills; £3,850 for the completion of the Abattoir at Glebe Island; and £1,800 for the completion of the road to the Abattoir, Glebe Island.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,573, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Botanic Gardens Establishments for the year 1858,—being £2,023 for such Establishment at Sydney, and £550 for such Establishment at Brisbane.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,263, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1858.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £680 to defray the expenses of the Establishment of the Examiner of Coal Mines and Coal Fields, for the year 1858.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £431, as compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings, for the loss which he sustained by the line of Railway being carried through his property.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,042, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1858.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,229 15s. 7d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1858.

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(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,000, to defray the expenses of Railway Trial Surveys, for the year 1858.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £712,000, to defray the expenses of Extension of existing Lines of Railway, as follows:—

West Maitland to Singleton, including Land, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles	312,000	0	0
Campbelltown to Menangle, including Land, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles	65,000	0	0
Menangle to Picton, including Land, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles	178,000	0	0
Parramatta to Penrith, including Land, 20 miles	189,000	0	0
Rolling Stock for Picton Line	29,000	0	0
Rolling Stock for Penrith Line	28,500	0	0
Tramway from Redfern to the Circular Quay	6,000	0	0
Rolling Stock for Tramway	1,500	0	0
Contingent Sum for unforeseen and incidental expenses, as additional sidings, stations, &c., on existing lines, as required	10,000	0	0
TOTAL, including an assumed sum for Land.	819,000	0	0
<i>Deduct, vote for Rails in 1857 ...</i>	<i>107,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.
Question put and passed.

15. Postponements:—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

16. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

17. Postponements:—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Thursday next.

(2.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Friday next.

(3.) The further consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Thursday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock; until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the last warrant signed by His Excellency the Governor General, by which expenditure has been authorised out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, without the sanction of Parliament.

Questions:—

1. MR. BYRNES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether, in the arrangement of the Time Table upon the opening of the Railway to Campbelltown, any consideration was paid to the Petitions which were presented to this House on the subject of Sunday Traffic on the Railway? and also, whether any Report upon this subject has been received from the Chief Commissioner of Railways,—and if so, whether there be any objection on the part of the Government, to lay a copy of such Report upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BYRNES to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any Report has been made to him of one of the Bridges, on the Sydney and Parramatta Line of Railway, being in a dangerous state from some defect in its construction?
3. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have considered the expediency of any measures for the embodiment of a Militia Force, or for the enrolment of persons in a Volunteer Service, modelled on principles acceptable to the public; and, if these subjects have been under consideration, whether the Government have arrived at any definite determination in the matter?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without formal Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz., 18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 - (2.) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without formal Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a full statement of all payments so made, containing all particulars relating to such payments.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That the experience hitherto gained of Steam Communication between Australia and England, *via* India, has led to general disappointment and dissatisfaction in this Colony.
 - (2.) That any new arrangement for the performance of the Mail Service by the India route, though it ensured postal regularity and speed, would confer no other considerable benefits on New South Wales, while it must necessarily place this community, as the last point of intercourse in the Australian system, at a permanent disadvantage in relation to the Southern Colonies.
 - (3.) That it is in the highest degree necessary that immediate steps should be taken to prevent the public inconvenience and injury which would result from a total stoppage in the Mail Service, with which the Colonies are at present threatened; and that the interests of New South Wales would be best promoted in this emergency by opening communication with America and Europe, *via* the Isthmus of Panama.
 - (4.) That there are reasonable grounds for believing that a line of steamers of the requisite power and capacity, running between Sydney and Panama, in addition to the advantages of regular postal communication, would induce a spontaneous and valuable passenger traffic to these shores, from the large numbers of persons constantly arriving on the Isthmus from the United States, British North America, and the West Indies, as well as from the countries of Europe, and from the communities of Anglo-American origin on the Pacific.

(5.)

(5.) That in coming to a right determination on this subject, the question of cost is not the first for consideration, but that the efficiency of the service to be performed should be secured beyond probability of failure, and that especial regard should be had to those social and commercial consequences which would tend most to the progress and prosperity of the Colony of New South Wales.

(6.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to bring the subject under the early consideration of the Executive Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; second reading.
2. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
5. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: to be considered in Committee.
7. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill; third reading.
8. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill; third reading.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. MARKS *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If the Government have considered Mr. Surveyor Debenham's Plan of and Report upon the Harbour of Kiama—and, if so, do they intend taking any steps to render it more secure, in accordance with such Plan and Report?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.
3. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Statement of the authorised distribution of the general Road Vote for 1858, so far as relates to classified Roads.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Law of Larceny Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
4. Messages:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children.*"
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 30 July, 1858. President.
 - (2.) Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment and endowment of Colleges within the University of Sydney,'*" with the amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 30 July, 1858. President.
 - (3.) Common Lodging Houses Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for regulating Common Lodging-houses,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 4 August, 1858. President.
 - (4.) Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 3rd instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Francis Lewis Shaw Merewether, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into the "Proposed Presbyterian College," the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Merewether to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 4 August, 1858. President.

(5.)

(5.) Graduates of British Universities Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to extend to Graduates of other British Universities certain privileges enjoyed by Graduates of the University of Sydney,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4 August, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

5. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
6. Warrant Authorising Expenditure without Parliamentary Sanction :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the last warrant signed by His Excellency the Governor General, by which expenditure has been authorised out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, without the sanction of Parliament.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without formal Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz., 18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 - (2) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without formal Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a full statement of all payments so made, containing all particulars relating to such payments.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1) That the experience hitherto gained of Steam Communication between Australia and England, *via* India, has led to general disappointment and dissatisfaction in this Colony.
 - (2) That any new arrangement for the performance of the Mail Service by the India route, though it ensured postal regularity and speed, would confer no other considerable benefits on New South Wales, while it must necessarily place this community, as the last point of intercourse in the Australian system, at a permanent disadvantage in relation to the Southern Colonies.
 - (3) That it is in the highest degree necessary that immediate steps should be taken to prevent the public inconvenience and injury which would result from a total stoppage in the Mail Service, with which the Colonies are at present threatened; and that the interests of New South Wales would be best promoted in this emergency by opening communication with America and Europe, *via* the Isthmus of Panama.
 - (4) That there are reasonable grounds for believing that a line of steamers of the requisite power and capacity, running between Sydney and Panama, in addition to the advantages of regular postal communication, would induce a spontaneous and valuable passenger traffic to these shores, from the large numbers of persons constantly arriving on the Isthmus from the United States, British North America, and the West Indies, as well as from the countries of Europe, and from the communities of Anglo-American origin on the Pacific.
 - (5) That in coming to a right determination on this subject, the question of cost is not the first for consideration, but that the efficiency of the service to be performed should be secured beyond probability of failure, and that especial regard should be had to those social and commercial consequences which would tend most to the progress and prosperity of the Colony of New South Wales.
 - (6) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to bring the subject under the early consideration of the Executive Government.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; second reading.
2. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
5. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: to be considered in Committee.
7. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill; third reading.
8. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill; third reading.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If the Government have considered Mr. Surveyor Debenham's Plan of and Report upon the Harbour of Kiama—and, if so, do they intend taking any steps to render it more secure, in accordance with such Plan and Report?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.
3. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Copy of the Gold Field Regulations, promulgated this day, under the Act 20th Victoria, No. 29.
 - (2.) Copy of Letter of Instructions, under this date, to the several Gold Commissioners.
 - (3.) Copies of Correspondence relative to Time Table and Scale of Fares on the Great Southern Railway.
 - (4.) Copy of a Correspondence relative to the discovery of Gold Fields at Port Curtis.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (5.) Continuation of Correspondence relative to unemployed Mechanics and Laborers.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Common Lodging Houses Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, That the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz., 18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 - (2.) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a full statement of all payments so made, containing all particulars relating to such payments.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That the experience hitherto gained of Steam Communication between Australia and England, *via* India, has led to general disappointment and dissatisfaction in this Colony.
 - (2.) That any new arrangement for the performance of the Mail Service by the India route, though it ensured postal regularity and speed, would confer no other considerable benefits on New South Wales, while it must necessarily place this community, as the last point of intercourse in the Australian system, at a permanent disadvantage in relation to the Southern Colonies.

(3.)

(3.) That it is in the highest degree necessary that immediate steps should be taken to prevent the public inconvenience and injury which would result from a total stoppage in the Mail Service, with which the Colonies are at present threatened; and that the interests of New South Wales would be best promoted in this emergency by opening communication with America and Europe, *viâ* the Isthmus of Panama.

(4.) That there are reasonable grounds for believing that a line of steamers of the requisite power and capacity, running between Sydney and Panama, in addition to the advantages of regular postal communication, would induce a spontaneous and valuable passenger traffic to these shores, from the large numbers of persons constantly arriving on the Isthmus from the United States, British North America, and the West Indies, as well as from the countries of Europe, and from the communities of Anglo-American origin on the Pacific.

(5.) That in coming to a right determination on this subject, the question of cost is not the first for consideration, but that the efficiency of the service to be performed should be secured beyond probability of failure, and that especial regard should be had to those social and commercial consequences which would tend most to the progress and prosperity of the Colony of New South Wales.

(6.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to bring the subject under the early consideration of the Executive Government.

3. MR. DONALDSON to move, with reference to a proposed Road to Botany Bay, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers which will explain to this House *when* the proposed road is to be commenced at Botany, and at *what* part of the Randwick Road it is intended to come out.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That in the opinion of this House, the continued issues of money stated by the Government to have been made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, by the Colonial Treasurer, without Parliamentary sanction, but upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone, have been in contravention of the Constitution Act, and are therefore highly improper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; second reading.
2. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
5. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: to be considered in Committee.
7. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill; third reading.
8. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill; third reading.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. MARKS *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If the Government have considered Mr. Surveyor Debenham's Plan of and Report upon the Harbour of Kiama—and, if so, do they intend taking any steps to render it more secure, in accordance with such Plan and Report?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
2. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing _____ per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.

3. Mr. HODGSON to move,—
 (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
4. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd ultimo, with accompanying statistical documents relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board as an appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857, laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 29th of July last, be printed.
5. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General, on the River Darling, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WILD to move,—
 (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies."
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying, that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated techniques. The goal is to ensure that the information gathered is both reliable and comprehensive.

The third part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the results. It shows how the data was processed and what trends were identified. The author notes that there were several key findings that could be used to improve future operations.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the overall findings and a list of recommendations. These suggestions are based on the data and are intended to help the organization achieve its goals more effectively.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Paper:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to the last Warrant authorising Expenditure without Parliamentary sanction, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 4th instant.
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Proposed Weekly Statements of Disbursements without Parliamentary Sanction:—
 Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz. :—18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.
 (2.) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a statement of such payments.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion made by Mr. George Macleay, and Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until the motion standing fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day shall have been disposed of,—put and passed.
3. Steam Communication with England, *via* India:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That the experience hitherto gained of Steam Communication between Australia and England, *via* India, has led to general disappointment and dissatisfaction in this Colony.
 (2.) That any new arrangement for the performance of the Mail Service by the India route, though it ensured postal regularity and speed, would confer no other considerable benefits on New South Wales, while it must necessarily place this community, as the last point of intercourse in the Australian system, at a permanent disadvantage in relation to the Southern Colonies.
 (3.) That it is in the highest degree necessary that immediate steps should be taken to prevent the public inconvenience and injury which would result from a total stoppage in the Mail Service, with which the Colonies are at present threatened; and that the interests of New South Wales would be best promoted in this emergency by opening communication with America and Europe, *via* the Isthmus of Panama.
 (4.) That there are reasonable grounds for believing that a line of steamers of the requisite power and capacity, running between Sydney and Panama, in addition to the advantages of regular postal communication, would induce a spontaneous and valuable passenger traffic to these shores, from the large numbers of persons constantly arriving on the Isthmus from the United States, British North America, and the West Indies, as well as from the countries of Europe, and from the communities of Anglo-American origin on the Pacific.
 (5.) That in coming to a right determination on this subject, the question of cost is not the first for consideration, but that the efficiency of the service to be performed should be secured beyond probability of failure, and that especial regard should be had to those social and commercial consequences which would tend most to the progress and prosperity of the Colony of New South Wales.
 (6.) That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto.
 (7.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to bring the subject under the early consideration of the Executive Government.

Debate

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Marks, and Question put,—That the Question be put on the proposed Resolutions *seriatim*.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. White,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hodgson,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Egan, }

Debate of the Original Question resumed—

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Parkes, }

Noes, 9.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. White,
Mr. R. Tooth, } Tellers.
Mr. Williamson, }

4. Proposed Road to Botany:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, with reference to a proposed Road to Botany Bay, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers which will explain to this House *when* the proposed road is to be commenced at Botany, and at *what* part of the Randwick Road it is intended to come out.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

5. Issues out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund without Parliamentary sanction:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, "That" in the opinion of this House, the continued issues of money stated by the Government to have been made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, by the Colonial Treasurer, without Parliamentary sanction, but upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone, have been in contravention of the Constitution Act, and are therefore highly improper.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the power of appropriating the Revenue of the Colony which belongs of right, and by law, to the Legislature, cannot be exercised in its integrity and with benefit to the country, except before the expenditure of such Revenue: This House is, therefore, of opinion, that the practice which, under peculiar circumstances, has recently obtained, of expending public moneys which have not first been appropriated by the Legislature should, in future, be avoided."

Debate continued.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. White,
Mr. Sattor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.
Mr. Hay, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scott,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Arnold,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.

Question.—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, put and passed ;—
Whereupon, Question—That the power of appropriating the Revenue of the Colony, which belongs of right, and by law, to the Legislature, cannot be exercised in its integrity and with benefit to the country, except before the expenditure of such Revenue : This House is, therefore, of opinion, that the practice which, under peculiar circumstances, has recently obtained, of expending public moneys which have not first been appropriated by the Legislature, should, in future, be avoided,—put and passed.

6. Proposed Weekly Statements of Disbursements without Parliamentary sanction :—
The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Donaldson, " That there be laid upon the

" Table of this House :—

" (1.) A Return shewing the amount disbursed by the Colonial Treasurer out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony without Parliamentary sanction, from the date of the last Return, viz. :—18th June, 1858, till the 31st July, 1858.

" (2.) That from and after the said 31st July, 1858, so long as payments out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony continue to be made by the Government without Parliamentary sanction, there be laid upon the Table of this House, by the Colonial Treasurer, on the first sitting day of every week, a statement of such payments,"—resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. White,
Mr. Sattor,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.
Mr. Hay, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Lee,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scott,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

7. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Board of National Education Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.

(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Tuesday next.

(4.) The consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Tuesday next.

8. Law of Evidence Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Arnold then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, " *An Act for the further Amendment of the Law of Evidence.*"

Question put and passed ;—

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, " *An Act for the further Amendment of the Law of Evidence,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 August, 1858.

Question put and passed.

Speaker.

9.

9. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Pymont Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
10. St. Philip's Parsonage Bill, on motion of Mr. Thornton, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Thornton then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the sale Mortgage or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said Parish.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Thornton moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize the sale Mortgage or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said Parish*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 August, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Deniehy, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Deniehy then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of 'The Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Deniehy moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of 'The Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 August, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed ;—

12. Postponement :—The second reading of the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.

13. Publicans Licensing Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.

Dr. Bowker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end, the words "this day six months."

Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1858.

And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock A. M., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock P. M.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

2. MR. R. TOOTH to move,—
 - (1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing per cent.
 - (2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.
3. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
4. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd ultimo, with accompanying statistical documents relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board as an appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857, laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 29th of July last, be printed.
5. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General, on the River Darling, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents."
6. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That the extension of Railways in the Colony is an undertaking of such magnitude and importance, as to warrant their construction under special agreement, instead of by contract entered into after public competition.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House, such a special contract for the construction of the Railways now sanctioned upon the Northern, Western, and Southern lines, with parties of known reputation and experience as Railway Contractors, upon terms calculated to secure their economical, speedy, and satisfactory completion, would be an advantageous arrangement.
7. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.
8. MR. SMITH to move, That the undermentioned Papers be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Extension of Railway to Windsor, viz. :—
 - (1.) Petition from the inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, praying for an extension of a branch line of Railway to the District of Windsor, *ordered to be printed* on the 9th April last.
 - (2.) *First and Second Reports* from Captain Martindale, R. E., Chief Commissioner for Railways, on the Internal Communications of New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; second reading.
5. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
6. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
8. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill: to be considered in Committee.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies."
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Steam Communication with England *via* India:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address adopted by this House on the 6th instant, in reference to Steam Communication with England *via* India, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following Answer:—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

In deference to the wish expressed in the Address embodying the Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly with reference to Steam Postal Communication, I propose to bring the subject under the immediate consideration of the Executive Government.

W. DENISON.

*Government House,
10 August, 1858.*

2. Chinese Immigration:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Miners and other Residents of the Rocky River Gold Fields, in public meeting assembled, praying the House to put a stop, as soon as practicable, to all Chinese Immigration, and, in the meantime, to grant to Petitioners such adequate Police Force as will obviate the necessity for their arming themselves in support of law and order.
Petition received.
3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Moriarty presented a Petition from certain Miners and Residents on the Rocky River Gold Fields, praying that the Gold Fields may not be erected into separate Electorates, but that the Miners may be permitted to vote in the several Electorates in which they reside.
Petition received.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Wild, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Macarthur first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
5. Leave of Absence, for one fortnight, granted to Mr. Macarthur, on motion of Mr. Wild.
6. Railway Loans:—Mr. R. Tooth moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That this House resolves, that all loans raised and to be raised for Railways, shall form a Capital Stock, to represent the works constructed by the Government, and that holders of Debentures shall have the right at any time of exchanging terminable securities for Permanent Railway Loan Bills, bearing six per cent.
(2.) That, with the view of giving increased confidence to the holders of Government securities, upon the transfer of a Debenture the Government shall pledge the Railways as an additional security.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
7. Postponement:—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
8. Postponements:—Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Macleay fourth and fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
9. Proposed Construction of Railways by Special Agreement:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) "That" the extension of Railways in the Colony is an undertaking of such magnitude and importance, as to warrant their construction under special agreement, instead of by contract entered into after public competition.
(2.) That in the opinion of this House, such a special contract for the construction of the Railways now sanctioned upon the Northern, Western, and Southern lines, with parties of known reputation and experience as Railway Contractors, upon terms calculated to secure their economical, speedy, and satisfactory completion, would be an advantageous arrangement.
Debate ensued.

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Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "That" at the commencement of section (1), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House the importance of constructing the Railways sanctioned by a recent vote will justify the Government in entering into a special agreement for the construction of any part thereof, if deemed expedient, instead of inviting public 'competition,' provided such special agreement is clearly for the advantage of the Colony."

Debate continued.

And the proposed amendment being, *by consent*, amended, by the omission of the proviso following the word "competition," and the substitution of the proviso following "Provided that every such special agreement between the Government and any Contractor shall be laid upon the Table of both Houses of Parliament (if in Session) fourteen days before ratification."

Debate continued.

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

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

Whereupon Question,—That in the opinion of this House, the importance of constructing the Railways, sanctioned by a recent Vote, will justify the Government in entering into a special agreement for the construction of any part thereof, if deemed expedient, instead of inviting public competition: Provided that every such special agreement between the Government and any Contractor, shall be laid upon the Table of both Houses of Parliament (if in Session) fourteen days before ratification,—put and passed.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Extension of Railway to Windsor:—Mr. White, on behalf of Mr. Smith, moved, pursuant to notice standing in the name of Mr. Smith eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, That the undermentioned Papers be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Extension of Railway to Windsor, viz.:—
 (1.) Petition from the inhabitants of the Town and District of Windsor, praying for an extension of a branch line of Railway to the District of Windsor, *ordered to be printed* on the 9th April last.
 (2.) *First and Second Reports* from Captain Martindale, R. E., Chief Commissioner for Railways, on the Internal Communications of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
12. Postponements:—
 (1.) The second reading of the *Ad Eundem Degrees Bill* postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, until Friday next.
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the *Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill* postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.
13. *Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill*:—On motion of Mr. Dalley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
 Mr. Dalley moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments so agreed to.
 Question put and passed;—
 Whereupon Mr. Dalley moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the establishment and endowment of Colleges within the 'University of Sydney.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th August, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. *Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill*, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof. The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
15. Postponements:—
 (1.) The second reading of the *Board of National Education Bill* postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the *Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill* postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
 (3.) The consideration in Committee of an *Address for Compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney* postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
16. *Pymont Bridge Company's Bill*:—On motion of Mr. Dalley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.

17. The Australian Gas Light Company's Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Dalley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
18. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857–8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again this day week, and reported the following Resolutions:—
6. Resolved:—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1858, the further sum of £352,083 18s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
Mr. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
7. Resolved:—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for Railway Trial Surveys and Extension of Existing Lines of Railway, during the present Session, a sum or sums not exceeding £720,000 be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding *five* per centum per annum.
Mr. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That he have leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the Government to issue the said Debentures.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill
19. Postponements:—
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(3.) The further consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
20. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.
21. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition of James Ralfe for claim for services, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5th November, 1856, be referred to the Select Committee on the Survey Department.
2. MR. MORIARTY to move, That the Petition from the Rocky River Gold Fields, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts, and to increase the Rent of lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales.
2. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to empower the Government to exchange Interminable for Terminable Debentures.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, in continuation of a Return dated 18 June last, and exhibiting in the same tabular form, up to the 6th August, 1858,—
 - (1.) The sums authorized by votes of former years and Acts of Parliament.
 - (2.) The expenses authorized by votes of Credit, at the rates sanctioned for 1857.
 - (3.) The sums authorized by Resolutions of the Assembly.
 - (4.) Disbursements made at the rates sanctioned for 1857, but unauthorized by either votes of Credit or Resolutions of the Assembly.
3. Mr. PANKES to move, That the Petition from the Rocky River Gold Fields, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
4. Mr. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
5. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd ultimo, with accompanying statistical documents relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board as an appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857, laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 29th of July last, be printed.
6. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General, on the River Darling, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents."
7. Mr. BUCKLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, M'Leay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
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 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
2. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; third reading.
5. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
6. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
8. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; third reading.

Question:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Government will be prepared to lay on the Table of this House, the Papers having reference to Railway Extension, ordered on Friday, July 23rd.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions " in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies."
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 74.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
2. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
3. Mr. James Ralfe :— Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of James Ralfe for claim for services, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 5th November, 1856, be referred to the Select Committee on the Survey Department.
Question put and passed.
4. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Moriarty moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Rocky River Gold Fields, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts, and to increase the Rent of lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales.
2. Mr. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to empower the Government to exchange Interminable for Terminable Debentures.
3. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Resolution, in reference to the construction of Railways by Special Agreement, adopted by this House on the 10th instant, be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
4. Mr. MARTIN to move, That the resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That the Publican's Licensing Act Amendment Bill be 'now' read a third time," upon which Dr. Bowker had moved, by way of Amendment, "That the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to add at the end of the Question, the words 'this day six months,'" which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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1. Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Stamps on Conveyances Bill:—The Speaker reported that by a Proclamation in a Supplement published on the 11th instant to the *Government Gazette* of Tuesday the 10th instant, it appears that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the Stamps on Conveyances Bill passed in the Session of 1856-7, but reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon;—
The Speaker then directed the Clerk to make an entry of the said Proclamation in the Journals of the House, and the Clerk made entry thereof accordingly as follows:—

“ PROCLAMATION.

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

“ Whereas by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, ‘ *An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill, as amended, of the Legislature of New South Wales, to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’ it is amongst other things enacted that the provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the fourteenth year of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-nine, intituled, ‘ *An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies;*’ and an Act of the sixth year of Her Majesty, chapter seventy-six, intituled, ‘ *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land,*’ which relate to the giving and withholding of Her Majesty's Assent to Bills, and the Reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and the instructions to be conveyed to Governors for their guidance in relation to the matters aforesaid, and the disallowance of Bills by Her Majesty, shall apply to Bills to be passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly constituted under the said Bill as amended, and the aforesaid Act of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-four: And it is further provided by the aforesaid Acts that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council of the said Colony, or by Proclamation in the *New South Wales Government Gazette*, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same: And whereas on the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the Governor of the said Colony of New South Wales reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, intituled, ‘ *An Act to declare that Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed out of the Colony, are admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped,*’ for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon: Now, therefore, I SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, as such Governor aforesaid, do, by this my Proclamation, signify and declare that the Right Honorable LORD STANLEY, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has transmitted an Order made by Her Majesty in Council, confirming^d ratifying, and finally enacting the said Act, which will take effect accordingly from the date hereof.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this eleventh day of August,
“ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight,
“ and in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ (L.S.) W. DENISON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ CHARLES COWPER.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

“ At

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of May, 1858.

Present:—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
 "HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CONSORT,"
 "LORD PRESIDENT,"
 "LORD PRIVY SEAL,"
 "DUKE OF BEAUFORT,"
 "LORD STEWARD,"
 "MARQUIS OF ABERCORN,"
 "LORD CHAMBERLAIN,"
 EARL OF MALMESBURY,
 LORD JOHN MANNERS,
 LORD STANLEY,
 MR. SECRETARY WALPOLE,
 SIR JOHN PAKINGTON, BART.,
 MR. HENLEY.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's
 Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van
 Diemen's Land*, it is amongst other things enacted, that no Bill which shall be
 reserved for the Signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, shall have any force
 or authority within the Colony of New South Wales, until the Governor of the said
 Colony shall signify either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council of the
 said Colony, or by Proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid
 before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to
 the same: And whereas the said recited provisions were maintained in force as
 regards Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the
 said Colony, by an Act, passed in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the Reign
 of Her said Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill
 as Amended by the Legislature of New South Wales, to confer a Constitution on
 New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*: And whereas, on
 the Eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the
 Governor of the said Colony of New South Wales reserved a certain Bill, passed
 by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, intituled,
*An Act to declare that Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed
 out of the Colony, are admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped*, for
 the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon; and whereas the said Bill so
 reserved as aforesaid, has been laid before Her Majesty, in Council, and it is expe-
 dient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty.

Now therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise
 of the powers thereby reserved to Her Majesty, as aforesaid, doth by this present
 Order, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare Her assent to the said
 Bill.

And the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal
 Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST. (L.S.)

- 2.^b Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table certain Despatches in reference to the
 proposed dispatch of the Artillery to India.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice,
 for leave to bring in a Bill to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and
 Intermediate Districts, and to increase the Rent of lands leased for pastoral purposes
 within the Settled Districts of New South Wales.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring
 in the Bill.
4. Railway Accident:—Mr. Donaldson, as Chairman, having brought up the Report from,
 and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed,
 on Wednesday the 14th July last, "to inquire into the management of the Sydney
 and Parramatta Railway, with reference to the fatal Accident that occurred on
 Saturday last,"—
 The Report was read at length by the Clerk,—
 And ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Evidence and Minutes
 of Proceedings
5. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill,
 Bill intituled, *A Bill to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and
 Intermediate Districts and to increase the Rent of Land leased for Pastoral
 purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales*,—read a first time;
 ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to
 amended notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to empower the Government to issue
 Terminable in exchange for Interminable Debentures.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in
 the Bill.
7. Proposed construction of Railways by Special Agreement:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant
 to notice, That the Resolution, in reference to the construction of Railways by Special
 Agreement, adopted by this House on the 10th instant, be communicated by Address
 to His Excellency the Governor General.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

8. Seab in Sheep prevention Bill:—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Colonists, interested in Pastoral Pursuits, praying that this Bill may pass without delay. Petition received.
9. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill:—Mr. R. Campbell having presented this Bill Bill intituled, "A Bill to empower the Government to issue Terminable in exchange for Interminable Debentures," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
10. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the resumption of the Debate on his motion, "That the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill be 'now' read a third time," upon which Dr. Bowker had moved, by way of Amendment, "That the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to add at the end of the Question, the words 'this day six months,' which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Dr. Bowker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "to-morrow" at the end, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."

Debate ensued:

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Murin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Suttur,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Dickson,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dalley,

Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. White,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,

Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

11. Law of Larceny Amendment Bill, on motion of, Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "An Act for amending the Law relative to Larceny by Carriers and other Baillees."

Question put and passed;

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "An Act for amending the Law relative to Larceny by Carriers and other Baillees," begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council, without Amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12 August, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponements:—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the next following Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.

13. District Courts Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that upon a Division in the Committee it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there being only nineteen members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, in continuation of a Return dated 18 June last, and exhibiting in the same tabular form, up to the 6th August, 1858,—
 - (1.) The sums authorized by votes of former years and Acts of Parliament.
 - (2.) The expenses authorized by votes of Credit, at the rates sanctioned for 1857.
 - (3.) The sums authorized by Resolutions of the Assembly.
 - (4.) Disbursements made at the rates sanctioned for 1857, but unauthorized by either votes of Credit or Resolutions of the Assembly.
3. Mr. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Rocky River Gold Fields, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
4. Mr. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
5. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd ultimo, with accompanying statistical documents relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board as an appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857, laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 29th of July last, be printed.
6. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General, on the River Darling, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents."
7. Mr. BUCKLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, M'Leay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now reinserted.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
8. Mr. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
2. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill; second reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill; third reading.
5. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
6. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
8. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
9. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; third reading.
10. Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That the Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill be 'now' read a third time":—Upon which Dr. Bowker had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to add at the end of the Question the words "this day six months."

- 2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- 4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
- 5. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question:—

- 1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Government will be prepared to lay on the Table of this House, the Papers having reference to Railway Extension, ordered on Friday, July 23rd.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies."
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.
- 2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—in the absence of all accounts of moneys expended by the Government without Parliamentary sanction of later date than the 18th June last,— That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions:—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
- 3. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Biddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
- 4. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition relative to the Scab in Sheep prevention Bill, presented by him on the 12th instant, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
- 2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 76.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Leave of absence, for one week, granted to Mr. Owen, on motion of Mr. Dalley.
2. Postponement:—Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Wild, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Wild first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Expenditure authorized and unauthorized by Vote since 13 June, last:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement in continuation of a Return dated 18 June last, exhibiting, in the same tabular form, up to the 6th August, 1858,—
 - (1.) The sums authorized by votes of former years and Acts of Parliament.
 - (2.) The expenses authorized by votes of Credit, at the rates sanctioned for 1857.
 - (3.) The sums authorized by Resolutions of the Assembly.
 - (4.) Disbursements made at the rates sanctioned for 1857, but unauthorized by either votes of Credit or Resolutions of the Assembly.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Chinese Immigration:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Rocky River Gold Fields, relative to Chinese Immigration, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hodgson fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until the motion standing seventh on the same Paper shall have been disposed of.
6. Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson":—Mr. Forster as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee, appointed on the 15th June last, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the late seizure of Gold Dust and Sovereigns on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson" on October 16, 1857, from certain Chinamen, and in particular, upon the manner in which the proceeds of the said seizure have been distributed by the Executive Government.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Appendix to Denominational School Board's Report for 1857:—Mr. William Macleay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. George Macleay, That the communication from the Denominational School Board, dated the 22nd ultimo, with accompanying statistical documents relative to the attainments of the Children attending the Schools under the Board as an appendix to the Board's Report for the year 1857, laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 29th of July last, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents:—Mr. William Macleay moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. George Macleay, That the Copies of Mr. Surveyor M'Cabe's Reports to the Surveyor General, on the River Darling, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents."
Question put and passed.
9. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Buckley postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
 - (2.) Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Hodgson fourth and eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Compulsory Vaccination Bill postponed, on motion of Dr. Aldcorn, on behalf of Mr. Jenkins, until Friday next.
10. Ad Eundem Degrees Bill:—No Member moving the second reading, or postponement of the second reading of the Ad Eundem Degrees Bill, it dropped.

11. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until the Order standing tenth on the Paper of Other Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
12. Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting of certain lands situated within the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which were formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting of certain lands situated within the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which were formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13 August, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
13. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Board of National Education Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until next Tuesday week.
14. Compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Owen, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the Office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labour of the said Secretary.
The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
15. Assent to Hamilton's Trust Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 19.*
Governor General.
A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Settlement made on the Marriage of Hugh Hamilton with Margaret Olunes Innes to sell part of the Trust property and invest the proceeds of sale on real Securities,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 13 August, 1858.
16. Compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the Office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labour of the said Secretary.
The Chairman reported the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to this House, to make provision, in any sum not exceeding £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the Office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labour of the said Secretary.
Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
17. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day week."
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn;—
Original Question, by leave, withdrawn;—

- Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Dalley, the third reading of this Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
18. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.
- Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day week."
- Debate ensued.
- Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
- Original Question put and passed.
- Bill read a third time.
- Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.
- Question put and passed.
- Mr. Dalley then moved, That the Title of this Bill, be "*An Act to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney and to increase their Capital Stock.*"
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney and to increase their Capital Stock,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council, for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13 August, 1858.

Speaker.

- Question put and passed.
19. Common Lodging Houses Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Mr. Parkes moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until this day "week."
- Mr. Rotton moved, That the Question for Adjournment of the Debate be amended by the omission of the word "week" at the end, with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "six months."
- Debate ensued.
- Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question for adjournment of the Debate.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Richardson,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Weekes, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. White,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Egan,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Williamson, }

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted, in place of the word omitted from the Question for adjournment of the Debate, be so inserted—put and passed ;—

Whereupon Question put,—That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until this day six months.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Donaldson,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. White,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
Mr. Rotton, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. J. Campbell, }

20. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table Captain Martindale's Report on the Construction of Lines of Electric Telegraph to Bathurst and the Hunter.
- Ordered to be printed.
21. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. Faucett the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill,—
- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

22. Publicans' Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That this Bill be '*now*' read a third time,"—upon which Dr. Bowker had moved, by way of Amendment, That the word '*now*' be omitted, with a view to add at the end of the Question the words "this day six months"—resumed.
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Publicans Licensing Act.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Publicans' Licensing Act,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13 August, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
23. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, That the further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill be postponed until Wednesday next, and have precedence of all Other Business on the Paper for that Day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
24. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and reported the following Resolutions:—
(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the support of National Schools, and Incidental Expenses of the Board of Management of such Schools, including the allowances to the Teachers.
(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the support of Denominational Schools, and Incidental Expenses of the Board of Management of such Schools, including the allowances to the Teachers.
(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £100,000, to pay off Immigration Debentures falling due in the year 1858, being £35,000 from Ordinary Revenue, and £65,000 from Loan Revenue.
Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.
Question put and passed.
25. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
(1.) That this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions "in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies."
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—in the absence of all accounts of moneys expended by the Government without Parliamentary sanction of later date than the 18th June last,—That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions:—
(1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited

(2.)

- (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
- (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
3. MR. GORDON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
4. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition relative to the Scab in Sheep prevention Bill, presented by him on the 12th instant, be printed.
5. MR. WILD to move,—
- (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of the plan and general specification of the Embankment and Bridge proposed to be constructed across Blackwattle Swamp, by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, as laid before the Executive Council on May 12th, 1857.
- (2.) Copies of Minutes of all Proceedings of the Executive Council connected therewith.
7. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Pilotage Rates Amendment Act."
8. MR. HODGSON to move,—
- (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
9. MR. HODGSON to move,—
- (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Board of National Education Bill; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
 2. MR. BUCKLEY to move,—
- (1.) That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, M'Leay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the
- 10th

10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the "separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent votes and proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
2. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move :—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
- (1.) Additional Estimate for 1858:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 20.*
Governor General.
In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, and in reference to Message No. 1, of the 26th March last, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.
Government House,
Sydney, 17 August, 1858.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
- (2.) Compensation to Secretary to Lord Bishop of Sydney:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 21.*
Governor General.
In accordance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, contained in their Address of the 13th instant, the Governor General has directed the insertion, in the Additional Estimate for the Service of the present year, of the sum of £2,500, for compensation to the Secretary to the Lord Bishop of Sydney, for the transfer to the Office of the Registrar General, of all Records of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials, relating to the United Church of England and Ireland, heretofore kept up and maintained at the personal cost and labour of the said Secretary.
Government House,
17 August, 1858.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill.
2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Amended Instructions for marking the boundaries of allotments and portions of land measured by Officers of the Survey Department.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Return to the Order, in reference to the extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 23rd July last.
Ordered to be printed (without the plans.)
- (3.) Despatches and Correspondence relative to the appointment of an Officer of the Royal Engineers, and staff, to superintend the construction of Railways and other Public Works in New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Return to the Address, in reference to the progress and present state of the Electric Telegraph in the Australian Colonies, adopted, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on the 16th April last.
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Appendix to the second Report from Captain Martindale on the Internal Communications of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
- Elective Legislature:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended notice.—
- (1.) "That" this House re-affirms the Resolution passed by the late Legislative Assembly, February 24th, 1857, "That all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people."
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words of section (1) following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House the Legislature of the Colony ought to be composed of" two Houses,—both Elected by the People."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dalley,

} Tellers.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,

} Tellers.

And the Question being stated, That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—

Mr. Arnold moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the words "composed of," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "one House,—elected by the People."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smith,

} Tellers.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Dalley,

} Tellers.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,

} Tellers.

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,

} Tellers.

Whereupon Question,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House the Legislature of the Colony ought to be composed of two Houses,—both Elected by the People.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the foregoing Resolution may be brought under the early consideration of the Executive,—put and passed.

4. Question of Order:—Mr. Martin having addressed the House in explanation of a matter referred to by Mr. Donaldson in course of a Debate on a former day,—

And Mr. Donaldson having, in reply, used certain words to which exception was taken,—

Mr. Martin moved, That the words excepted to, be taken down by the Clerk,—

And the Clerk having, by direction of the Speaker, taken down the words as follows:—

Mr. Donaldson; referring to the term "mendacious," used by him on a former occasion, in reference to a statement made by Mr. Martin, said that the statements made by that Honorable Gentleman now, were "more mendacious,"

Mr. Martin moved, That the words made use of by Mr. Donaldson are unparliamentary and highly disorderly,—

And Mr. Donaldson having been heard in his place and withdrawn,—

And the House requesting the Speaker rather to rule in this matter himself than to put the Question,—

Mr. Donaldson was recalled, and, upon being informed by the Speaker, that the House had left the Question in his hands, and that he could have no hesitation in ruling that the words excepted to, are "unparliamentary and highly disorderly," and ought, therefore, to be withdrawn,—

Mr. Donaldson withdrew the words accordingly.

5. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day—giving an amended notice of a similar motion for this day week.

6. Postponement:—Mr. Dickson, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Gordon third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

7. Scab in Sheep prevention Bill:—Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hay, moved pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hay, That the Petition relative to the Scab in Sheep prevention Bill, presented by Mr. Hay on the 12th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Postponement:—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Wild, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Wild fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

9. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Works:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of the plan and general specification of the Embankment and Bridge proposed to be constructed across Blackwattle Swamp, by the Pyrmont Bridge Company, as laid before the Executive Council on May 12th, 1857.

(2.) Copies of Minutes of all Proceedings of the Executive Council connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Weekes, on behalf of Mr. Thornton, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Thornton seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

11. Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Murders, by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd instant, be now adopted.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of such Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows:—

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Hodgson, }

Noes, 12.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Parkes, }

And it appearing by the said Report that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 12th instant, be restored to the Paper and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart ; increases the difficulty of protection ; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations ; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Board of National Education Bill ; second reading.
2. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Intermicable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, " Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, McLeay, " Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an " Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New " England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the " separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent votes and proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
3. MR. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill ; second reading.
2. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the mere to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.

- LAW OFFICE OF JAMES G. S. ZIMMERMAN
3. **MR. DONALDSON** to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—
- (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, —without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
4. **MR. GORDON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Moyer.
5. **MR. THORNTON** to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Pilotage Rates Amendment Act."

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move :—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the 'Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
James Pegg :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from James Pegg, of Sydney, representing various disappointments he has met with in prosecuting a claim to a Grant of Land, as a discharged soldier, and praying relief.
Petition received.
2. Leave of Absence, for a fortnight, granted to Mr. Jenkins, on motion of Mr. Taylor.
3. District Courts Bill :—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Martin, That the further consideration in Committee of the District Courts Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 12th instant, be restored to the Paper and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, next after the Order for the second reading of the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill.

5. Messages :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having received from the Legislative Assembly the following Private Bill, viz. :—“*The Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill*,” requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish to the Council a copy of the Report of the Select Committee, and of the Evidence taken before such Committee, on that Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 August, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Mr. Deniehy moved, That the following Message in reply be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill intituled, “*An Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of ‘The Illawarra Steam Navigation Company and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,’*” as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 11th instant.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18 August, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(2.) St. Philip's Parsonage Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly the following Private Bill, viz. :—“*The St. Philip's Parsonage Bill*,” requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish to the Council a copy of the Report of the Select Committee, and of the Evidence taken before such Committee, on that Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th August, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message in reply be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill intituled, “*An Act to authorize the Sale Mortgage or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said Parish*,” as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 11th instant.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18 August, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(3.)

(3.) Articles of Food Inspection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to protect the Public against the sale of unwholesome and deleterious Articles of Food,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 August, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow, and to have precedence over all other business on the Paper for that day.

(2.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

7. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again this day week, and reported the following Resolution:—

8. Resolved:—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1858, the further sum of £140,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales; being £20,000 in support of National Schools, £20,000 in support of Denominational Schools, and £100,000 to pay off Immigration Debentures falling due in the year 1858,—of which £35,000 are to be paid from Ordinary Revenue, and £65,000 from Loan Revenue.

Mr. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.

Question put and passed.

8. Government Railways Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. Municipalities Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Hodgson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.

11. Board of National Education Bill:—Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time; to be committed on Tuesday next.

12. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; second reading.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
4. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What are the dates of the two last communications that have passed between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria respectively, on the subject of the erection of a Bridge at Albury?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20:

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, " Lessces of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, McLeay, " Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an " Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New " England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the " separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent votes and proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
3. Mr. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.
4. Mr. PARKES to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
5. Mr. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
2. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
2. Mr. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
3. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
4. Mr. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
5. Mr. THORNTON to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the " Pilotage Rates Amendment Act."

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Board of National Education Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill reported; adoption of the Report.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move:—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the 'Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Payment of Witnesses before Select Committees:—The Speaker informed the House, that he had considered it to be his duty to withhold his order for payment of expenses to two Witnesses who had been summoned to give Evidence before, but not to render professional services to the Select Committee on the Management of the Survey Department, as they must have been, to have entitled them to the Chairman's Certificate, under the 44th section of the Standing Orders, which in no way authorises payment of expenses to an ordinary Witness, summoned in the ordinary manner, merely to give Evidence, and the bearing of which, in his opinion, it was evident this Committee had mis-apprehended.

2. Papers:—

1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—

(1.) Correspondence announcing the dissolution of the contract with the European and Australian Royal Mail Company, and reporting the temporary arrangement made for conducting the Mail service with Australia, until a new contract can be entered into,—

Read at length by the Clerk, and,—

Ordered to be printed.

2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(2.) First Progress Report from the Commission of Inquiry into the recent accident upon the Great Southern Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Copy of Commission extending the time for Inquiry, by Commission, into the recent Railway-accident.

Ordered to be printed.

3. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Arnold having presented a Petition from Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, complaining, among other things, that the Speaker withholds from him two several sums of one hundred pounds each, deposited by him in certain Banks to the credit of the Speaker, to meet expenses in the matter of certain Petitions which have been laid aside,—

Moved, That this Petition be received.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

4. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. White,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Deniehy,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for "Wednesday next."

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "to-morrow, and have precedence over all other business for that day."

Debate ensued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn ;—

Original Question by leave withdrawn ;—

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next, and have precedence over all other business on the Paper for that day.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Wild,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Dickson, }

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. W. Macleay, }

5. Postponements :—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, M'Leay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent votes and proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
3. MR. WILD to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
5. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.
6. MR. HODGSON to move,—
 - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, is of opinion that ten white mounted troopers ought to be immediately forwarded from Sydney, by steamer, to Brisbane or Maryborough, and placed under the orders of the Commandant of the Native Police Force, to assist that Force in the protection of life and property in the disturbed and outlying portions of the Northern Districts of the Colony.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to give effect thereto.
7. MR. SMITH to move, That the Report from the Chief Commissioner for Railways, in reference to the Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, together with the Plan showing the proposed extension from Parramatta to Penrith, laid upon the Table of the House on the same day, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Extension of Railway to Windsor."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
2. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
3. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
4. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When it is likely that the Return shewing the proportion of Immigrants under the assisted and non-assisted systems, who have arrived from the various parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland since the commencement of the assisted system, ordered on the 8th June last, by this House, will be laid upon the Table thereof?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.

2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
4. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Pilotage Rates Amendment Act."
6. MR. DALLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the following Returns to be laid upon the Table of this House during the next Session of Parliament :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing all moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) for the support of the Ordinances of Religion in this Colony, for the years ending 31st December, 1857, and 31st December, 1858, respectively.
That such Return comprise the following particulars, viz.:—The name of each Clergyman; the particular locality in which such Clergyman has been usually officiating; and the specific and aggregate sums or amounts of public money paid to each and every such Clergyman; also, the particular branch or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment or payments have been made.
 - (2.) A Return shewing all grants of Crown Lands to each and all Religious Denominations, in aid of either Churches or Schools;—specifying the quantity of land in such grants; the place in which they are situate; the present estimated value; the annual income, rent, or other profits or emoluments arising therefrom; how such income, rent, or other profits or emoluments are appropriated or disposed of; in what mode such grants have been usually occupied; and the purpose or purposes for which such grant or grants are actually used.
7. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the petition of Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, received by this House on the 17th June last, and printed by order of the House on the 25th of same month.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Board of National Education Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill reported; adoption of the Report.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move :—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Assistant Surveyor Darke :—Mr. Denichy presented a Petition from William Wedge Darke, Assistant Surveyor in the Surveyor General's Department, representing that promotion has been withheld from him after the fulfilment, on his part, of the conditions upon which it had been promised to him, and praying redress.
Petition received.
2. Railway Accident :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the final Report of the Railway Accident Committee be now adopted by this House, and that a copy thereof be forwarded, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor General.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Martin moved; That this Debate be adjourned until this day week.
Debate continued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day week.
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Nocs, 25.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Lcc,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Debate continued.

Original Question put and passed.

3. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Rotton presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Townships of Bathurst and Kelso, praying to be allowed two Members for the representation of the united Boroughs of Bathurst and Kelso.
Petition received.
4. Separation of the Northern Districts :—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on the 28th day of October, 1856, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Magistrates, Lessors of Crown Lands, and Residents of the Pastoral Districts of New England, McLeay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and various towns therein, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale." Also, the Votes and Proceedings of this House on the 10th day of February, 1857, on the occasion of the presentation of a Petition by Mr. Hargrave, from "certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales," and all subsequent votes and proceedings on the said Petitions respectively, be now rescinded.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Richardson,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Hodgson. } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley. }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. E. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. White,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. G. Macleay. } Tellers.
Mr. Suttor. }

5. Proposed Extension of the Interval between Sentence and Execution:—Mr. Wild moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect.

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—
1. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
 2. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
 3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions:—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
 4. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
 5. MR. THORNTON to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the "Pilotage Rates Amendment Act."

6. **MR. DALLWY** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the following Returns to be laid upon the Table of this House during the next Session of Parliament:—
- (1.) A Return shewing all moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) for the support of the Ordinances of Religion in this Colony, for the years ending 31st December, 1857, and 31st December, 1858, respectively.
- That such Return comprise the following particulars, viz.:—The name of each Clergyman; the particular locality in which such Clergyman has been usually officiating; and the specific and aggregate sums or amounts of public money paid to each and every such Clergyman; also, the particular branch or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment or payments have been made.
- (2.) A Return shewing all grants of Crown Lands to each and all Religious Denominations, in aid of either Churches or Schools;—specifying the quantity of land in such grants; the place in which they are situate; the present estimated value; the annual income, rent, or other profits or emoluments arising therefrom; how such income, rent, or other profits or emoluments are appropriated or disposed of; in what mode such grants have been usually occupied; and the purpose or purposes for which such grant or grants are actually used.
7. **MR. DENIEHY** to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Petition of Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, received by this House on the 17th June last, and printed by order of the House on the 23rd of same month.
8. **MR. GEORGE MACLEAY** to move, That the Petition of the Magistrates, Stockholders, and other residents in the Police District of Deniliquin and Moulamein, for and on behalf of the Clerk of Petty Sessions of those Districts, presented on the 9th of January, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee on "Retrenchment in Public Expenditure," now sitting.
9. **MR. DENIEHY** to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Wedge Darke, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
10. **MR. ROTTON** to move, That the Petition from the Townships of Bathurst and Kelso, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
11. **MR. PARKES** to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
12. **MR. HODGSON** to move,—
- (1.) That the present system of taking up extensive tracts of land beyond the boundaries, without any immediate intention of stocking the same, tends to keep stations far apart; increases the difficulty of protection; affords to the blacks greater facilities for committing depredations; and is, therefore, extremely objectionable.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address, to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for the suppression of the system therein referred to.
13. **MR. HODGSON** to move,—
- (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report from the Select Committee on Murders by the Aborigines on the Dawson River, is of opinion that ten white mounted troopers ought to be immediately forwarded from Sydney, by steamer, to Brisbane or Maryborough, and placed under the orders of the Commandant of the Native Police Force, to assist that Force in the protection of life and property in the disturbed and outlying portions of the Northern Districts of the Colony.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to give effect thereto.
14. **MR. SMITH** to move, That the Report from the Chief Commissioner for Railways, in reference to the Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, together with the Plan showing the proposed extension from Parramatta to Penrith, laid upon the Table of this House on the same day, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Extension of Railway to Windsor."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Board of National Education Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
5. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
6. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
2. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
4. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
5. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. **MR. PATERSON** to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government is aware that, by the present regulations, the inhabitants of the country districts are subjected to the great inconvenience of being unable to send any telegraphic message from Goulburn after 6 P.M., and if so, whether any new regulation on this point is in contemplation?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move:—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the 'Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, "That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,"—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight:—
 - (1.) It is not reasonable to charge the Australian Colonies with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.
 - (2.) If for Imperial reasons, whether to avoid a monopoly by any one powerful Company, or to carry out political views, it be deemed necessary to establish double lines of steamers to Ceylon on the one side, or to the Gulf of Mexico on the other, the Home Government ought to bear the expense of such double lines, where a postal service is already established.
 - (3.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.
 - (4.) In the opinion of this House the completion of a scheme by which a fortnightly Mail could be insured, alternately, to Melbourne and Sydney, by Ceylon and Panama—more especially when the Electric Telegraph, now in course of construction to the East Indies and America, shall be completed—would tend, in an incalculable degree, to stimulate immigration, to develop the great resources of these important Colonies, and to benefit Great Britain.
 - (5.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.
 - (6.) That should one comprehensive system not be practicable, New South Wales would, with a due contribution from the Home Government, consent to carry the Mails of the other Colonies to and from Panama—being then free to make arrangements with them as to their fair share of contribution—*provided that* the Colony of Victoria will undertake the line by Galle, upon similar terms.
 - (7.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Second Annual Report of the Registrar General on the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, being for the year ended 31st December, 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to the Pymont Bridge Company's Works, adopted by this House, on the 17th instant, on motion of Mr. Forster.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Late Railway Carriers:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from John L. Biss, and William W. Maltby, late Railway Carriers, complaining of the loss of their business, and praying compensation.
Petition received.
3. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Residents of Ipswich and others, praying that provision be made to prohibit the impounding of cattle from Crown Lands in the Settled Districts, and that Lessees of Crown Lands may be altogether prohibited from confining cattle in their yards without the consent of their owners.
Petition received.
4. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Correspondence respecting Recruits for the Native Police, and the state of that corps.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. G. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Macarthur, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Macarthur second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (3.) Mr. W. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Donaldson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Donaldson third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (4.) Mr. Gordon postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
7. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Thornton withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Motions dropped:—
 - (1.) Mr. Dalley not moving the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
 - (2.) Mr. Denichy not moving the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
9. Clerks of Petty Sessions at Deniliquin and Moulamein:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Magistrates, Stockholders, and other residents in the Police District of Deniliquin and Moulamein, for and on behalf of the Clerks of Petty Sessions of those Districts, presented on the 9th of January, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee on "Retrenchment in Public Expenditure," now sitting.
Question put and passed.
10. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Denichy not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
11. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Rotton moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Townships of Bathurst and Kelso, relative to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

13. Motions withdrawn :—Mr. Hodgson withdrew the motions standing in his name twelfth and thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton :—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report from the Chief Commissioner for Railways, in reference to the Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, together with the Plan showing the proposed extension from Parramatta to Penrith, laid upon the Table of this House on the same day, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Extension of Railway to Windsor."
Question put and passed.
15. Postponements :—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Articles of Food Inspection Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Friday next.
(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Board of National Education Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Jones, until Friday next.
(4.) The second reading of the Compulsory Vaccination Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Taylor, on behalf of Mr. Jenkins, until Friday next.
16. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to authorize additional Works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize additional Works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24 August, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
17. Postponements :—
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.
(2.) The Adoption of the Report of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(3.) The Adoption of the Report of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(4.) The Adoption of the Report of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow, and to have precedence over all other business on the Paper for that day.
(5.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
5. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
6. Intermittent Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
7. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. G. MACEEAY to move, That the Petition of Messrs. Biss & Maltby, late Railway Carriers, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.
2. Mr. PARKES to move, That the Petition from Ipswich, relative to the Impounding Bill, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move :—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson," laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.
2. MR. WILD to move, That the resumption of the Debate on his motion,—
 - "(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - "(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying "it into effect," which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 20th instant, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
3. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
4. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?
6. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
7. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Board of National Education Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, "That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is "not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make "any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,"—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight :—
 - (1.) It is not reasonable to charge the Australian Colonies with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.

(2.)

(2.) If for Imperial reasons, whether to avoid a monopoly by any one powerful Company, or to carry out political views, it be deemed necessary to establish double lines of steamers to Ceylon on the one side, or to the Gulf of Mexico on the other, the Home Government ought to bear the expense of such double lines, where a postal service is already established.

(3.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.

(4.) In the opinion of this House the completion of a scheme by which a fortnightly Mail could be insured, alternately, to Melbourne and Sydney, by Ceylon and Panama—more especially when the Electric Telegraph, now in course of construction to the East Indies and America, shall be completed—would tend, in an incalculable degree, to stimulate immigration, to develop the great resources of these important Colonies, and to benefit Great Britain.

(5.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.

(6.) That should one comprehensive system not be practicable, New South Wales would, with a due contribution from the Home Government, consent to carry the Mails of the other Colonies to and from Panama—being then free to make arrangements with them as to their fair share of contribution—*provided that* the Colony of Victoria will undertake the line by Galle, upon similar terms.

(7.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 82.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1858.

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

(1.) Dispatch of Troops to India :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 22.

Governor General.

The Governor General has great satisfaction in laying before the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State, expressive of the gratification felt by Her Majesty at the alacrity shown by the Government of New South Wales, in placing at the disposal of the Government of India, such reinforcements of Troops, and such assistance in the shape of Military equipment, as could be spared from the service of the Colony.

Government House,

Sydney, 25 August, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

(2.) Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 23.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the Establishment and Endowment of Colleges within the University of Sydney,'*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 25 August, 1858.

(3.) Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 24.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act for the maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 25 August, 1858.

(4.) Law of Evidence Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 25.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 25 August, 1858.

2. Paper :—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Address, in reference to Tenders for Flour for Indian Government, adopted, on motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd instant.
3. Mr. William Sims Bell :—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from William Sims Bell, of Liverpool Plains, urging, as heir at law to his father, the late Mr. Archibald Bell, a claim to forty and a half rods of the land, in Macquarie-street, on which the present Parliament buildings are erected, and praying the House to adopt such measures as shall be equitable and just towards Petitioner.
 Petition received.

4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill reported:—Mr. Robert Campbell moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.
Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words—"this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 29, 30, 37, 38, 41, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 58, 60, 62, 65, 67, and 70;—to add new Clauses to the Bill; and further to consider Schedules A, C, F, G, H, and I."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now recommitted, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 29, 30, 37, 38, 41, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 58, 60, 62, 65, 67, and 70;—to add new Clauses to the Bill; and further to consider Schedules A, C, F, G, H, and I,—put and passed;—Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
5. Messages:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Australian Gas Light Company's Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly the following Private Bill, viz.:—The "*Australian Gas Light Company's Bill*," requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish to the Council a Copy of the Report of the Select Committee, and of the evidence taken before such Committee, on that Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 18th August, 1858. President.
- Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, moved, That the following Message in reply be carried to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the Boundaries and Limits of the City of Sydney and to increase their Capital Stock*," as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 18th instant.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 25th August, 1858.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly the following Private Bill, viz.:—The "*Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill*," requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish to the Council a Copy of the Report of the Select Committee, and of the Evidence taken before such Committee, on that Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, August, 1858. President.
- Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, moved, That the following Message in reply be carried to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize additional works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation*," as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the instant.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 25th August, 1858.
- Question put and passed.
6. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
7. Late Railway Carriers:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Messrs. Biss & Maltby, late Railway Carriers, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Ipswich, relative to the Impounding Bill, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
- The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill ; third reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Government Railways Bill reported ; adoption of the Report.
5. Municipalities Bill reported ; adoption of the Report.
6. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.
7. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR FORSTER to move :—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the 'Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.
2. MR. WILD to move, That the resumption of the Debate on his motion,—
 - "(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - "(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying "it into effect," which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 20th instant, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
3. MR. PARKES to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, be now taken into consideration, with a view to an enactment to prohibit the Immigration of Chinese to this Colony.
4. MR. JAMES MACARTHUR to move, That the conduct of the Government in neglecting to take steps, with a view to the restoration of Mr. Plunkett to the Board of National Education, conformably with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 29th of April last,—especially after conciliatory proposals on the part of Mr. Plunkett,—evinces a disregard of the expressed opinions and wishes of this House, the more to be regretted, because subversive of the principles of Responsible Government.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—
 - (1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited ?
 - (2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surecharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer ?
 - (3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority ?
6. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
7. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
8. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Sims Bell, of Liverpool Plains, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; second reading.
3. Board of National Education Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Compulsory Vaccination Bill ; second reading.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. ROTTON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If he has any objection to furnish this House with any information the Government may be in possession of, concerning the progress of the Survey of a line for a Railroad between the Nepean and Bathurst ?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, “That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is “not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make “any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,”—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight :—

(1.) It is not reasonable to charge the Australian Colonies with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.

(2.) If for Imperial reasons, whether to avoid a monopoly by any one powerful Company, or to carry out political views, it be deemed necessary to establish double lines of steamers to Ceylon on the one side, or to the Gulf of Mexico on the other, the Home Government ought to bear the expense of such double lines, where a postal service is already established.

(3.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.

(4.) In the opinion of this House the completion of a scheme by which a fortnightly Mail could be insured, alternately, to Melbourne and Sydney, by Ceylon and Panama—more especially when the Electric Telegraph, now in course of construction to the East Indies and America, shall be completed—would tend, in an incalculable degree, to stimulate immigration, to develop the great resources of these important Colonies, and to benefit Great Britain.

(5.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.

(6.) That should one comprehensive system not be practicable, New South Wales would, with a due contribution from the Home Government, consent to carry the Mails of the other Colonies to and from Panama—being then free to make arrangements with them as to their fair share of contribution—*provided that* the Colony of Victoria will undertake the line by Galle, upon similar terms.

(7.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. MR. HODGSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on Scab and Catarrh in Sheep, in relation to the several Petitions referred to it, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £655 16s., in compensation to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act of 1854, and the sum of £385 8s. by way of compensation to Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, for 1,927 sheep destroyed by him under the same Act, pursuant to the recommendations of the said Committee.

Questions :—

1. Mr. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) The names of the Contractors who undertook the erection of a Police Office at Ipswich, in the first instance; the reason why they did not fulfil their contract; and whether any penalty was exacted from them in consequence?

(2.) The cause of delay in calling for fresh tenders?

(3.) The names of the present Contractors (if any), and whether they are bound under a penalty to complete the work within a given time; and if so, the amount of penalty, and date of limitation?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1858.

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

Postponements:—

- (1.) The third reading of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Order No. 4 shall have been disposed of.
 (2.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
 (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until the Order for the third reading of the Electoral Law Amendment Bill shall have been disposed of.

2. Government Railways Bill reported:—Mr Cowper moved, "That" the report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Rotton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 128; and that Mr. Piddington do take the Chair of the "Committee."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 128; and that Mr. Piddington do take the Chair of the Committee,—put and passed;—

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

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

3. Leave to attend Select Committee of Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the proposed "St. Philip's Parsonage Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Robert Campbell in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be mutually arranged.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 August, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the proposed "St. Philip's Parsonage Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine Mr. John Campbell in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be mutually arranged.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 August, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message in reply, be carried to the Legislative Council:—

In answer to the Messages from the Legislative Council, dated the 25th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Robert Campbell, and Mr. John Campbell, Members of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the "St. Philip's Parsonage Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to those Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26 August, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be “now” read a third time.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “now,” in order to the insertion in their place of the words “re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 4, line 12, in “order to substitute the word ‘Campbelltown’ for the word ‘Narellan.’”

Debate ensued.

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

Whereupon Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, “*An Act to amend the Electoral Law.*”

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, “*An Act to amend the Electoral Law,*” begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26 August, 1858.

Speaker.

And that Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Forster, be a Deputation to carry the same.

Mr. Rotton moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words at the end, “And that Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Forster, be “a Deputation to carry the same.”

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes, } Tellers.
Mr. Thornton, }

Noes, 13.

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

The numbers being equal, the Speaker, on the ground that it would only be consistent with Parliamentary practice that a Bill of this importance should be borne by a Deputation of Members, gave his casting vote with the Ayes, and declared the Question to have *passed in the affirmat.ve.*

And the Original Question being stated,—

And Mr. Piddington offering a motion for the amendment of the Question by adding Mr. Martin to the Deputation,—

And

And the Speaker ruling that the amendment offered was out of order, as the House had already resolved that the words it proposes to amend should stand part of the Question,—

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words "and Mr. Martin,"

And a Debate arising on the point of Order,—whether the proposed amendment was in Order,—

And the Speaker ruling that the proposed amendment could not be entertained consistently with the intentions of the House, as expressed in the words which it had already declared should stand part of the Question,—

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. P. terson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Weekes, }

Noes, 13.

Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Denieby,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Murray, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

5. Messages:—The Speaker reported that during the Debate on the Question last before the House, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1) Sillitoe's Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees under a certain Indenture of Settlement made by Mr. Acton Sillitoe of land at Double Bay in the Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland to sell the said land and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the Trusts of the said Settlement,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 August, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(2) Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for the Prevention of Scab in Sheep,*" with the Amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule; in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26 August, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

6. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

7. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move:—

(1) That the Report from the Select Committee on "*Seizure of Gold on board the 'Ethereal' and 'Mary Nicholson,'*" laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.

(2) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.

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4. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways, and certain other Public Works.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
2. Intermicable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
3. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, “ That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is “ not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make “ any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,”—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight :—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sillitoe's Trust Bill; second reading.
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Railways Bill; third reading.

Question :—

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 - (2.) The cause of delay in calling for fresh tenders?
 - (3.) The names of the present Contractors (if any), and whether they are bound under a penalty to complete the work within a given time; and if so, the amount of penalty, and date of limitation?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—
- (1.) Steam Postal Communication with England:—
- W. DENISON, Message No. 26.
Governor General.
- With reference to the Address of the Legislative Assembly on the 6th of this month respecting Steam Postal Communication with England, and the Governor General's reply thereto of the 10th instant, His Excellency now transmits for the information of the Assembly, Copies of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Council upon the subject.
2. In accordance with the opinion expressed by the Council, the Governor General invites the Legislative Assembly to appropriate any sum not exceeding £50,000 a year, for a period of either seven or ten years, for the establishment of a Steam Postal Communication with England by way of Panama.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 27 August, 1858.
- Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Documents, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
- (2.) Law of Larceny Amendment Bill:—
- W. DENISON, Message No. 27.
Governor General.
- A Bill intituled, "*An Act for amending the Law relative to Larceny by Carricks and other Builees,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 27 August, 1858.
- (3) Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle Lands Investment Bill:—
- W. DENISON, Message No. 28.
Governor General.
- A Bill intituled "*An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting of certain lands situated within the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which were formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 27 August, 1858.
2. Papers:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return to the Address, in reference to the Inquiry into the conduct of Charles Luke Bayley, Esquire, J.P., adopted on the motion of Mr. Forster, on the 30th July last.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the State of the Magistracy.
- (2.) Rules of the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay, promulgated in May, June, and July, 1858.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. Railway Terminus at Parramatta:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from certain Landowners, Residents, Tradesmen, and Inhabitants of Parramatta South, praying that the site of the Railway Terminus at Parramatta may not be changed.
- Petition received.

4. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Sanderson :—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Licensed Surveyor Henry Sanderson, late Assistant Surveyor, Moreton Bay District, complaining of his dismissal from that office, and praying that his case may be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Management of the Survey Department. Petition received.
5. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, a letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Sydney Grammar School, enclosing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of that Institution for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Seizure of Gold Dust on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson" :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on "Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson," laid upon the Table of this House on the 13th instant, be now adopted.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the said Report.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. White,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Madley,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.

7. Articles of Food Inspection Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly requests that the Legislative Council will communicate a copy of the Report from, and Evidence taken before, its Select Committee on the "*Articles of Food Inspection Bill*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27 August, 1858. Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Sillitoe's Trust Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly requests that the Legislative Council will communicate a Copy of the Report from, and Evidence taken before, its Select Committee on "*Sillitoe's Trust Bill*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27 August, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Proposed Extension of the Interval between Sentence and Execution :—Mr. Wild moved, pursuant to notice, That the resumption of the Debate on his motion,—

"(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.

"(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying it into effect," which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 20th instant, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

10. Motions withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Parkes withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

(2.) Mr. Macarthur withdrew the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

11. Expenditure without Parliamentary Sanction :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Auditor General be ordered forthwith to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer the following Questions :—

(1.) In the cases stated by the Colonial Treasurer to have occurred in the payment of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,—without Parliamentary sanction, (which payments amounted on the 18th June last, to the sum of £13,276 9s. 5d., and were made upon the Warrant of the Governor General alone,) have such payments been audited?

(2.) Has the Colonial Treasurer been surcharged by the Auditor General with such sums illegally issued by the said Colonial Treasurer?

(3.) If not—by what authority the Auditor General has audited or passed the said issues of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and who gave him that authority?

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes after nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, "That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,"—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight:—
 - (1.) It is not reasonable to charge the Australian Colonies with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.
 - (2.) If for Imperial reasons, whether to avoid a monopoly by any one powerful Company, or to carry out political views, it be deemed necessary to establish double lines of steamers to Ceylon on the one side, or to the Gulf of Mexico on the other, the Home Government ought to bear the expense of such double lines, where a postal service is already established.
 - (3.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.
 - (4.) In the opinion of this House the completion of a scheme by which a fortnightly Mail could be insured, alternately, to Melbourne and Sydney, by Ceylon and Panama—more especially when the Electric Telegraph, now in course of construction to the East Indies and America, shall be completed—would tend, in an incalculable degree, to stimulate immigration, to develop the great resources of these important Colonies, and to benefit Great Britain.
 - (5.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.
 - (6.) That should one comprehensive system not be practicable, New South Wales would, with a due contribution from the Home Government, consent to carry the Mails of the other Colonies to and from Panama—being then free to make arrangements with them as to their fair share of contribution—*provided that* the Colony of Victoria will undertake the line by Galle, upon similar terms.
 - (7.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
2. MR. HOBSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on Scab and Catarrh in Sheep, in relation to the several Petitions referred to it, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £655 16s., in compensation to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act of 1854, and the sum of £385 8s. by way of compensation to Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, for 1,927 sheep destroyed by him under the same Act, pursuant to the recommendations of the said Committee.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition relative to the site of the Railway Terminus at Parramatta, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Sanderson, late Assistant Surveyor, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move that an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Despatch addressed to the Secretary of State, dated 26 February, 1858, upon

upon the subject of 100 artillery horses and certain military equipments, stated to have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India by this Government; to which Despatch the Message from His Excellency the Governor General laid upon the Table of this House, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, has reference.

6. Mr. LENIEHY to move, That the Petition of William Wedge Darke received by this House on the 20th instant, be printed.
7. Mr. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line, from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
8. Mr. PARKES to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.
9. Mr. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Sims Bell, of Liverpool Plains, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sillitoe's Trust Bill; second reading.
2. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Resumption of the Debate on Mr. Wild's motion,—
 - "(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that the interval between the sentence and execution of condemned criminals should be considerably extended.
 - "(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General embodying the above Resolution, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying "it into effect."
4. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; second reading.
6. Board of National Education Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Compulsory Vaccination Bill; second reading.
8. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways, and certain other Public Works.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; third reading.
2. Municipalities Bill reported; adoption of the Report.
3. Intermicable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
4. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. Mr. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) The names of the Contractors who undertook the erection of a Police Office at Ipswich, in the first instance; the reason why they did not fulfil their contract; and whether any penalty was exacted from them in consequence?
 - (2.) The cause of delay in calling for fresh tenders?
 - (3.) The names of the present Contractors (if any), and whether they are bound under a penalty to complete the work within a given time; and if so, the amount of penalty, and date of limitation?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.

MEMO.—*Votes No. 83. Entry 3.* The word "proposed," before the words "St. Philip's "Parsonage Bill," in the Legislative Council's Messages of 25th instant, will be omitted from the revised Edition of the Minutes published as the Journal of the Council. *Vide Clerk of Council's Letter to Clerk of Assembly, No. 164, of 27 August, 1858.*

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Vacant Seat:—The Speaker having reported that he had received a letter dated the 28th instant, from Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigning his seat in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland,—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Henry Parkes, Esquire.
 Question put and passed.
2. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill:—
 (1.) Mr. Martin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 31st of March last, together with the said Bill, as agreed to in the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Martin moved, That the Second Reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
 Question put and passed.
3. Leave of Absence:—
 (1.) For one month granted to Mr. Rotton, on motion of Mr. Jones.
 (2.) For three weeks granted to Mr. Deniehy, on motion of Mr. Dalley.
4. New Mariner's Church:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Master Mariners and Mariners, representing that by means of charitable subscriptions a new Mariners' Church has been erected, but that a sum of £1,400 yet remains to be provided on account of the Building, and praying the House to consider the premises and afford Petitioners such consideration therein as may appear just and reasonable.
 Petition received.
5. Papers:—
 1. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper,—
 (1) Return to the order, in reference to Expenditure Authorized and Unauthorized by Vote since 18th June last, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 13th instant.
 Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 (2.) The Annual Statistics for the year 1857.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3) The Return to the Address, in reference to Mr. Robert Vining Gale, adopted, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on the 29th June last.
 (4.) The Blue Book for 1857.
6. Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th instant, "That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,"—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight:—
 (1.) It is not reasonable to charge the Australian Colonies with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas

Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.

(2.) If for Imperial reasons, whether to avoid a monopoly by any one powerful Company, or to carry out political views, it be deemed necessary to establish double lines of steamers to Ceylon on the one side, or to the Gulf of Mexico on the other, the Home Government ought to bear the expense of such double lines, where a postal service is already established.

(3.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.

(4.) In the opinion of this House the completion of a scheme by which a fortnightly Mail could be ensured, alternately, to Melbourne and Sydney, by Ceylon and Panama—more especially when the Electric Telegraph, now in course of construction to the East Indies and America, shall be completed—would tend, in an incalculable degree, to stimulate immigration, to develop the great resources of these important Colonies, and to benefit Great Britain.

(5.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.

(6.) That should one comprehensive system not be practicable, New South Wales would, with a due contribution from the Home Government, consent to carry the Mails of the other Colonies to and from Panama—being then free to make arrangements with them as to their fair share of contribution—*provided that* the Colony of Victoria will undertake the line by Galle, upon similar terms.

(7.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. Compensation for Sheep destroyed under the Scab Act of 1854 :—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on Scab and Catarrh in Sheep, in relation to the several Petitions referred to it, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £655 16s, in compensation to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act of 1854, and the sum of £385 8s. by way of compensation to Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, for 1,927 sheep destroyed by him under the same Act, pursuant to the recommendations of the said Committee.
Question put and passed.
8. Railway Terminus at Parramatta :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the site of the Railway Terminus at Parramatta, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Sanderson :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Sanderson, late Assistant Surveyor, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Dispatch of Troops to India :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Despatch addressed to the Secretary of State, dated 26 February, 1858, upon the subject of 100 artillery horses and certain military equipments, stated to have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India by this Government; as well as a copy of the Proceedings of the Executive Council upon the same matter; to which Despatch and Proceedings the Message from His Excellency the Governor General laid upon the Table of this House, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, has reference.
Question put and passed.
11. Mr. Assistant Surveyor Darke :—Mr. White, on behalf of Mr. Denichy, moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition of William Wedge Darke, received by this House on the 20th instant, be printed and referred to the Select Committee on the Management of the Survey Department.
And the Petition being read at length by the Clerk,—
Debate ensued.
Question put
The House divided.

Ayes,

Ayes, 17.

Mr. White,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Donaldson,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.

Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.

12. Railway to Morpeth:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making a Railway to Morpeth, diverging from the most convenient point on the present line from Newcastle to Maitland, with power to call for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. White, Mr. Dickson, and the Mover.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. White,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers

13. Motion Dropped:—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, —dropped.
14. Mr. William Sims Bell:—Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Macleay, That the Petition of Mr. William Sims Bell, of Liverpool Plains, presented by Mr. Macleay on the 25th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of Sillitoe's Trust Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Suttor, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, until Friday next.
16. Proposed Extension of the Interval between Sentence and Execution:—The order for the Resumption of the Debate on Mr. Wild's motion on this subject discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Wild.
17. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records' Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until Tuesday next.
18. Articles of Food Inspection Bill, on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
19. Board of National Education Bill:—On motion of Mr. Jones, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
20. Compulsory Vaccination Bill:—No Member moving the second reading of this Bill, it dropped.
21. Postponements:—
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, until to-morrow.
(2.) Mr. R. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
(3.) The third reading of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(4.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL, to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways, and certain other Public Works.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Railways Bill ; third reading.
2. Municipalities Bill reported ; adoption of the Report.
3. Intermittent Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.
4. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Petition from the Master Mariners and Mariners, now in the Port of Sydney, presented by him on the 31st ultimo, be printed:

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. MURRAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any line for the extension of the Railway between Picton and Goulburn has been decided on, or approved of, by the Government?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registration Office in each year, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing ; also, for safes ; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep destroyed under Scab Act ; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
2. Sillitoe's Trust Bill ; second reading.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Board of National Education Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers :—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper :—
(1.) Comparative Return of the Population in the Southern, Middle, Northern, and Metropolitan Electoral Districts of the Colony.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(2.) Report of the Proceedings of the Expedition in search of Dr. Leichhardt, under the direction of A. C. Gregory, Esquire.
(3.) Return to the Order, in reference to Bridges erected upon the Main Lines of Road, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on the 18th May last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 :—Mr R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways, and certain other Public Works.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Government Railways Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1 September, 1858.

Speaker.
4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 :—Mr. R. Campbell having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways and certain other Public Works,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
5. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The Adoption of the Report of the Municipalities Bill from the Committee of the whole House postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the fourth Order on the Paper of Government Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
 - (2.) Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill be postponed until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. District Courts Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. Messages :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Articles of Food Inspection Bill :—

The Legislative Council communicates to the Legislative Assembly, a copy of its Report from, and Evidence taken before, its Select Committee on the Bill intituled, "*An Act to protect the public against the sale of unwholesome and deleterious articles of food*" as requested by the Assembly's Message of the 27th ultimo.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(2.) Sillitoe's Trust Bill :—

The Legislative Council communicates to the Legislative Assembly, a copy of its Report from, and Evidence taken before, its Select Committee on the Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees under a certain Indenture of Settlement made by Mr. Acton Sillitoe of land at Double Bay in the Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland to sell the said land and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the trusts of the said settlement,*" as requested by the Assembly's Message of the 27th ultimo.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(3.) Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their works to places beyond the boundaries and limits of the City of Sydney and to increase their Capital Stock,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

(4.) Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

8. Municipalities Bill Reported :—Mr. Cowper moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to add three new Clauses, and to re-consider Clause 89."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed with a view to add three new Clauses, and to re-consider Clause 89,—put and passed ;—
Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
9. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
10. New Mariners' Church :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Master Mariners and Mariners, now in the Port of Sydney, presented by him on the 31st ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.
The House adjourned at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the granting of Crown Lands for public purposes, and the alienation and sale, in certain cases, of Crown Lands, otherwise than at auction ; and also to prevent the unauthorized occupation of Crown Lands and to alter, in certain respects, the Regulations relating thereto.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill; second reading.
4. Intermittent Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
5. Municipalities Bill; third reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Treak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registration Office in each year, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing; also, for safes; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.
3. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Government of New South Wales and that of Victoria, respecting the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Albury.
 - (2.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works and the Surveyor General, or other Officers, on the same subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep destroyed under Scab Act; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
2. Sillitoe's Trust Bill; second reading.
3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Board of National Education Bill; third reading.
5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the granting of Crown Lands for public purposes, and the alienation and sale, in certain cases, of Crown Lands, otherwise than at auction; and also to prevent the unauthorized occupation of Crown Lands, and to alter, in certain respects, the Regulations relating thereto.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
(2.) Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the granting of Crown Lands for public purposes, and the alienation and sale in certain cases of Crown Lands otherwise than at auction and also to prevent the unauthorized occupation of Crown Lands and to alter in certain respects the regulations relating thereto,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
- 2. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Wednesday next.
- 3. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments,—
Mr. Cowper moved "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, be now adopted.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be "*now*" re-committed with a view to the "further consideration of Clauses 1, 2, and 5."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question stated,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted.
Mr. Piddington moved, That the proposed Amendment be amended, by the omission of the word "*now*," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

- Mr. Cowper,
- Mr. Martin,
- Mr. R. Campbell,
- Mr. Robertson,
- Mr. Jones,
- Mr. Hodgson,
- Mr. Murray,
- Mr. G. Macleay,
- Mr. Richardson,
- Mr. White,
- Mr. Scott,
- Mr. W. B. Tooth,
- Mr. Weckes,
- Mr. Jamison,
- Mr. Hay,
- Mr. Donaldson,
- Mr. J. Campbell,
- Mr. Suttor,
- Mr. Egan,
- Mr. Smith,
- Mr. Macarthur,
- Mr. Moriarty,
- Mr. Wild,
- Mr. Lloyd,
- Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.

Noes, 9.

- Mr. Gordon,
- Mr. W. Macleay,
- Mr. Byrnes,
- Mr. Oakes,
- Mr. Lord,
- Mr. Forster,
- Mr. Dickson,
- Mr. Arnold,
- Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Question.

Question again stated,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted.

Mr. Lord moved, That the proposed Amendment be amended by adding at the end, the words and figure "and Clause 6."

Question,—That the words and figure proposed to be added at the end of the proposed Amendment, be there added,—put and negatived.

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

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the re-consideration of Clauses 1, 2, and 5,— put and passed ;—

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

4. Postponements :—

(1) The second reading of the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.

(2.) The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

5. Municipalities Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for establishing Municipal Institutions.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon, Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for establishing Municipal Institutions,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd September, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.

2. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—

(1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.

(2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registration Office in each year, during the same period.

(3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing ; also, for safes ; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.

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

(1.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Government of New South Wales and that of Victoria, respecting the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Albury.

(2.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works and the Surveyor General, or other Officers, on the same subject.

4. MR. SMITH to move, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep destroyed under Scab Act ; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.

2. Sillitoe's Trust Bill ; second reading.

3. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

4. Board of National Education Bill ; third reading.

5. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill; third reading.
- 2. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill; second reading.
- 3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
- 4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. Mr. WILLIAMSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- 2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
- 2. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
- 3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Second Progress Report from the Commission appointed to inquire into the recent Railway Accident,—
 Which was read at length by the Clerk, and,—
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponements:—
 (1.) Mr. Thornton, on behalf of Mr. Williamson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Williamson first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 (2.) Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. White, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. White second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Bridge over the River Murray at Albury:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 (1.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Government of New South Wales and that of Victoria, respecting the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Albury.
 (2.) Copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works and the Surveyor General, or other Officers, on the same subject.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. George Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Smith, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Smith fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
5. State of the Magistracy:—Mr. Murray, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy, in reference to the case of Pearce v. Bayley, the proceedings in which were referred to that Committee on the 22nd July last.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. Compensation for Sheep destroyed under the Scab Act of 1854:—Mr. Hodgson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1858 the sum of £655 16s. in compensation to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act of 1854; and the sum of £385 8s. by way of compensation to Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, for 1,927 sheep destroyed by him under the same Act,—pursuant to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Scab and Catarrh in Sheep.
 Question put and passed;—
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
 Resolved:—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £655 16s., in compensation to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 sheep destroyed by him, under the Scab Act of 1854; and the sum of £385 8s. by way of compensation to Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, for 1,927 sheep destroyed by him under the same Act,—pursuant to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Scab and Catarrh in Sheep.
 Mr. Hodgson moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.
 Question put and passed.

7. Sillitoe's Trust Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill:—Upon motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Hodgson moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments so agreed to. Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Hodgson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act for the prevention of Scab in Sheep.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 September, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Board of National Education Bill, on motion of Mr. Jones, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Jones then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to confer a power of Sale and Exchange on the Board of National Education.*"

Question put and passed;—

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

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to confer a power of Sale and Exchange on the Board of National Education,*" with the following Amendments, in which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—

Preamble, line 4, *omit* "establishing schools on preferable sites or under improved arrangements," *substitute* "providing other and more convenient sites or erecting or improving school buildings thereon in the same township or neighbourhood."

Clause 2, lines 14, 15, and 16, *omit* "and as nearly as the case will admit for the promotion of the National System of Education in the immediate vicinity of the property sold or exchanged," *substitute* "by providing other and more convenient sites or erecting or improving school buildings thereon in the same township or neighbourhood to be conducted under the National System of Education."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 September, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

11. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutter,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Hodgson, }

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Fancett,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Moriarty,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to impose an Assessment on "Runs" in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts and to increase the Rent of Lands leased for Pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales.*"

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*Runs,*" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "*Stock.*"

Debate ensued.

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

Original Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts and to Increase the Rent of Lands leased for Pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 September, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.

(3.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next, and to have precedence over all other Orders for that day.

The House adjourned at a quarter after Six o'clock, until Three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.

3. Mr. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
- (1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registration Office in each year, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing; also, for safes; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.
4. Mr. SMITH to move, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Sillitoe's Trust Bill; third reading.
4. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND WORKS,—What steps have been taken with reference to the public road between Goulburn and Bungendore, on the east side of Lake George, alleged to have been wrongfully fenced across by Mr. F. Cooper, and regarding which a complaint was formerly made to the Executive Government?
2. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND WORKS,—
 - (1.) Will the Government in future recognize, in all cases, the right to acquire by tender leases of Crown Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the Orders in Council?
 - (2.) Will such leases be issued in future, and if so, on what conditions, and for what terms of years?
 - (3.) Will any difference be made in respect of the issue of such leases between the lands north of the Clarence River and New England Districts, as compared with other portions of the Colony?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
2. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Dr. Alcorn, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. B. Tooth, Mr. Weekes, Mr. White, Mr. Wild, and Mr. Williamson,—the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 ; second reading.
2. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill ; second reading.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
6. District Courts Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.
3. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registry Office in each year, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing ; also, for safes ; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.
4. MR. SMITH to move, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Sillitoe's Trust Bill ; third reading.
4. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.

Questions :—

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND WORKS,—What steps have been taken with reference to the public road between Goulburn and Bungendore, on the east side of Lake George, alleged to have been wrongfully fenced across by Mr. F. Cooper, and regarding which a complaint was formerly made to the Executive Government?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND WORKS,—
 - (1.) Will the Government in future recognize, in all cases, the right to acquire by tender leases of Crown Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the Orders in Council?
 - (2.) Will such leases be issued in future, and if so, on what conditions, and for what terms of years?
 - (3.) Will any difference be made in respect of the issue of such leases between the lands north of the Clarence River and New England Districts, as compared with other portions of the Colony?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address in reference to the dispatch of Troops to India, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 31st ultimo.
 - (2.) Communication from Captain Loring of Her Majesty's Ship "Iris," dated at Sydney, 6th September, 1858, on the subject of the murder of the Master and two of the crew of the schooner "Anne and Jane" on the Island of Tanna, in December last; and also with reference to the massacre of the crew of the "Gazelle" at Woodlark Island, in 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Friday next.
 - (3.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow week.
 3. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for "to-morrow."
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "to-morrow," at the end, with a view to the insertion in its place, of the words "this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.	Noes, 10.
Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Faucett, Dr. Aldcorn, Mr. Willd, Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers. Mr. Arnold,	Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. W. B. Tooth, Mr. Scott, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Egan, Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
- Whereupon Original Question put and passed.
4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1857-8.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again so soon as the seventh Order on the Paper of Government Business for to-day shall have been disposed of, and reported the following Resolutions:—
This Committee having taken into consideration the Governor General's Message of 27 August, 1858, No. 26, respecting Steam Postal Communication, Resolves,—
 - (1.) That a sum not exceeding £50,000 per annum be appropriated for ten years towards defraying the cost of establishing Steam Postal Communication, monthly, between Sydney and Panama, under a Contract to be entered into by the Imperial Government and the Government of New South Wales, with parties willing and competent to undertake the service.
 - (2.) That application be made to the Imperial Government to authorize the conveyance of the Mails for the Australasian Colonies, under the Contract already entered into for Steam Postal Communication between London and Aspinwall.
 - (3.) That the Imperial Government be also requested to take the necessary steps for securing the conveyance of the Australian Mails, by the Railway, from Aspinwall to Panama.
 - (4.) That the Colonies of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and New Zealand, be also requested to co-operate with the Government of New South Wales, in undertaking to pay an equitable contribution for the advantages which may be afforded to them respectively by the establishment of such means of communication.

(5.)

(5.) That the Government of Victoria be invited to contract in a similar way for the establishment of a monthly Steam Postal Communication between Melbourne and Suez or Point de Galle.

(6.) That in the event of Victoria co-operating with New South Wales in defraying the cost of the Mail Contract *via* Panama, this Colony ought to co-operate with the Government of Victoria in paying an equitable amount for the conveyance of letters by the Point de Galle route.

(7.) That the expense which may be incurred in establishing either or both of these Postal Services should be borne in equal proportions by the Imperial Government and the Australian Colonies.

(8.) That letters brought by either the Panama or Galle mail routes be conveyed by each Colony for which they are directed by such arrangement as may be respectively determined.

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That these Resolutions be communicated by Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take present steps for giving effect thereto.

Question put and passed.

5. District Courts Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments,—

Mr. Martin moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, be now adopted.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 26, and to add a new Clause."

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

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

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 26, and to add a new Clause,—put and passed ;—

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

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

6. Postponement :—The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

Notice being taken, upon the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill ; second reading.
2. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.
2. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and report, relating to the seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th instant by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.
3. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the several amounts of salary, fees, and other emoluments received by the Bishop's Secretary in each year, from 1837 to 1857, and specifying from what fund or funds severally derived.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the amounts of the several fees received by the Diocesan Registration Office in each year, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the several sums paid from the General Revenue, during the same period, for stationery and printing ; also, for safes ; also, for cleaning and painting the latter, for the use of the Diocesan Registry Office, during the same period.

4. MR. SMITH to move, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Sillitoe's Trust Bill; third reading.
4. Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course does the Government intend pursuing with reference to the Report of the Select Committee on the Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson," adopted by this House, on Friday, August 27th?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
2. District Courts Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table Communications from A. C. Gregory, Esquire, in reference to the Expedition in search of Dr. Leichhardt, under his direction.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Land taken for Railway purposes at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle:—Dr. Bowker presented a Petition from certain Lessees of Land at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, representing that in consequence of a dispute as to the validity of their Leases, they have hitherto been unable to obtain Compensation for Lands taken from them at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle, for Railway purposes, and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Cowper,	} Tellers.
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	
Mr. J. Campbell,	
Mr. Wild,	
Mr. Richardson,	
Mr. Jones,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Piddington,	} Tellers.
Mr. Hodgson,	
Mr. Dickson,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. W. B. Tooth,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. W. Macleay,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Moriarty,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Donaldson,	

Question,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be there added,—put and passed;—

Whereupon Question,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.

4. Postponement:—The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
5. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Williamson postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
7. Seizure and Release of the Brig "Freak":—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, informations, and reports, relating to the alleged seizure of the Brig "Freak," on the 16th ultimo, by H. M. Customs, and her subsequent release.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. White withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Smith, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Smith fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Owen, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) The consideration in Committee of the Articles of Food Inspection Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.

10.

10. Sillitoc's Trust Bill:—On motion of Mr. Forster, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees under a certain Indenture of Settlement made by Mr. Acton Sillitoc of land at Double Bay in the Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland to sell the said land and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the trusts of the said settlement.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon, Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees under a certain Indenture of Settlement made by Mr. Acton Sillitoc of land at Double Bay in the Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland to sell the said land and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the trusts of the said settlement,*" begs to return the same to the Legislative Council, without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9 September, 1853.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Acts shortening Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to amend and extend the Act passed for shortening Acts of the Legislature.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend and extend the Act passed for shortening Acts of the Legislature,*" with the following Amendments, in which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz:—

- Page 2, Clause 4, line 8.—After "*affect*," insert "*any civil,*" and omit "*s*" after "*proceeding.*"
" 2, " 4; lines 11 and 12.—Omit "*And the disallowance of an Act by Her Majesty shall be deemed a repeal of the same within the meaning of this section.*"
" 2, " 6, lines 19, 20, and 21.—Omit "*and the words 'Governor in Council' shall be taken to mean the Governor of this Colony for the time being acting with the advice of his Executive Council.*"
" 2, " 6, line 22.—Omit "*in.*" After "*Governor*" substitute "*with the advice of the Executive.*"
" 2, " 6, line 23.—After "*made,*" insert "*or purporting to be made.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9 September, 1853.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. BOWKER to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Newcastle, relative to Land at Honeysuckle Point, taken for Railway purposes, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Henry Sanderson, presented by him on the 27th and ordered to be printed on the 31st ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Management of the Survey Department."
3. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of any communications that may have passed between the Government and any persons in this Colony, in reference to the St. John's College Act.
 - (2.) A copy of any despatches or documents transmitted by this Government to the Home Government, in reference to the said Act.
 - (3.) A copy of any despatches or documents received by this Government from the Home Government, in reference to the said Act.

4. MR. DONALDSON to move,—

That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th ultimo, “That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,”—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight:—

(1.) The Australian Colonies ought not to be charged with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.

(2.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.

(3.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.

(4.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

5. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.

6. MR. SMITH to move, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
2. District Courts Bill; third reading.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether Tenders have been accepted for building the Bridges at Jugiong and Gunning?
 - (2.) If not, why new Tenders have not been advertised for?
2. MR. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether there is any immediate probability of a Resident Commissioner of Crown Lands, in connection with the Surveyor General's Department, being appointed to the District of Darling Downs?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a letter from Mr. Crown Lands Commissioner Wiseman, dated 26th ultimo, in reference to the Gold Discovery on the Fitz Roy River.
 Letter read at length by the Clerk, and,—
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Land taken for Railway Purposes, at Honeysuckle Point, Newcastle:—Dr. Bowker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Newcastle, relative to Land at Honeysuckle Point, taken for Railway purposes, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Mr. Licensed Surveyor Sanderson:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Henry Sanderson, presented by him on the 27th, and ordered to be printed on the 31st ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Management of the Survey Department."
 Question put and passed.
4. St. John's College Act:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A copy of any communications that may have passed between the Government and any persons in this Colony, in reference to the St. John's College Act.
 (2.) A copy of any despatches or documents transmitted by this Government to the Home Government, in reference to the said Act.
 (3.) A copy of any despatches or documents received by this Government from the Home Government, in reference to the said Act.
 Question put and passed.
5. Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice,—
 That this House having considered the present position of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, especially with reference to the recent failure of the European and Australian Mail Company, and to the necessity now arising for fresh arrangements,—while re-affirming the Resolution arrived at on the 6th ultimo, "That in any future contract for the Mail Service, it is not for the interest of New South Wales that the Imperial Government should make any arrangement binding upon this Colony without previous reference thereto,"—Resolves further, That in any future contract for Postal Communication with Great Britain, the following considerations ought to have due weight:—
 (1.) The Australian Colonies ought not to be charged with any subsidy for the conveyance of the Mails on those trunk lines already established as portions of the grand Imperial Postal system, namely, that to the east by the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Point de Galle, and that to the west by the West Indies to the Isthmus of Panama, so long as the established rate of postage is paid, because all the great States of Europe which possess Colonies,—especially France, Russia, Holland, Spain, and Portugal, as well as Brazil and the South American Republic,—are gratuitously afforded the immense social and political advantages which the Great Trunk Lines develop, while the Australias, Britain's best customers, and her own Colonies, have never yet been efficiently brought within the scope of these Imperial arrangements.
 (2.) From the geographical position of the two principal Colonies of the Australian Group, New South Wales, and Victoria, the latter Colony is better able to undertake the Postal Service between Melbourne and Galle, while the former might establish the line from Sydney *via* New Zealand and Panama.
 (3.) That with these considerations in view, this Colony would willingly undertake her fair share of any arrangement which shall embrace the whole of the Australian Group in one comprehensive Postal system.

(4.)

(4.) That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded with an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will bring the same, without delay, under the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

6. **New Mariners Church**:—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, having taken into consideration the Petition of the Master Mariners and Mariners received on the 31st ultimo, will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1858, the sum of £1,400, in aid of charitable contributions already received, to defray the expense of erecting the new Church for Mariners frequenting Port Jackson.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Wild,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.
Mr. Williamson, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Flood, }

7. **Message**:—The Speaker reported that during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill**;—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to expedite Suits and Proceedings in Equity, and to facilitate the dispatch of Business in the Supreme Court in Banco*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

(2.) **Board of National Education Bill**;—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to confer a power of Sale and Exchange on the Board of National Education*."

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,

President.

8. **Tenders for Flour for Indian Government**:—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That the papers referring to the Flour, tendered by Mr. William Nicholson, for the Indian Government, laid upon the Table of this House, in return to the Address adopted on his motion, on the 3rd ultimo, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided,—

And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows:—

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Smith, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Dickson, }

And it appearing by such Report that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
2. District Courts Bill; third reading.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course does the Government intend pursuing with reference to the Report of the Select Committee on the Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal" and "Mary Nicholson," adopted by this House on Friday, August 27?
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
New Member Sworn :—John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned.
2. Days for dispatch of Business during remainder of Session :—Mr. Cowper moved, without previous notice,—
 - (1.) That until otherwise ordered, this House will meet for dispatch of Business, during the remainder of the present Session, at Three o'clock, on Thursday and Friday in each week.
 - (2.) That this House at its rising to-day do adjourn until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.
 Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.	Noes, 10.
Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Scott, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Egan, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dalley,	Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wild, Mr. W. B. Tooth, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. White, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Donaldson,
} Tellers.	} Tellers.
3. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill :—On motion of Mr. Owen, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that, upon a Division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty members present exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at seven minutes before Six o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill; second reading.
3. District Courts Bill; third reading.
4. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

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

Pymont Bridge Company's Bill:—The Speaker reported that, whilst the House was in Committee on Tuesday last, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize additional works by the Pymont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation*," with the Amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10 September, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a By-law, passed by the Council of St. John's College, on 9th August last.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the Return to the Order, in reference to the Seizure and Release of the brig "Freak," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Williamson, on the 9th instant.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Mr. Percy Simpson:—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition from Percy Simpson, enumerating his various employments in the Public Service, and praying that his services may be taken into favorable consideration, in accordance with the spirit of the Act of Parliament 4th and 5th Wm. IV., and Treasury Minute, dated 21 June, 1831.
Petition received.

4. Management of the Survey Department—Question of Privilege:—Mr. White, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Management of the Survey Department, in reference to a Question of Privilege which had arisen out of the Inquiry carried on by the Committee.

Report read at length by the Clerk, and,—

Ordered to be printed.

5. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow week.

6. Crown Lands Alienation in certain cases Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

Notice being taken that there was not a quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty members present exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Percy Simpson, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Sessional Order, adopted by this House on Tuesday last, limiting its sittings to two days in each week, be suspended, until the completion of the business before the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* Panama.
2. MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the first Electoral Rolls under the Electoral Act of 1858.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; third reading.
2. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any action has been taken by the Government for the purpose of bringing under the special notice of the Commissioners for Railways, that paragraph in the Final Report of the Select Committee on the Railway Accident, which marks the disapproval of the House of the breach of privilege committed by them in suspending Mr. Ralph Richardson from his office of Time-keeper on the Great Southern Line, prior to the Final Report of the Committee to the House; and if so, with what result?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant, be now adopted
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. There being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Arnold, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. White,—the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* Panama.
2. MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the first Electoral Rolls under the Electoral Act of 1858.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Bill; third reading.
2. Intermicable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WHITE to move,—
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant, be now adopted.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Percy Simpson, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Sessional Order, adopted by this House on Tuesday last, limiting its sittings to two days in each week, be suspended, until the completion of the business before the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any action has been taken by the Government for the purpose of bringing under the special notice of the Commissioners for Railways, that paragraph in the Final Report of the Select Committee on the Railway Accident, which marks the disapproval of the House of the breach of privilege committed by them in suspending Mr. Ralph Richardson from his office of Time-keeper on the Great Southern Line, prior to the Final Report of the Committee to the House; and if so, with what result?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Crown Lands Alienation in Certain Cases Bill, on the 16th instant, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Act passed for shortening Acts of the Legislature.*"
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15 September, 1858. W. W. BURTON,
President.
2. Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address, in reference to St. John's Colloge Act, adopted, on motion of Mr. Faucett, on the 10th instant.
 - (2.) Return to the Address, in reference to Unassisted and Assisted Government Immigration from 1842, adopted, on motion of Mr. Denichy, on 8th June last.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Accounts of the undermentioned Road Trusts:—
 - (3.) Narrellan, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (4.) South Head, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (5.) Parramatta, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (6.) Liverpool, from 1 July to 31 December, 1856; from 1 January to 30 June, 1857; and from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (7.) Campbelltown, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (8.) Penrith, from 1 January to 30 June, 1857; and from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (9.) Windsor, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (10.) Richmond, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
 - (11.) Randwick and Coogee, from 1 July to 31 December, 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Steam Postal Communication Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* Panama. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. First Electoral Rolls' Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the first Electoral Rolls under the Electoral Act of 1858. Debate ensued. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
5. Steam Postal Communication Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain, via Panama,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. First Electoral Rolls Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the first Electoral Rolls under the Electoral Act of 1858,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. District Courts Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved that this Bill be "now" read a third time. Mr. R. Campbell moved, That the Question be Amended by the omission of all the words following the word "now," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the Schedule of Fees." Debate ensued. Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question

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

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed with a view to the further consideration of the Schedule of Fees,—put and passed;—

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time at a later hour of the evening.

8. Postponement:—The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until the third Order on the Paper of Government Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
9. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the evening.
10. District Courts Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for Establishing District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act for establishing District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions,*" with the following Amendments, in which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—

Page 2, Clause 7, line 26. Before "hundred" omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 2, " 7, " 28 to 37. Omit Provisoes.
 " 2, " 8, " 39. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 3, " 12, " 11. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 3, " 13, " 17. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 3, " 13, " 19. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 3, " 15, " 26. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 4, " 20, " 10. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 4, " 21, " 14. Before "hundred," omit "one," substitute "two."
 " 5, " 25, " —. Omit entire Clause.
 " 5, " 26, " 28. Before "Quarter Sessions," insert "General and."
 " 5, " 26, " 29. After "appointed" add "And every such Chairman shall be the sole Judge at the trial of all criminal issues in such Courts and in all matters relating to any information filed therein for any felony or misdemeanor and all such Courts of General and Quarter Sessions shall possess jurisdiction in respect of all crimes and misdemeanors not punishable with death anything in any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding."

Page 5. After Clause 26, insert the following to stand Clause 26:—

(*Special commission may issue to one or more Judges of District Courts enabling them to discharge duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court at remote places.*)

"It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council at any time to issue a special commission to any one or more District Court Judge or Judges or to any one or more Barrister or Barristers of five years' standing appointing him or them to act as Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court for the trial of issues civil or criminal at any Circuit Court or Court of Gaol Delivery or at remote places at which a Judge of the Supreme Court could not attend without detriment to the ordinary business of that Court and thereupon the Judge or Judges so appointed shall at the place and for the time and purposes specified in such commission have and exercise all the powers and privileges and discharge all the duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court."

Page 5, Clause 27, line 39 to 42. Omit entire proviso.

" 5, " 29, " 52. Insert in blank "one thousand pounds."
 " 6, " 29, " 3. After "District Court" add "Provided also that if any District Court shall be abolished whether by consolidation with any other District Court or otherwise no Judge or other officer of such District Court shall be entitled to any compensation on account of ceasing to hold his office."

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Page 6. After Clause 30, insert the following to stand Clause 31 :—

(Powers under Deserted Wives' and Children's Act Amendment Act.)

"The Jurisdiction and powers which by the Act passed in the present Session for amending the Deserted Wives' and Children's Act are vested in and conferred on the Supreme Court and the Judges thereof severally for protecting in certain cases the Property of Married Women deserted by their Husbands may be equally exercised by every District Court and the Judge or Deputy Judge thereof and every Order made in that behalf shall while in force have the same validity and effect as a similar Order made under the same Act by the Supreme Court."

Page 9, Clause 49, line 27. Insert in blank "two pounds."

" 10, " 57, " 55 and 56. After "satisfied" omit "by either party to a" substitute "that any."

" 10, " 57, " 56. After "Court" omit "that such cause."

" 11, " 57, " 1. Omit "some convenient," substitute "the nearest."

" 11, " 57, " 2. Omit, "at his discretion."

" 13, " 73, " 45. After "mentioned," add "Provided that no such fees to Barristers or Attorneys shall be allowed in any case where the sum sued for shall not exceed ten pounds."

" 19, " 101, " 10. Omit "subject to the approval of two of the Judges of the Supreme Court."

" 19, " 101, " 21. After "several Courts," add "The first set of rules so made shall be subject to the approval of the Judges of the Supreme Court or any two of them."

" 20, " 111, " 53. Before "cited," insert "may be."

" 20. After Clause 111, insert the following Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

COURT FEES.

	In cases not exceeding £5.		In cases not exceeding £10.		In cases not exceeding £30.		In all other cases.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
For filing every plaint, issuing summons, and other proceedings to judgment	2	6	5	0	7	6	20	0
For issuing every subpoena	0	6	0	6	1	0	1	0
For service of every summons or subpoena, if within two miles from the Court House	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6
For such service, every mile beyond two miles	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3
For issuing every writ of execution	2	0	2	6	5	0	5	0

SPECIAL FEES.

	s.	d.
For filing every plea	1	0
For every search	0	6
For every copy	0	6
For swearing and filing every special affidavit	2	0
For taxing every bill of costs	2	6
For every summons to shew cause in interlocutory matter	1	0
For every interlocutory order	1	0
For every writ of attachment	2	6

BAILIFF'S FEES.

	s.	d.
For keeping possession under an execution against the goods, each day	6	0
For making levy where the sum levied for shall not exceed twenty pounds	5	0
For making levy where the sum levied for shall exceed twenty pounds, the like sum for the first twenty pounds, and for every pound over that sum	0	3
For executing every writ against the person	5	0
For executing every writ of Habere in ejectionment	5	0
For mileage in the execution of any writ where the same shall be executed not more than two miles from the Court House	1	0
For such mileage where the writ shall be executed beyond such distance of two miles for every such mile beyond	0	6

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

(2.) The second reading of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow week.

(3.)

- (3.) Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. White, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. White first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
13. Mr. Percy Simpson :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Percy Simpson, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Postponements—
(1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motions standing in his name third and fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until to-morrow.
15. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.
16. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Articles of Food Inspection Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at Ten minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a plan shewing a line of Railway extension from Parramatta to the Western interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, beginning west from the Terminus south of the line now proposed, passing near the Government Quarry at Prospect and the township of Stratheden, and crossing the Nepean River at a point reported upon in 1832 by the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, and in 1854 by the then Colonial Architect, Mr. William Weaver, as the most suitable spot in that vicinity for a bridge over the river.
2. Mr. WHITE to move,—
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant, be now adopted.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
3. Mr. FORSTER to move, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.
4. Mr. FORSTER to move, That the Sessional Order, adopted by this House on Tuesday last, limiting its sittings to two days in each week, be suspended, until the completion of the business before the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Steam Postal Communication Bill; second reading.
3. First Electoral Rolls Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- I. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Williamson, the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Steam Postal Communication Bill; second reading.
3. First Electoral Rolls Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a plan shewing a line of Railway extension from Parramatta to the Western interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, beginning west from the Terminus south of the line now proposed, passing near the Government Quarry at Prospect and the township of Stratheden, and crossing the Nepean River at a point reported upon in 1832 by the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, and in 1854 by the then Colonial Architect, Mr. William Weaver, as the most suitable spot in that vicinity for a bridge over the river.
2. MR. WHITE to move,—
 - (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Sessional Order, adopted by this House on Tuesday last, limiting its sittings to two days in each week, be suspended, until the completion of the business before the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Letter from Captain O'Connell, dated Gladstone, 20th September, 1858, respecting the prospects and progress of the Canoona Gold Fields.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Mr. Charles Wentworth Bucknell:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Charles Wentworth Bucknell, of Mungyer, in the Gwydir District, grazier, complaining of having, with his brother, been subjected to the disgrace, and put to the expense of a criminal prosecution on a charge of cattle stealing, which was unsustainable by the Crown, and praying inquiry and redress.
Petition received.
3. The Rev. Dr. Lang:—Mr. Richardson presented a Petition from John Dunmore Lang, Doctor of Divinity, Senior Minister of the Scots Church, Sydney, praying the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon certain proceedings of the Synod of Australia, in 1842, with reference to Petitioner.
Petition received.
4. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1) Return to the Order, in reference to Government Railway Officers and Servants, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Flood, on the 25th May last.
(2) Letter from Mr. Commissioner Wiseman, dated Leichhardt, 17th September, 1858, on the navigation of the Casuarina Creek.
(3.) Report on the Great Northern Road, by Captain Martindale, Commissioner for Roads.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Driving Cattle through East and West Maitland:—Mr. Dickson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of East and West Maitland, praying that the hours for driving cattle through the Towns of East and West Maitland may be extended.
Petition received.
6. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Arnold presented a Petition from Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, praying that the House will re-consider its decision in regard to former Petitions against the election and return of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, and afford Petitioner such remedy in the matter of said Petitions as the justice of the case may require.
Petition received.
7. Proposed Presbyterian College:—Mr. Gordon, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 13th July last, to inquire into and report upon the statements and allegations made in a petition from the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to the proposed Presbyterian College.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
9. Steam Postal Communication Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
10. Postponement:—The second reading of the First Electoral Rolls Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
11. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. Postponements:—
(1) The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
(2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.

13. Management of the Survey Department:—Question of Privilege:—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
- Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
14. Postponement:—Mr. Forster postponed the Motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
15. Days for dispatch of Business during remainder of Session:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Sessional Order, adopted by this House on Tuesday the 14th instant, limiting its sittings to two days in each week, be suspended, until the completion of the business before the House.
- Debate ensued,—
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition of Mr. Charles Wentworth Bucknell, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
3. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That the Petition of the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. DICKSON to move, That the Petition from East and West Maitland, relative to the driving of cattle, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the Petition received, on Thursday, September 30th, from Mr. Thomas George Rusden.
6. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Petition of Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
7. MR. GORDON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns shewing,—
 - (1.) All sums of money appropriated for the construction or repairs of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of the Colony, from the 1st July, 1856, to the 30th June, 1858.
 - (2.) The names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several sums of money; and the names of the different districts and places in each, on which such moneys have been expended.
 - (3.) The balance of any moneys unappropriated still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes.
8. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence, from the beginning of this year, between the Executive Government and any person or persons on the subject of Railway management.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the number of communications received by the Government within the same period on the same subject, specifying those that remain unanswered.
9. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.
10. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a plan shewing a line of Railway extension from Parramatta to the Western interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, beginning west from the Terminus south of the line now proposed, passing near the Government Quarry at Prospect and the township of Stratheden, and crossing the Nepean River at a point reported upon in 1832 by the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, and in 1854 by the then Colonial Architect, Mr. William Weaver, as the most suitable spot in that vicinity for a bridge over the river.
11. MR. FORSTER to move, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 ; second reading.
2. Steam Postal Communication Bill ; third reading.
3. First Electoral Rolls Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.

Question :—

MR. EGAN *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—

- (1.) Whether any appointments have been made in the Department of Customs for Port Curtis ?
- (2.) Whether such appointments, if any, were made by or at the recommendation of the Collector of Customs ?
- (3.) Whether such appointments have been conferred upon any officers at present employed in that department ?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Charges against Parramatta Gaol Officials:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Sheriff—between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta—and between the Sheriff and the Gaoler of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler; also a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into said charges, together with the Evidence taken before that Board; also, Copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Sheriff and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to certain charges which were preferred against the Principal Turnkey and two female Turnkeys connected with the Parramatta Gaol, shewing in what manner said charges have been disposed of.
Question put and passed.
2. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table certain Despatches in reference to a proposed Annexation of a portion of New South Wales to South Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Mr. Charles Wentworth Bucknell:—The Clerk having read at length, by direction of the Speaker, the Petition of Mr. Bucknell, Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Charles Wentworth Bucknell, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. The Rev. Dr. Lang:—Mr. Richardson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a letter from the Colonial Architect, reporting the shipment of buildings, &c., to Port Curtis.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Driving Cattle through East and West Maitland:—Mr. Dickson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from East and West Maitland, relative to the driving of cattle, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Postponement:—Mr. Deniehy postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
8. T. G. Rusden, Esquire:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. T. G. Rusden, presented by him on the 30th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Expenditure of Appropriations for Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns shewing,—
(1.) All sums of money appropriated for the construction or repairs of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of the Colony, from the 1st July, 1856, to the 30th June, 1858.
(2.) The names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several sums of money; and the names of the different districts and places in each, on which such moneys have been expended.
(3.) The balance of any moneys unappropriated still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes.
Question put and passed.

10. **Railway Management**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Correspondence, from the beginning of this year, between the Executive Government and any person or persons on the subject of Railway Management.
 - (2.) A Return showing the number of communications received by the Government within the same period on the same subject, specifying those that remain unanswered.
- Question put and passed.
11. **Postponement**:—Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
12. **Line of Railway Extension to the Western Interior**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a plan shewing a line of Railway extension from Parramatta to the Western interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, beginning west from the Terminus south of the line now proposed, passing near the Government Quarry at Prospect and the township of Stratheden, and crossing the Nepean River at a point reported upon in 1832 by the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, and in 1854 by the then Colonial Architect, Mr. William Weaver, as the most suitable spot in that vicinity for a bridge over the river.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
13. **Management of the Survey Department**:—**Question of Privilege**:—Mr. White, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table, Minutes of certain Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Management of the Survey Department, in reference to the Question of Privilege which had arisen out of the Inquiry carried on by the Committee.
- Ordered to be printed.
14. **Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the plans and sections showing the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively, ordered by this House, on Friday, July 23rd, to be laid upon the Table, be lithographed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be lithographed.
15. **Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill**:—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on the first day next week on which the House shall meet.
16. **Pymont Bridge Company's Bill**:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
- Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the Amendments so agreed to.
- Question put and passed;—
- Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize additional Works by the Pymont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1 October, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

17. **Postponements**:—
- (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Articles of Food Inspection Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until the first day next week on which this House shall meet.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Thursday next.
18. **Steam Postal Communication Bill**, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain via Panama.*"
- Question put and passed;—
- Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain via Panama,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1 October, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

19. First Electoral Rolls Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Plunkett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Thursday next.
 Debate continued.
 Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Thursday next—put and passed.
20. Postponements :—
 (1.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper until the first day of meeting next week.
 (2.) The second reading of the Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until the first day of meeting next week.
21. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to verbal notice given yesterday, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock,—
 And exception being taken to this motion as in contravention of the Sessional Order passed on the 14th ultimo,—
 Motion made by Mr. Cowper and Question,—That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock on Thursday next,—put and passed ;—
 Whereupon the House adjourned at twelve minutes after Eight o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Mr. Cowper's motion, "That the First Electoral "Rolls Bill be now read a second time."
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all insolvency schedules, petitions, affidavits, depositions, certificates, or copies thereof prepared by any clerk or messenger in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the 1st day of September, 1858; and also an account of all fees received for the preparation thereof, shewing the appropriation of such fees.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Speaker be authorised, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; third reading.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have yet taken any steps for surveying and putting up for sale, the public lands along the line of the Clyde Road, from Braidwood to the sea coast; and, if not, whether such steps are in contemplation?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the Petition received, on Thursday, September 30th, from Mr. Thomas George Rusden.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a letter from Captain O'Connell, dated the 27th ultimo, on the Canoona Gold Fields, at Port Curtis.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Proposed Presbyterian College:—
(1.) Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from certain Ministers of the Synod of Australia, praying the House to refuse to grant the prayer of the Revd. Dr. Lang's Petition for inquiry by a Select Committee into the proceedings of the said Synod, in 1842, with respect to Dr. Lang.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from the Revd. Dr. Fullerton with a similar prayer.
Petition received.
3. Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from Frederic Gardiner, squatter and sheepholder, in the Darling Downs District, praying that provision be made for the re-assessment of squattages of inferior capabilities.
Petition received.
4. Messages:—The Speaker reported that the following Messages had this day been received from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Trustees' and Directors' Frauds Prevention Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER.
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for prevention of Frauds by Trustees Directors of Companies and others in certain cases,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 22 September, 1858. President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time; ordered to printed, and read a second time on the first day of meeting next week.
(2.) Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts and to increase the Rent of Lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 22 September, 1858. President.
(3.) Municipalities Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for establishing Municipal Institutions,*" with the Amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule; in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, W. W. BURTON,
Sydney, 5 October, 1858. President.
Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
5. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table another Letter from Captain O'Connell, dated 27th ultimo, on the Port Curtis Gold Fields.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponements:—The first and second Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.

7. First Electoral Rolls Bill :—The adjourned Debate on Mr. Cowper's motion,—“ That “ this Bill be now read a second time,”—resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Faunceff, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Bill read a second time ;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there not being twenty members present, exclusive of the Speaker ;—

The Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter after Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the Petition received on Thursday, September 30th, from Mr. Thomas George Rusden.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.
3. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of certain Ministers of the Synod of Australia, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Dr. Fullerton, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
5. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig “Freak,” laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.
6. MR. WHITE, to move,—
 - (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the “Management of the “Survey Department,” laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th ultimo, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
7. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Runs occupied under the Orders in Council of the 9th of March, 1847, distinguishing in columns,—the name of each Run and the district in which situated, the name of the original occupant, the name of the present occupant, the estimated acreage of each Run, the grazing capabilities of each Run, the amount of annual rent payable for each Run, the name of each Run where no official estimate of grazing capabilities has been made, the name of the Commissioner upon whose report the Run has been granted, the date when any tender was received, the date of the Commissioner's Report thereon, and the date of acceptance,—with a view to its being then referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Management of the Survey Department.
8. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—That the Petition of Mr. Frederic Gardiner, relative to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
9. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all insolvency schedules, petitions, affidavits, depositions, certificates, or copies thereof prepared by any clerk or messenger in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the 1st day of September, 1858 ; and also an account of all fees received for the preparation thereof, shewing the appropriation of such fees.
10. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Speaker be authorised, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill ; third reading.
2. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for dispatch of business at Three o'clock, p. m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, during the remainder of this Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend appointing a Surveyor for the Town and District of Queanbeyan ; and, if so, when the appointment is likely to be made ?
2. MR. HAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government have taken any measures for the appointment of proper persons as Inspectors under the Scab Act, at suitable places on the line of boundary between this Colony and Victoria ?
3. MR. HAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any representations have reached the Government as to robberies lately committed in the neighbourhood of the Maragle Diggings, and whether it is intended to afford any police protection to that part of the country, to extend the operation of the Gold Fields Act to the Diggings in question, or to provide for the escort of the gold produced there ?
4. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any Road Surveyor or other Officer has been appointed to take charge of the main line of Road between Goulburn and Albury ; and whether any measures have been taken for the improvement of that portion of the line, under the Vote for the present year ?
5. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Correspondence on the proposed creation of a Bridge at Albury, moved for on the 3rd September, will be laid upon the Table of this House ?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 ; or, first day of meeting this week.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions ;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia ; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—Copies of all correspondence connected with certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler in Parramatta, some time in the month of August, last year, together with all other papers, and the report of the Commissioners thereon ; also, copies of all reports, if any, forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the appointment of subordinates in the Parramatta Gaol, and the general discipline of that Establishment ; also, returns of work done in the Sydney and Parramatta Gaols respectively, since 1854, shewing the quantity of work done, the prices at which it was valued, and the prices paid.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1858.

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

(1) Supplementary Estimate for 1858 :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 29.

Governor General.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.

*Government House,**Sydney, 8 October, 1858.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

(2.) Scab in Sheep Prevention Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 30.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the prevention of Scab in Sheep,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 8 October, 1858.*

(3.) Australian Gas Light Company's Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 31.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their Works to places beyond the Boundaries and Limits of the City of Sydney, and to increase their Capital Stock,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 8 October, 1858.*

(4.) Kiama Steam Navigation Company's Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 32.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to alter the Title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 8 October, 1858.*

(5.)

(b.) Board of National Education Bill :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to confer a power of Sale and Exchange on the Board of National Education,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8 October, 1858.

(6.) Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 34.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Act passed for shortening Acts of the Legislature,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8 October, 1858.

(7.) Sillitoe's Trust Bill :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 35.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees under a certain Indenture of Settlement made by Mr. Acton Sillitoe of land at Double Bay in the Parish of Alexandria in the County of Cumberland to sell the said land and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the trusts of the said settlement,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8 October, 1858.

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

(1.) A Return of all Work performed by Prisoners in Her Majesty's Gaol, Darlinghurst, from 1st January, 1854, to 31st July, 1858.

(2.) Similar Return of Work performed by Prisoners in the Parramatta Gaol, from 1st April, 1854, to 31st December, 1855.

(3.) Similar Return of Work performed in the same Gaol, from 1st January, 1856, to 31st July, 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

3. T. G. Rusden, Esquire :—Mr. Denichy moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the Petition received on Thursday, September 30th, from Mr. Thomas George Rusden.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Wild,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. White,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Smith, }

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

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present exclusive of the Speaker,—

The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions ;—
 (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the consideration in Committee of the First Electoral Rolls Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 7th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for dispatch of business at Three o'clock, p. m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, during the remainder of this Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—Copies of all correspondence connected with certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler in Parramatta, some time in the month of August, last year, together with all other papers, and the report of the Commissioners thereon; also, copies of all reports, if any, forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the appointment of subordinates in the Parramatta Gaol, and the general discipline of that Establishment; also, returns of work done in the Sydney and Parramatta Gaols respectively, since 1854, shewing the quantity of work done, the prices at which it was valued, and the prices paid.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be a Call of the House on Thursday, the 4th November.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the present Members of the Hyde Park Improvement Committee, and of the number of attendances of each Member at the Meetings of the Committee, from the 1st of October, 1854, to the date of the Return.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.
5. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of certain Ministers of the Synod of Australia, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Dr. Fullerton, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
7. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.
8. MR. WHITE, to move,—
 (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th ultimo, be now adopted.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
9. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Runs occupied under the Orders in Council of the 9th of March, 1847, distinguishing in columns,—the name of each Run and the district in which situated, the name of the original occupant, the name of the present occupant, the estimated acreage of each Run, the grazing capabilities of each Run, the amount of annual rent payable for each Run, the name of each Run where no official estimate of grazing capabilities has been made, the name of the Commissioner upon whose report the Run has been granted, the date when any tender was received, the date of the Commissioner's Report thereon, and the date of acceptance,—with a view to its being then referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Management of the Survey Department.

10. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move,—That the Petition of Mr. Frederic Gardiner, relative to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
11. Mr. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all insolvency schedules, petitions, affidavits, depositions, certificates, or copies thereof prepared by any clerk or messenger in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the 1st day of September, 1858; and also an account of all fees received for the preparation thereof, shewing the appropriation of such fees.
12. Mr. FORSTER to move, That the Speaker be authorised, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; third reading.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. Mr. HAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Report of the Presiding Judge in the case of Roger, an Aboriginal, sentenced to death at the last Maitland Assizes, has as yet been taken into consideration before the Executive Council, and whether the Government has received any representations with respect to the peculiar circumstances of the conviction of the two black fellows then arraigned?
2. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND WORKS,—Whether the Government propose moving for a Select Committee to consider and report upon the proposed lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton respectively?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen v. Charles Wentworth Bucknell and Francis Newnham Bucknell, committed upon July 21, 1858, by the Court of Petty Sessions at Wee Waa, upon a charge of felony.
 - (2.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen v. Edward Lloyd Lewis and John Abigail, charged with perjury before the Court of Petty Sessions, at Maitland, upon September 18, 1858.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Benches of Magistrates aforesaid respectively, or any person or persons, upon either of the subjects above specified.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Vacant Seat:—The Speaker having reported that he had received a letter, dated the 13th instant, from Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, resigning his Seat in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of New England and Macleay,—
 Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of New England and Macleay, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire.
 Question put and passed.
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers —
 (1.) Correspondence respecting the Canoona Gold Fields, Port Curtis.
 (2.) Correspondence respecting the Military Force this Colony would be disposed to entertain.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement:—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
4. First Electoral Rolls Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the consideration in Committee of the First Electoral Rolls Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 7th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
 Question put and passed.
5. Days for Dispatch of Business during remainder of Session:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for dispatch of business at Three o'clock, p. m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, during the remainder of this Session.
 Question put and passed.
6. Postponements:—The First and Second Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
7. Municipalities Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
 Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the Amendments so agreed to.
 Question put and passed;
 Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for establishing Municipal Institutions.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14 October, 1858. Speaker.
 Question put and passed.
8. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8.
 The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
 The Speaker adjourned the House at six minutes after Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen v. Charles Wentworth Bucknell and Francis Newnham Bucknell, committed upon July 21, 1858, by the Court of Petty Sessions at Wee Waa, upon a charge of felony.
 - (2.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen v. Edward Lloyd Lewis and John Abigail, charged with perjury before the Court of Petty Sessions, at Maitland, upon September 18, 1858.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Benches of Magistrates aforesaid respectively, or any person or persons, upon either of the subjects above specified.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with leave to send for persons and papers, and to sit during adjournments, be appointed to consider and report upon the general management of Railways in this Colony, with reference particularly to the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Byrnes, and the Mover.
3. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

Copies of all correspondence connected with certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler in Parramatta, some time in the month of August, last year, together with all other papers, and the report of the Commissioners thereon; also, copies of all reports, if any, forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the appointment of subordinates in the Parramatta Gaol, and the general discipline of that Establishment; also, returns of work done in the Sydney and Parramatta Gaols respectively, since 1854, shewing the quantity of work done, the prices at which it was valued, and the prices paid.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be a Call of the House on Friday, the 5th November.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the present Members of the Hyde Park Improvement Committee, and of the number of attendances of each Member at the Meetings of the Committee, from the 1st of October, 1854, to the date of the Return.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.
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14. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Speaker be authorised, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill ; second reading.
2. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill ; third reading.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions ;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia ; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill ; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. ARNOLD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS :—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have authorized, or intend to authorize, any expenditure of money for the purpose of prospecting for gold at the Fitzroy gold fields?
 - (2.) Whether the Government have authorized, or intend to authorize, any expenditure for the relief of those persons who have inconsiderately and improvidently left their ordinary employments in various parts of this and the neighbouring colonies, for the purpose of joining in the rush to the Fitzroy diggings ; and who, in consequence of the failure of those diggings to realize their expectations, have found themselves in circumstances of temporary inconvenience ; and, if so, in what manner and to what extent?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, with reference to an item in the Additional Estimates for 1858, thus described, namely :— "Gratuities to Commissioners of Crown Lands on reduction of Office, £1,900." ;—Are such gratuities intended as compensation ? are they to be made payable to Commissioners of Crown Lands within the Settled Districts ? and have any such gratuities been already paid ?
3. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the owners [of land through which the railway extension line to Campbelltown passes, are to receive compensation for their land, it being now 14 months since the claims were sent in.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of Religion or Church established by law in this Territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, the Bishops of the Church of England have only, like the Bishops of the Church of Rome, and all other Heads of Christian Denominations whatsoever, jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and by such Bishops or Heads of Denominations assumed, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore strictly in conformity with the entire equality of all denominations of Christians in the Territory of New South Wales, that there should exist Bishops of the Church of England and Bishops of the Church of Rome in the said Territory, with precisely the same designations and exercising jurisdiction within exactly the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1858.

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

Government Railways' Bill:—The Speaker reported that the following Message had been received yesterday from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same,*" with the Amendments indicated in the annexed schedule; in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

In the absence of the President,

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 October, 1858.

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

2. Papers:—Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Statement of Advances from the Treasury for purchase of Specimens of Gold for the Paris Exhibition.
(2.) Statement of Appropriations by the late Legislative Council for Articles for the Paris Exhibition.
Ordered to be printed.
3. The Queen *v.* Bucknell;—and the Queen *v.* Lewis and Abigail:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
(1.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen *v.* Charles Wentworth Bucknell and Francis Newnham Bucknell, committed upon July 21, 1858, by the Court of Petty Sessions at Wec Waa, upon a charge of felony.
(2.) A Return of all proceedings in the case of the Queen *v.* Edward Lloyd Lewis and John Abigail, charged with perjury before the Court of Petty Sessions, at Maitland, upon September 18, 1858.
(3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Benches of Magistrates aforesaid respectively, or any person or persons, upon either of the subjects above specified.
Question put and passed.
4. Extension of Railways to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with leave to send for persons and papers, and to sit during adjournments, be appointed to consider and report upon the general management of Railways in this Colony, with reference particularly to the proposed lines of Railway extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Byrnes, and the Mover.
Debate ensued,—
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at eighteen minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,— A full account of Receipts and Expenditure, both Colonial and European, by the Sydney Commission for furnishing specimens of Colonial productions to the Paris Exposition of 1855.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,— Copies of all correspondence connected with certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler in Parramatta, some time in the month of August, last year, together with all other papers, and the report of the Commissioners thereon; also, copies of all reports, if any, forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the appointment of subordinates in the Parramatta Gaol, and the general discipline of that Establishment; also, returns of work done in the Sydney and Parramatta Gaols respectively, since 1854, shewing the quantity of work done, the prices at which it was valued, and the prices paid.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be a Call of the House on Tuesday, the 9th November.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the present Members of the Hyde Park Improvement Committee, and of the number of attendances of each Member at the Meetings of the Committee, from the 1st of October, 1854, to the date of the Return.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, be an Order for the day to which this House at its rising shall stand adjourned.
6. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of certain Ministers of the Synod of Australia, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
7. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition of Dr. Fullerton, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
8. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.
9. MR. WHITE, to move,—
 - (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the "Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th ultimo, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
10. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Runs occupied under the Orders in Council of the 9th of March, 1847, distinguishing in columns,—the name of each Run and the district in which situated, the name of the original occupant, the name of the present occupant, the estimated acreage of each Run, the grazing capabilities of each Run, the amount of annual rent payable for each Run, the name of each Run where no official estimate of grazing capabilities has been made, the name of the Commissioner upon whose report the Run has been granted, the date when any tender was received, the date of the Commissioner's Report thereon, and the date of acceptance,—with a view to its being then referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Management of the Survey Department.
11. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—That the Petition of Mr. Frederic Gardiner, relative to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
12. MR. DENIEHY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all insolvency schedules, petitions, affidavits, depositions, certificates, or copies thereof prepared by any clerk or messenger in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the 1st day of September, 1858; and also an account of all fees received for the preparation thereof, shewing the appropriation of such fees.
13. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Speaker be authorized, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill; third reading.
3. Articles of Food Inspection Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act of 1857.
2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
 - (1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following motion being made.
 - (2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Railways Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. EGAN to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—(Seeing the appointment has been made of a Marine Surveyor for Harbors and Rivers on the Coast),—Whether instructions have been given to that Officer to survey the River Moruya and its Harbor, promise having been made to that effect by the Government some time since, in answer to a Petition from the inhabitants of that district, praying that the same may be immediately commenced?
2. MR. HODGSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any Despatches have reached the Government relative to the Separation of Moreton Bay from New South Wales?
3. MR. ARNOLD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS:—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have authorized, or intend to authorize, any expenditure of money for the purpose of prospecting for gold at the Fitzroy gold fields?
 - (2.) Whether the Government have authorized, or intend to authorize, any expenditure for the relief of those persons who have inconsiderately and improvidently left their ordinary employments in various parts of this and the neighbouring colonies, for the purpose of joining in the rush to the Fitzroy diggings; and who, in consequence of the failure of those diggings to realize their expectations, have found themselves in circumstances of temporary inconvenience; and, if so, in what manner and to what extent?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of Religion or Church established by law in this Territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, the Bishops of the Church of England have only, like the Bishops of the Church of Rome, and all other Heads of Christian Denominations whatsoever, jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and by such Bishops or Heads of Denominations assumed, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore strictly in conformity with the entire equality of all denominations of Christians in the Territory of New South Wales, that there should exist Bishops of the Church of England and Bishops of the Church of Rome in the said Territory, with precisely the same designations and exercising jurisdiction within exactly the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Steam Postal Communication Bill:—The Speaker reported that the following Message had been received on Friday, the 15th instant, from the Legislative Council:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain via Panama,*" with an amendment which has been made for the purpose of rendering the third clause consistent with the first and second clauses of the Bill, and in which amendment the Council desires the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
 In the absence of the President,
 GEO. ALLEN,
 Chairman of Committees.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 15 October, 1858.*
 Amendment, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
2. Papers:—
 (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the third and final Report of the Committee appointed for the Relief of the Unemployed of Sydney.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the final Report from, and the Evidence taken before, the Commission appointed to inquire into the causes of the recent Accident upon the Great Southern Railway.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3.) Mr. Cowper, in answer to a Question put to him by Mr. Hodgson, laid upon the Table a Despatch relative to the separation of Moreton Bay, dated Downing-street, 16th July, 1858.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Paris Exhibition:—Receipts and Expenditure:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—A full account of Receipts and Expenditure, both Colonial and European, by the Sydney Commission for furnishing specimens of Colonial productions to the Paris Exposition of 1855.
 Question put and passed.
4. Charges against Parramatta Gaol Officials:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—Copies of all correspondence connected with certain charges which were preferred against the Gaoler in Parramatta, some time in the month of August, last year, together with all other papers, and the report of the Commissioners thereon; also, copies of all reports and correspondence, if any, forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, and all correspondence which may have taken place between the Police Magistrate and the Sheriff, relative to the appointment of subordinates in the Parramatta Gaol, and the general discipline of that Establishment up to this date.
 Question put and passed.
5. Proposed Call of the House:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be a Call of the House on Tuesday, the 9th November.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
6. Hyde Park Improvement Committee:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the present Members of the Hyde Park Improvement Committee, and of the number of attendances of each Member at the Meetings of the Committee, from the 1st of October, 1854, to the date of the Return.
 Debate ensued.

Mr

Mr. Weekes moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "also a detailed account of the monies expended by the Committee for the "same period."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be there added,—put and passed;—

Whereupon Original Question, as so amended, put and passed.

7. Proposed Presbyterian College:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Elders and Members of the Committee of Management of the Congregation of the Scots' Church, Sydney, praying that the House will grant the Committee of Inquiry into the proceedings of the Synod of Australia, with reference to the Revd. Dr. Lang, in the year 1842, prayed for by the Petition of the Revd. Dr. Lang, presented to the House on the 30th of September last.
Petition received.
8. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th ultimo, stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
Question put and passed.
9. Proposed Presbyterian College:—
(1.) Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Ministers of the Synod of Australia, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Dr. Fullerton, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Motion dropped:—Mr. Williamson not moving the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
11. Management of the Survey Department:—Question of Privilege:—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Management of the Survey Department," laid upon the Table of the House on the 16th ultimo, be now adopted.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.
Question put and passed.
12. Runs occupied under the Orders in Council:—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Runs occupied under the Orders in Council of the 9th of March, 1847, distinguishing in columns,—the name of each Run and the district in which situated, the name of the original occupant, the name of the present occupant, the estimated acreage of each Run, the grazing capabilities of each Run, the amount of annual rent payable for each Run, the name of each Run where no official estimate of grazing capabilities has been made, the name of the Commissioner upon whose report the Run has been granted, the date when any tender was received, the date of the Commissioner's Report thereon, and the date of acceptance,—with a view to its being then referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Management of the Survey Department.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. Mr. Frederic Gardiner:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Frederic Gardiner, relative to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Motion dropped:—Mr. Deniehy not moving the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
15. Line of Railway Extension to the Western Interior:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Speaker be authorised, at his discretion, to allow tracings to be taken of the plan of a proposed line of Railway Extension, from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered, on October 1, to be laid upon the Table of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds Prevention Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
17. Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to expedite Suits and Proceedings in Equity, and to facilitate the dispatch of business in the Supreme Court in Banco.*"
Question put and passed;—

Whereupon

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to Expedite Suits and Proceedings in Equity, and to facilitate the Dispatch of Business in the Supreme Court in Banco,*" begs to return the same to the Legislative Council, without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19 October; 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Articles of Food Inspection Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Weekes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House will on this day six months resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill."

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. White,
Mr. Thornton, } Tellers.

Whereupon, original Question put.

The House divided,—

And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows:—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Weekes,
Mr. White,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.

And it appearing by such Report that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act of 1857.
- MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
 - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following motion being made.
 - That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.
- MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
 - This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Steam Postal Communication Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
2. Government Railways Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Interminable Debutures Exchange Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by Mr. Parkes on the 18th August last, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of certain Members of the Scots' Church, Sydney, presented by him on the 19th instant, be printed.
3. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill; third reading.

Question :—

1. MR. WILD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he is aware of the present condition of the Berrima Bridge, and whether there is any probability of the promised repairs being immediately carried out?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of Religion or Church established by law in this Territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, the Bishops of the Church of England have only, like the Bishops of the Church of Rome, and all other Heads of Christian Denominations whatsoever, jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and by such Bishops or Heads of Denominations assumed, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore strictly in conformity with the entire equality of all denominations of Christians in the Territory of New South Wales, that there should exist Bishops of the Church of England and Bishops of the Church of Rome in the said Territory, with precisely the same designations and exercising jurisdiction within exactly the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES, to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general management of the gaols throughout the colony;—the appointment and dismissal of subordinate functionaries;—the general discipline of these Establishments;—and the position occupied by the Visiting Justices.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Egan, Mr. White, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. There being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—namely, Mr. Arnold, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. White, and Mr. Wild,—the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act of 1857.
2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
 - (1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following motion being made.
 - (2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Steam Postal Communication Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
4. Government Railways Bill; Consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Intermittent Debentures Exchange Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of Religion or Church established by law in this Territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, the Bishops of the Church of England have only, like the Bishops of the Church of Rome, and all other Heads of Christian Denominations whatsoever, jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.

(2.)

(2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and by such Bishops or Heads of Denominations assumed, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.

(3.) That it is therefore strictly in conformity with the entire equality of all denominations of Christians in the Territory of New South Wales, that there should exist Bishops of the Church of England and Bishops of the Church of Rome in the said Territory, with precisely the same designations and exercising jurisdiction within exactly the same limits.

(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by Mr. Parkes on the 18th August last, be printed.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of certain Members of the Scots' Church, Sydney, presented by him on the 19th instant, be printed.
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill; third reading.

Question:—

1. MR. WILD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he is aware of the present condition of the Berrima Bridge, and whether there is any probability of the promised repairs being immediately carried out?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES, to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general management of the gaols throughout the colony;—the appointment and dismissal of subordinate functionaries;—the general discipline of these Establishments;—and the position occupied by the Visiting Justices.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Egan, Mr. White, Mr. Weckes, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table Despatches relating to Steam Postal Communication, respectively dated Downing-street, 16th July, and 16th August, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act of 1857.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Supply:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following motion being made.
Question put and passed.
(2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
5. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to Amend the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act of 1857*," read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. Postponements:—The first and second Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until this day week.
7. Steam Postal Communication Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Amendment made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendment made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the Amendment so agreed to.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain via Panama*," such Amendment being made only to render the third Clause consistent with the first and second Clauses of the said Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21 October, 1858.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Government Railways Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to some of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council without amendment,—and to one with an amendment, and had disagreed to others.
Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt this Report.
Question put and passed.

9. First Electoral Rolls Bill :—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. Interminable Debentures Exchange Bill :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
Bill, on motion of Mr R. Campbell, discharged from the Paper.
11. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a quorum present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—
The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES, to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general management of the gaols throughout the colony;—the appointment and dismissal of subordinate functionaries;—the general discipline of these Establishments;—and the position occupied by the Visiting Justices.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Egan, Mr. White, Mr. Weekes, and the Moyer.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the following Documents, viz. :—Depositions taken in Police Court of Mudgee, in the cases of—
1. Turvey v. Caplin.
2. Caplin v. Inder.
3. Inder v. Harris.
4. Regina v. Turvey.
5. Also, a receipt from *Turvey to Inder*.
6. Receipt from Mills (for Harris) to Caplin.
7. Letter of the Attorney General to Bench of Mudgee, respecting the above-mentioned cases.
8. The Letters of Dr. Harris to the Colonial Secretary, respecting the above mentioned cases;—
9. Affidavit of J. W. Devereaux, verifying certain facts.
10. All other Papers and Communications relating to these cases;—
with a view to the said Documents, when produced, being referred to the Select Committee now inquiring into "The State of the Magistracy."
3. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
(1.) That there being no special form of Religion or Church established by law in this Territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, the Bishops of the Church of England have only, like the Bishops of the Church of Rome, and all other Heads of Christian Denominations whatsoever, jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
(2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and by such Bishops or Heads of Denominations assumed, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
(3.) That it is therefore strictly in conformity with the entire equality of all denominations of Christians in the Territory of New South Wales, that there should exist Bishops of the Church of England and Bishops of the Church of Rome in the said Territory, with precisely the same designations and exercising jurisdiction within exactly the same limits.
(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
4. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by Mr. Parkes on the 18th August last, be printed.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of certain Members of the Scots' Church, Sydney, presented by him on the 19th instant, be printed.
6. MR. WILLIAMSON to move, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds prevention Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
- (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
- (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 107.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Marriage of the Princess Royal:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 36.*
Governor General.
 The Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly a copy of a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of the congratulatory Address of the Assembly on the occasion of the Marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince Frederick William of Prussia.
Government House,
Sydney, 22 October, 1858.
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.
2. Government Railways Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same,*—"
 Proposes to amend the Amendment in Clause 1, page 2, by the retention of the word "December" in line 17, and the insertion of the word "eight" in substitution for the word "nine" in line 18:—
 Disagrees to the Amendments in Clause 11; page 26, lines 58 and 59, and page 27, line 2, because, by the adoption of the said Amendments, a mere inadvertence would be as severely punishable as a wilful attempt to defraud the Commissioner:—
 And agrees to all the other Amendments made in the Bill.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22 October, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
3. Proposed annexation of a portion of New South Wales to South Australia:—Mr. Robertson moved, *without previous notice*, That the Plan accompanying the Papers relative to the annexation of a portion of New South Wales to South Australia, laid upon the Table on the 1st instant, be lithographed.
 Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Weekes, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
5. Dr. Harris:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the following Documents, viz.:—Depositions taken in Police Court of Mudgee, in the cases of—
 1. Turvey v. Caplin.
 2. Caplin v. Inder.
 3. Inder v. Harris.
 4. Regina v. Turvey.
 5. Also, a receipt from Turvey to Inder.
 6. Receipt from Mills (for Harris) to Caplin.
 7. Letter of the Attorney General to Bench of Mudgee, respecting the abovementioned cases.
 8. The Letters of Dr. Harris to the Colonial Secretary, respecting the abovementioned cases;—
 9. Affidavit of J. W. Devereaux, verifying certain facts.
 10. All other Papers and Communications relating to these cases;—
 with a view to the said Documents, when produced, being referred to the Select Committee now inquiring into "The State of the Magistracy."
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

6. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Deniehy withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, giving fresh notice on the same subject for Tuesday next.
7. James Pegg :—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of James Pegg, presented by Mr. Parkes on the 18th August last, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Proposed Presbyterian College :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Members of the Scots' Church, Sydney, presented by him on the 19th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Seizure and Release of the brig "Freak" :—Mr. Thornton, on behalf of Mr. Williamson, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Williamson, That the Papers relating to the alleged seizure of the brig "Freak," laid on the Table of this House on the 16th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Customs Department.
Question put and passed.
10. Trustees' and Directors' Frauds Prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the title of this Bill be "*An Act for the prevention of Frauds by Trustees Directors of Companies and others in certain cases.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for the prevention of Frauds by Trustees Directors of Companies and others in certain cases,*" begs to return the same to the Legislative Council, without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22 October, 1858. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
11. Postponement :—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Wednesday next.
The House adjourned at half past Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES, to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the general management of the gaols throughout the colony ;—the appointment and dismissal of subordinate functionaries ;—the general discipline of these Establishments ;—and the position occupied by the Visiting Justices.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Hay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Egan, Mr. White, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the *Government Gazette*, or *Gazettes* in which the Sale of Land at Longbottom, which was held at the Treasury, on Thursday, 21st October last, was advertised.
3. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
(1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
(2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
(3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.
(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
 - (1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following Motion being made.
 - (2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. Mr. TAYLOR to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—If there be at present any money to the credit of the Armidale and Grafton Road Trust; and if so, what is the amount?
2. Mr. DONALDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE TREASURER,—Whether the sale of land at Longbottom, which took place at the Treasury, on Thursday, 21st October last, was duly advertised in the *Government Gazette*—and if so, how many times such advertisement was inserted, and when the last insertion was published?
If the said sale was advertised in any one or more of the public newspapers of the Colony—and if so, when, and in what newspaper or newspapers?
If the Government do, as a rule, advertise public sales of land in any of the public newspapers—and if not, how many insertions are directed in the *Government Gazette*?
3. Mr. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether there are any Funds to the credit of the Grafton and Tenterfield Road available for the payment of cheques drawn and to be drawn on account of that Road?
 - (2.) Whether Mr. T. B. Yates, as Surveyor of the above road, is authorized to draw cheques on the Bank of Australasia, such cheques being signed “on account of Public Works”?
 - (3.) Whether the Secretary for Lands and Public Works is aware that such cheques have been and are now dishonored?
4. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to an application for the establishment of a Local Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Local Parliament, alleged to have been made to the Executive Government about nine months since, through the Chairman of a public meeting called for the purpose, on the part of certain Miners of Major’s Creek, Araluen, and other localities in the Counties of Murray and St. Vincent—has the said application been received; if so, has it been in any way acknowledged or attended to—and if not, for what reason?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (1.) Despatch dated Downing-street, 5th July, 1858, with Copy of a Judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in the matter of Mr. J. A. Robertson's Appeal against the decision of the Local Government in removing him from the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (2.) Two Letters from Captain O'Connell, dated respectively 13th and 16th October, 1858, respecting the Port Curtis Gold Fields.
 - (3.) Letter from Mr. Commissioner M'Lean, dated 9th October, 1858, respecting the Western Gold Fields.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Postal Communication between Sydney and Macdonald River:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Macdonald River, praying the establishment of Postal Communication twice a-week between Sydney and Macdonald River.
Petition received.
 3. Motions withdrawn:—
 - (1.) Mr. Byrnes withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
 - (2.) Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
 4. Postponement:—Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Deniehy third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
 5. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee being read,—
And a Debate arising on a proceeding in Committee of Supply in reference to this Bill,—
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions;—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—

- (1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following Motion being made.
- (2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition relative to Postal Communication between Sydney and the Macdonald River, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) When the extension of the Great Northern line of Railway from Maitland to Singleton will be commenced?
 - (2.) Whether the Government intend to assume the responsibility of immediately commencing this public work, or wait an indefinite time for tenders for contracts?
 - (3.) What is the length of the addition to the line to be constructed?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken with reference to an application for the establishment of a Local Court, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Local Parliament, made to the Executive Government about nine months since, through the Chairman of a Public Meeting called for the purpose, on the part of certain Miners of Major's Creek, Araluen, and other localities in the Counties of Murray and St. Vincent.
3. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any agent has been appointed by the Government to carry into effect the provisions of the Bill for establishing Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama; and, if so, if there is any objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the letter of instructions given to such agent?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—

- (1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
- (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
- (3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.
- (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

Question:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
 - (1.) Municipalities Bill:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 37.*
Governor General.
A Bill, intituled "*An Act for establishing Municipal Institutions,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
*Government House,
Sydney, 27 October, 1858.*
 - (2.) Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 38.*
Governor General.
A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize Additional Works by the Pyrmont Bridge Company and to amend their Act of Incorporation,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
*Government House,
Sydney, 27 October, 1858.*
2. Postponement:—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
3. Supply:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. R. Campbell, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. R. Campbell,—
 - (1.) That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the following Motion being made.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) That the resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-day.
Question put and passed.
4. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the First Electoral Rolls Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
6. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857–8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. Messages:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Government Railways Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
In answer to the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 22nd October, 1858, the Legislative Council informs the Assembly, that the Council is unable to entertain such portion of the Legislative Assembly's Amendments on the Bill intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the*
Government"

"Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same," as relates to the proposed amendments on Clause 1, unless the Council be furnished, by Message, or in conference, with the reasons of the Assembly for such proposed Amendments.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26 October, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) District Courts Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having had under consideration the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 23rd September last, communicating the Amendments made by that House on the Bill intituled "*An Act for establishing District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions,*"

Disagrees to the Amendment made in the 7th clause of the Bill for the reasons mentioned in the Schedule annexed hereto;

Proposes to make Amendments upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in Clauses (as reprinted) Nos. 25, 26, and 102, as also shown in the said Schedule; and

Agrees to all the other Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly.

The Council desires the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the Amendments made upon the Amendments of that House.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27 October, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

8. Postal Communication between Sydney and Macdonald River :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to Postal Communication between Sydney and the Macdonald River, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Church of England and Ireland Records Registration Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place, of the words "this House will on this day three months resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill."

Debate ensued ;—

And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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

(1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Government Railways Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Message.
6. District Courts Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message with Amendments.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. J. CAMPBELL to move, That it is the opinion of this Assembly that the Petition presented by the Rev. James Fullerton, in reference to the Rev. J. D. Lang, and ordered to be printed by them on 19th October, ought not to have been received, as it reflects on the private character of that individual.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

2. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively?
2. MR. ROTTON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of money has been voted for Public Works during the present Session?
 - (2.) What works, and their probable cost, are now ready for the employment of labour?
 - (3.) What further works, and their probable cost, will be ready for the employment of labour within three months from this time?
3. MR. TAYLOR to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If he has received any communication from the Walcha Bench, with reference to the refusal of the Armidale Bench to entertain cases from the Walcha District; and, if so, what steps, if any, he has taken in the matter?
4. MR. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to appoint a Gold Commissioner to the Fairfield Diggings, in the Clarence River District; and whether it is in contemplation to increase the number of constables in that locality?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and papers connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. There being only thirteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—namely, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rotton, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Wild,—the Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. J. CAMPBELL to move, That it is the opinion of this Assembly that the Petition presented by the Rev. James Fullerton, in reference to the Rev. J. D. Lang, and ordered to be printed by them on 19th October, ought not to have been received, as it reflects on the private character of that individual.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 ; second reading.
4. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Government Railways Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Message.
7. District Courts Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message with Amendments.

Questions :—

1. MR. GORDON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively ?
2. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of money has been voted for Public Works during the present Session?
 - (2.) What works, and their probable cost, are now ready for the employment of labour?
 - (3.) What further works, and their probable cost, will be ready for the employment of labour within three months from this time?
3. MR. TAYLOR *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If he has received any communication from the Walcha Bench, with reference to the refusal of the Armidale Bench to entertain cases from the Walcha District ; and, if so, what steps, if any, he has taken in the matter?
4. MR. HODGSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to appoint a Gold Commissioner to the Fairfield Diggings, in the Clarence River District ; and whether it is in contemplation to increase the number of constables in that locality ?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and papers connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure by the Unemployed Laborers' Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure:—Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 20th April, 1858, to inquire and report what changes can be made in the respective Departments of the Government, with a view to promoting their efficiency, and at the same time reducing their cost to the public, with power to send for persons and papers—together with Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices.
Ordered to be printed, (except certain Schedules forming a portion of the "Separate Appendix" to the Report.)
3. Navigation of the Murray:—Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 13th April last, to report upon the advantages likely to accrue to the Colony of New South Wales, from opening up the Navigation of the Murray, the Wakool, the Edwards, the Murrumbidgee, and the Darling, and upon the best mode of clearing the channels of those rivers, with Minutes of Proceedings and Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Establishment of a Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction at Deniliquin:—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Colonists, praying the establishment, at Deniliquin, of a Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.
Petition received.
5. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations:—Mr. Denichy moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
 - (1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 - (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.
 - (3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales, that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.
 - (4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. Arnold moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Mr. Williamson moved, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
Debate continued.
Question put, on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Jenkins,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Phunkett,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Wild,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Deniehy,
 Mr. Tooth,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Dalley, } Tellers.

Noes, 5.
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Byrnes,
 Mr. Rotton,
 Mr. Hodgson, } Tellers.

6. Motion Dropped :—No Member seconding the motion standing in the name of Mr. J. Campbell second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
7. Postponements :—
 (1.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 (2.) The further consideration in Committee of the First Electoral Rolls Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 (3.) The second and third Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Thursday next.
 (4.) The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 (5.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Tuesday next.
8. Government Railways Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council, in answer to its Message of the 26th instant, desiring reasons for the amendment proposed by the Assembly upon the amendment proposed by the Council in Clause 1 of the Government Railways Bill, that it is not in due course of Parliamentary procedure to give reasons for amendments upon amendments any more than it is to give reasons for the amendments so amended, because both are supposed to carry with them sufficient reasons until the contrary be shewn.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29 October, 1858. Speaker.
- Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
9. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Message with amendments on the Assembly's amendments in the District Courts Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
 The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and papers connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's.
2. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Graduates of British Universities Bill be now read a first time.
3. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition relative to the establishment, at Deniliquin, of Courts with Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, presented by him on the 29th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate upon Mr. Deniehy's motion—
 " (1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.
 " (2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.

" (3.)

"(3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.

"(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen,"—

Upon which Mr. Arnold had moved the Previous Question.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. District Courts Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message with Amendments.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend taking any, and, if any, what steps with reference to the Petition of Mrs. Anne Sadleir, ordered by this House to be printed, on December 13, 1856?
2. MR. THORNTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If he will state the reasons offered by the two Official Assignees, for their refusal to obey the Order of this House of 30th March last?
3. MR. WILLIAMSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount has been realized from the Fees exacted from Masters of Coasters for Licenses?
 - (2.) Has such amount been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue; if not, how have the proceeds been disposed of?
4. MR. WILLIAMSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to propose to Parliament, in the early part of next Session, any measure for the incorporation of Harbour Trusts at the Ports of Sydney, Newcastle, and Moreton Bay?
 - (2.) Whether they intend to appoint an Officer, other than the Harbour Master of Sydney, to take the management of the Pilot Establishments at the minor Ports, and superintend the various Lights on the Coast?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated techniques. The goal is to ensure that the information gathered is both reliable and comprehensive.

The third part of the report details the results of the analysis. It shows a clear upward trend in the data over the period studied. This suggests that the current strategy is effective and should be continued.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future work. It suggests that further research should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends. This will help in making more informed decisions in the future.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1858.

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

(1.) Steam Postal Communication Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 39.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act for establishing Postal Communication with Great Britain via Panama,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2 November, 1858.

(2.) Trustees' and Directors' Frauds Prevention Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 40.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the prevention of Frauds by Trustees Directors of Companies and others in certain cases,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2 November, 1858.

(3.) Proceedings in Equity Facilitation Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 41.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to expedite Suits and Proceedings in Equity and to facilitate the dispatch of Business in the Supreme Court in Banco,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2 November, 1858.

(4.) Additional Supplementary Estimate for 1858 :—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, and with reference to Message No. 29, dated 8th October last, the Governor General herewith submits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, an Additional Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.

Government House,

Sydney, 2 November, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. Further extension of Southern and Western Railways :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Colonists, praying the further extension of the Southern and Western Railways.

Petition received.

3. Papers:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

- (1.) Rules of Court promulgated by their Honors the Judges, 27th October, 1858.
- (2.) Rules of Court promulgated by the Resident Judge, Moreton Bay, 19th October, 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Removal of Signal Staff, Newcastle:—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and papers connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. Graduates of British Universities Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Graduates of British Universities Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and passed;—

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

6. Establishment of a Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction at Deniliquin:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the establishment, at Deniliquin, of Courts with Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, presented by him on the 29th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations,—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Deniehy:—

“(1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.

“(2.) That any titles or designations derived from the names of localities, and borne by such bishops, do no more than point out the territorial limits within which their respective spiritual jurisdictions are exercised.

“(3.) That it is therefore only in strict conformity with the religious equality existing in New South Wales that the heads of the respective denominations of Christians within the territory should bear such designations and exercise such jurisdiction as may be consistent with the full direction of the spiritual affairs of their several churches, notwithstanding that any two of them of differing denominations may thereby bear the same designation and exercise jurisdiction within the same limits.

“(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen,”—

Upon which Mr. Arnold had moved the Previous Question,—resumed.

8. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—A Message from the Legislative Council having been announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms,—

The Speaker put the Question, That the Messengers be now admitted, which being agreed to,—

The Messengers—The Honorable Alfred James Peter Lutwyche, Esquire, The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire, C. B., The Honorable John Dickson, Esquire, and The Honorable George Kenyon Holden, Esquire, were admitted by the Sergeant-at-Arms and conducted to the Chair, the Speaker standing on the first step, and all the Members and the Clerks at the Table standing in their places,—

And the Honorable Alfred James Peter Lutwyche, Esquire, having delivered the said Message to the Speaker,—

And the Messengers having withdrawn, the Speaker read the Message as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Electoral Law*,” with the Amendments indicated in the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2 November, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee on Thursday next.

9. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Deniehy,—

“(1.) That there being no special form of religion or church established by law in this territory, and therefore no dominant or State Church, bishops and all other heads of Christian denominations whatsoever have jurisdiction in spiritual matters within their own churches and denominations, and no farther.

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(4.)

"(4.) That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in an address, and presented to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen,"—
Upon which Mr. Arnold had moved the Previous Question,—interrupted by the foregoing Message,—resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. E. Tooth,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

10. Postponements:—

- (1) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Friday next.
- (2) The further consideration in Committee of the First Electoral Rolls Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
- (3) The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

11. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. St Philip's Parsonage Bill:—The Speaker reported that the following Message had been received to-day, from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize the Sale Mortgage or Exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said Parish,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29 October, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,
President.

13. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Message with Amendments in the District Courts Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. District Courts Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message with Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That Mr. Plunkett be a Member of the Select Committee now sitting on the "State of the Magistracy."

Questions:—

Questions :—

1. **Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**
 1. Had the Executive Government any part in, or have they any cognizance of, the appointment of a minister of the Church of England as Dean of Sydney?
 2. If so—
 - (1.) By what authority was the appointment made?
 - (2.) What are the peculiar duties of the Dean aforesaid as distinguished from those of any ordinary minister of the same Church?
 - (3.) What are the emoluments of the office?
 - (4.) From what fund or funds are such emoluments derived?
2. **Mr. ARNOLD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—**Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer for sale any Lands within the limits of the various Gold Fields of the Colony; and, if so, whether there is any restriction intended as to the description of Land to be offered, and when it may be expected that such Lands will be ready for sale?
3. **Mr. PLUNKETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 - (1.) Whether there is any objection to certain lands in the District of Berrima being surveyed and put up for sale, on the applications of John Morrice, Robert Fyfe, John Abston, Robert Marshall, and others, which several applications were made some months ago, and to the extent of nearly 8,000 acres?
 - (2.) If there be no objection, when will those lands be offered for sale?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **Mr. THORNTON to move,** That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of sixty pounds, to defray the cost of furnishing the returns required from the two Official Assignees, as ordered by this House by a Resolution passed on the 30th March last.

Question :—

1. **Mr. GORDON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **Mr. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions :—**
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st instant, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Landed Property in cases of Intestacy Descent Bill:—Mr. Murray, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on the 2nd July last. Ordered to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendix.
2. State of the Magistracy:—Expenses of Witnesses:—Mr. Murray, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy, together with an Appendix,—in reference to expenses of Witnesses. Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and Report.
3. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Order No. 2 shall have been disposed of.
4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
6. District Courts Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Message with Amendments in this Bill being read,—And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes after Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. District Courts Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message with Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of sixty pounds, to defray the cost of furnishing the returns required from the two Official Assignees, as ordered by this House by a Resolution passed on the 30th March last.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.

3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That Mr. Plunkett be a Member of the Select Committee now sitting on the "State of the Magistracy."

Questions :—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Select Committee of this House, on the proposed Presbyterian College, by bringing in a Bill, or otherwise, to correct the blunder in the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University, whereby that portion of the land so alienated for College purposes, shall be secured to the Presbyterian body generally, and not as at present confined to the Church of Scotland exclusively?
2. MR. GEO. MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government have determined upon the localities in the Southern Districts where District Courts are to be held; and, if so, if he has any objection to state the names of such places?
3. MR. SMITH to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course do the Government intend to adopt with regard to Chinese Immigration?
4. MR. ARNOLD to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to comply with applications that may be made for purchase of lands, suitable for small farms, within the limits of the various Gold Fields of the Colony; and, if so, when such practice will be brought into operation?
5. MR. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When it is probable that a Resident Commissioner of Crown Lands, in connection with the Surveyor General's Department, will be appointed to the District of Darling Downs?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between this Government and the agent or representative of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, on the subject of the appropriation, made in 1853, of a portion of the north-eastern extremity of the Circular Quay to the use of Ocean Postal Steamers, and the recent resumption of the same by the Government
2. MR. MURRAY to move,—
 - (1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "State of the "Magistracy," laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd September last, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Return of Electors for 1858-9.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Registration and Preservation of Records:—Mr. Owen, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 23rd April last, to inquire into the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General;—the expediency and probable expense of procuring Fire-proof Premises;—the condition of the Registers, and the best means of their preservation and restoration where found decayed or injured;—the income derived from the fees of the Office, distinguishing those derived from Registering Deeds and Instruments;—the state and system of the Indicos, and whether any improvement can be made therein; and also to inquire into and report on the substitution of Paper for Parchment in registering, and whether searches can be advantageously made by the Clerks of the Registry Office;—with power to send for persons, and to call for, or inspect Books and Papers, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendix;—and the better preservation of Registered Instruments Bill (referred on 20th July last) as amended in Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. Removal of Signal Staff, Newcastle:—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, and Masters of Vessels, resident at, or trading to the Port of Newcastle, complaining of the removal of the Flag Staff, and praying its restoration to its former position.
Petition received.
 4. Attendance of Members of Legislative Council:—Mr. Thornton moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into Irish Female Immigrants, and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable F. L. S. Merewether, Esquire, in reference thereto, begs to request that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend accordingly, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4 November, 1858.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
5. Postponements:—The first and second Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until Wednesday next.
 6. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, with precedence over all other Business on the Paper for that day.
 7. Postponements:—
(1) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
(2) The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.
 8. District Courts Bill:—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council's Message with Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported, That the Committee does not insist upon its Amendment in page 2, Clause 7, lines 28 to 37, to which the Council has, in fact, disagreed;—And agrees to the whole of the Council's Amendments upon its Amendments in the other parts of the Bill;—

Motion

Motion made by Mr. Martin, and Question put,—That this House do now adopt this Report.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Thornton,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. White,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Paterson, } Tellers.
Mr. Owen, }

Noes, 3.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 27th ultimo, desiring its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council upon the Assembly's Amendments in the District Courts Bill,—

Does not insist upon its Amendment in Page 2, Clause 7, Lines 28 to 37, to which the Council has, in fact, disagreed;—

And agrees to the whole of the Council's Amendments upon its Amendments in the other parts of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4 November, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Involencies:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of sixty pounds, to defray the cost of furnishing the returns required from the Official Assignees, as ordered by this House by a Resolution passed on the 30th March last.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Rotton, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
11. Further extension of Southern and Western Railways:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to Railway Extension, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Murray not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between this Government and the agent or representative of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, on the subject of the appropriation, made in 1853, of a portion of the north-eastern extremity of the Circular Quay to the use of Ocean Postal Steamers, and the recent resumption of the same by the Government.
2. MR. MURRAY to move,—
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "State of the Magistracy," laid upon the Table of this House on the 3rd September last, be now adopted.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the same.

3. MR. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed Lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.

(2.) That such Committee be further instructed to inquire and report upon the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference, of a Survey of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Byrnes.

(4.) That it is the opinion of this House, that until such Committee shall have reported upon the matters so referred, the line of Railway extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with.

(5.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect so much of the above Resolutions as may be necessary.

4. MR. FORSTER to move, That he be excused from any further attendance on the Committee on the Magistracy.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration in Committee of an Address for money to cover expenses of preparing and rendering Insolvency Returns.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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

(1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. First Electoral Rolls Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. EGAN to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Whether any Report has been received from Mr. Surveyor Bransby, in reference to two Ports or Harbors on the Coast, in the District of Maneroo, called "Tathra" and "Kangarutha?"

(2.) If so, which of the two Harbors does he recommend?

(3.) What steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—

Whether the plans, sections, and books of reference, relating to a proposed Line of Railway Extension formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered by this House on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table, have been found?

3. MR. PLUNKETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Papers relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Colony, will be laid on the Table of the House?

4. MR. PATERSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Assessment Bill has received the assent of the Governor General?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Petition relative to the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.

2. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Albury, adopted, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 3rd September last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq.:—Mr. Murray, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 2nd July last, to inquire into and report upon the Railway Services of Thomas Woore, Esq., with Minutes of Proceedings, and Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had disagreed to some of the Amendments, amended others, made an Amendment consequent on an Amendment, and agreed to all the other Amendments, made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Cowper moved, "That" this House do now adopt this Report.
Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "the Report be now recommitted with a view to the further consideration of the Amendment in page 3, clause 5, lines 15 and 16."
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question—That the Report be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the Amendment in page 3, Clause 5, lines 15 and 16,—put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had made another Amendment in the Legislative Council's Amendments,—
Mr. Cowper moved, that this House do now adopt the Report as so amended.
Question put and passed.
4. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, a correspondence in reference to the plan showing the line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, moved for by Mr. Forster on the 1st October last.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Portion of Circular Quay for use of Ocean Postal Steamers:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between this Government and the agent or representative of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, or others, on the subject of the appropriation, made in 1853, of a portion of the north-eastern extremity of the Circular Quay to the use of Ocean Postal Steamers, and the recent resumption of the same by the Government.
Question put and passed.
6. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Murray not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
7. Postponement:—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
8. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

9. *Insolvencies*:—On motion of Mr. Thornton, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1858, the sum of sixty pounds, to defray the cost of furnishing the returns required from the Official Assignees, as ordered by this House by a Resolution passed on the 30th March last.

The Chairman having obtained leave to sit again at a later hour, and reported that Mr. Martin,—in reference to a certain statement made by Mr. Donaldson,—had said, "It is not true—the Honorable Member knows it is not true—and every other Member knows it is not true."

Mr. Faucett moved, That the words reported are highly disorderly and unparliamentary,—

And Mr. Martin having been heard in his place and withdrawn,—
Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

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And the House requesting the Speaker rather to rule in this matter than to put the Question,—

Mr. Martin was recalled, and upon being informed, by the Speaker, that the House had left the Question in his hands, and that he could have no hesitation in ruling that the words reported are "highly disorderly and unparliamentary," and ought to be retracted,—

Mr. Martin apologised to the House,

And notice being taken that Mr. Martin had not retracted the words reported, and that Mr. Donaldson had withdrawn from the House, the Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to request Mr. Donaldson to attend in his place,—

And Mr. Donaldson having returned to the House,

Moved, That the Committee do now resume;—

And Mr. Martin having withdrawn the words reported,—

And the Speaker, at the instance of Mr. Plunkett, desiring an assurance to the House that this matter would not be carried farther,—

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Martin severally assured the House that they would not carry the matter farther,—

Whereupon, Question,—for the resumption of the Committee,—put and passed, and the Committee resumed accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the following Resolution,—

That the Committee disagree to the proposed Address, being of opinion that the Government have failed in their duty to the House, in not having procured from the Official Assignees, who are Officers of the Supreme Court, the returns of Insolvency ordered by the House on the 30th of March last.

Mr. Donaldson moved,—That this House do now adopt this Resolution.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Smith, } Tellers.
Mr. Wild, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. B. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Egan,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Scott, }

10. *Postponement*:—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Wednesday next.

11. *First Electoral Rolls Bill*, on motion of Mr. Cowper, discharged from the Paper.

12. *Postponement*:—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. B. Campbell, until Tuesday next, with precedence over all Other Business on the Paper for that day.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a. m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HODGSON to move, That the Petition relative to the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.
MR. OWEN to move,—
(1.) That this House do now adopt so much of the Progress Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General, as recommends the erection of Fire-proof and convenient Offices.
(2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take present steps for giving effect to the same.
4. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate St. John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves:—
(1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in declining to submit that Act to Her Majesty the Queen, is not justified by the reasons assigned;—is calculated to disturb the harmony which now prevails among the various religious bodies in the territory;—and to cause the greatest dissatisfaction to the Parliament and people of New South Wales.
(2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner the perseverance of Her Majesty's Imperial Advisers in a course opposed to that entire religious freedom and equality, which it desires to assert as a fundamental principle in the constitution of New South Wales.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to Her Majesty the Queen.
5. MR. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed Lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.
(2.) That such Committee be further instructed to inquire and report upon the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference, of a Survey of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table of this House.
(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Byrnes.
(4.) That it is the opinion of this House, that until such Committee shall have reported upon the matters so referred, the line of Railway extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with.
(5.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect so much of the above Resolutions as may be necessary.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
With reference to the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference of a proposed line of Railway extension to the westward, formerly surveyed by the Government, ordered by this House on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table,—
(1.) What is the latest date at which the plans, &c., alleged to be lost are known to have been in possession of the Government?
(2.) In whose custody were they supposed to be?
(3.) Who is or are directly responsible for the loss?
(4.) Was the loss discovered previous to the order of the House above referred to?
(5.) Were the lines of Railway extension, now proposed, determined on without knowledge of, or comparison with, the survey in question?
(6.) Do the Government intend instituting any further inquiry into the circumstances of the alleged loss?

2. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether by the recent appointment of E. O. Moriarty, Esquire, to the situation of Engineer-in-Chief to Harbour and River Navigation, the entire services of that officer are secured to the public?
3. MR. DENIEHY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government are aware of the present impassable state of the road between Goulburn and Braidwood; and if so, if the Government contemplate forthwith repairing the road?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address in reference to Dr. Harris, adopted, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, on the 22nd ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Correspondence in relation to the conveyance of Immigrants to the Country Districts.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Copy of Correspondence respecting the Returns from Official Assignees, ordered to be laid upon the Table on 30th March last,—
And Mr. Cowper having moved, That this Correspondence be printed, took occasion to acquaint the House, that Mr. Martin had, since Friday last, resigned Office as Attorney General.
And a Debate arising,—
Mr. Hay moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
Debate continued;—
And the motion for adjournment of the House, being by leave withdrawn,—
Original Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Robertson, in answer to a Question put to him by Mr. Forster, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (4.) Letter from Captain Martindale, dated 8th instant, in reference to the alleged loss of Plans of Railway Extension to the Westward.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (5.) Rule of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, promulgated 10th September, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (6.) Rule of the Supreme Court, Moreton Bay, promulgated 27th September, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 2nd instant, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Electoral Law Amendment Bill,—
Agrees to the Amendments in page 1, line 14.
Disagrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7; because it is unadvisable to anticipate the judgment of a future Parliament in a matter of such doubtful expediency as the admission into the Body of the University of an element so disturbing as party politics.
Agrees to the Amendment in page 3, clause 5, line 15.
Disagrees to so much of the Amendment in page 3, clause 5, line 15 and 16, as proposes to omit the words "except as hereinafter specified;" because the retention of these words is necessary to indicate a subsequent regulation in regard to the exercise of the franchise extended to Miners.
Agrees to all the Amendments in page 3, clause 8, to the end of line 31, and proposes to substitute "five" for "seven" in the first line of the words *inserted* after the said word "least," in which amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Proposes to amend the Amendment in pages 3 and 4, clause 9, lines 37 to 23, by the substitution of "three" for "five" in line 3 of the words proposed to be *inserted*, by the omission of all the words following "that District," in the provision relating to resident

resident Electors, commencing "Firstly;"—by the insertion of "Value of one hundred pounds or of the" before "Annual," in line 6 of the provision relating to non-resident electors, commencing "Secondly;"—and by the omission of the words "or who shall then be entitled to receive and for the said six months have been" entitled to receive under a yearly or longer engagement any salary of one hundred pounds a year payable within the District, or who shall then be and during the said six months shall continuously have been the owner of money to the amount of fifty pounds deposited by him in any Savings' Bank within the District"—immediately preceding the Proviso at the end of the said provision commencing "Secondly;" in which amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Proposes to amend the Amendment, after clause 9, by the omission of the new clause proposed to stand clause 11, in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 5, clause 10, lines 41 and 42.

Proposes to amend the Amendment in page 5, clause 10, lines 43 to 52, by omitting from the words inserted the words "resided thereon, or on any other such Gold Field within the same for the three months then next preceding, and shall have"—by omitting "same" before "period" by inserting "of six months" after "period," and by adding the proviso following after "Election" at the end—"Provided that if he so vote he shall, although upon the Electoral Roll of any other Electoral District within the boundaries of which there shall be a proclaimed Gold Field, not be entitled to vote at the same Election for any Member of such other Electoral District, and every last named person who shall so vote, contrary to this proviso, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor," in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the Amendments in page 6, clause 11, lines 9 and 10.

Disagrees to the Amendment in page 6, clause 11, line 14. Because the retention of the words proposed to be omitted is useful to distinguish between the Presiding Officer signing the Memorandum and the Miner entitled to vote, but proposes to add after the words "in such right" the words "or License or Lease," in which Amendment, consequent upon the Council's Amendment, it requests the Council's concurrence.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 6, clause 11, line 16.

Disagrees to the Amendment which proposes the insertion, after clause 11, of a new clause to stand clause 16 for the reasons assigned for disagreement to the Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7.

Agrees to the Amendments following as far as page 15, clause 40, line 13, inclusive.

Disagrees to so much of the Amendment in page 15, clause 40, lines 16 to 26, as proposes the omission of the words "And if there be any Gold Field within the boundaries of the district." "Fifthly:—Have you already voted for any Gold Fields Electoral District?" Because the question proposed to be omitted is necessary to guard against the exercise of a double vote by the same individual.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 15, clause 40, line 28.

Disagrees to the subsequent Amendment in page 15, clause 40, line 28. Because of its disagreement to the Amendment proposing to omit the Question at page 15, clause 40, lines 35 to 37.

Agrees to the Amendments in page 15, clause 40, lines 28 and 29, and line 30.

Disagrees to the Amendment in page 15, clause 40, line 31. Because of its disagreement in part to the Council's Amendment in page 5, clause 10, lines 43 to 52.

Disagrees to the Amendment in page 15, clause 40, lines 35 to 37. Because of its disagreement in part to the Council's Amendment in page 15, clause 40, lines 16 to 26.

Agrees to the Amendments following as far as page 20, clause 55, lines 4 and 5 inclusive.

Disagrees to so much of the Amendment in page 20, clause 55, lines 6 to 8, as follows the word "Member." Because it is but reasonable that the Candidate or Member should be held responsible for those acts only of which it can be shown he was cognizant or approving.

And agrees to the remaining Amendments in the other parts of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9 November, 1858.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Attendance of Member of Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported the following Message received to-day from the Legislative Council,—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 4th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable F. L. S. Merewether, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire respecting "Irish Female Immigrants," the Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that leave has been granted to Mr. Merewether to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4 November, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

4. State of the Magistracy :—Mr. Murray, as Chairman, brought up a Final Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 18th May last, to inquire into the State of the Magistracy of this Colony,—with the Minutes of Proceedings and Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Paper :—Mr. Robert Campbell laid upon the Table, certain Despatches and Papers relating to Coinage at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. Removal of Signal Staff, Newcastle; Mr. Thornton, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hodgson, That the Petition relative to the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle, presented by Mr. Hodgson on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponements :—
 - (1) The motions standing second and third on the Notice Paper for to-day, postponed, on motion of Mr. Weekes, until Friday next.
 - (2) Mr. Plunkett, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Deniehy fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (3) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (4) The second reading of the Graduates of British Universities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
 - (5) The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
 The House adjourned at a quarter before Eleven o'Clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'Clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course the Government intend to take with reference to the production of certain Returns relating to the Insolvent Court, ordered by this House to be laid upon the Table on 30th March, 1858, but which have not yet been so laid upon the Table of this House?
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have given, or propose to give Captain Martindale instructions to report on the desirableness and practicability of throwing a bridge over the Murrumbidgee, at Gundagai?

3. MR. HODGSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Whether it is a fact that the Resident Judge of Moreton Bay has been for some time, and is still, resident in Sydney?
 (2.) If so, by what authority; and whether any provision has been made for conducting the business of the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay during the absence of the Judge; and whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the General Rules lately promulgated by Mr. Justice Milford, and more particularly to the 5th rule?
4. MR. HAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any applications for leases of the second class, under the new Gold Fields' Regulations, have been received by Government; and, if so, how many, and within what Gold Fields?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Copy of the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University for College purposes, whereby the whole of the land at Grose Farm is granted to the four denominations now receiving aid from the State.
 (2.) A Copy of the Draft Deed, and of all Correspondence that has taken place in reference to the issue of such Grant, between the Solicitor for the Senate of the University and the Civil Crown Solicitor, or between that Officer and the Government, or the Law Officers of the Crown.
 (3.) Any other Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Senate of the University, or the heads of the different denominations, or any other person on this subject.
2. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.
3. MR. OWEN *to move*,—
 (1.) That this House do now adopt so much of the Progress Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General, as recommends the erection of Fire-proof and convenient Offices.
 (2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take present steps for giving effect to the same.
4. MR. DENIEHY *to move*, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate St. John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves:—
 (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in declining to submit that Act to Her Majesty the Queen, is not justified by the reasons assigned;—is calculated to disturb the harmony which now prevails among the various religious bodies in the territory;—and to cause the greatest dissatisfaction to the Parliament and people of New South Wales.
 (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner the perseverance of Her Majesty's Imperial Advisers in a course opposed to that entire religious freedom and equality, which it desires to assert as a fundamental principle in the constitution of New South Wales.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to Her Majesty the Queen.
5. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed Lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.
 (2.) That such Committee be further instructed to inquire and report upon the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference, of a Survey of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table of this House.
 (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Byrnes.
 (4.) That it is the opinion of this House, that until such Committee shall have reported upon the matters so referred, the line of Railway extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with.
 (5.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect so much of the above Resolutions as may be necessary.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. ROTTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—
 (1.) Has the Government yet made any appointments under the 2nd section of the Main Roads Act, assented to on the 7th June last?
 (2.) If so, what is the name or names of the Commissioner or Commissioners appointed?
 (3.) Have they, or any of them, furnished any Reports of the state of the Main Roads, or taken any action under the powers vested in them by the 3rd clause of the said Act?
 (4.) If so, what is the course adopted?

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponements:—
 - (1) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
 - (2) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
 - (3) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
 - (4) The second reading of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
3. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at five minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Registered Instruments better Preservation Bill.
2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate and apply, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1857-8.
3. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency, the Governor General.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

Question:—

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1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any knowledge of the presence in Sydney of an accredited agent of Messrs. Peto & Co., the great Railway Contractors, or of the appointment of Solicitors, Trustees, and others, who are stated to be appointed with that gentleman; if so, what is the name of the gentleman appointed?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University for College purposes, whereby the whole of the land at Grose Farm is granted to the four denominations now receiving aid from the State.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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Question :—

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 - (1.) Has the Government yet made any appointments under the 2nd section of the Main Roads Act, assented to on the 7th June last?
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 - (3.) Have they, or any of them, furnished any Reports of the state of the Main Roads, or taken any action under the powers vested in them by the 3rd clause of the said Act?
 - (4.) If so, what is the course adopted?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1858.

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

(1.) St. Philip's Parsonage Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 43.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize the sale mortgage or exchange of the Parsonage in connection with the Parish of St. Philip in Sydney and the providing of another Parsonage and for other purposes of the said Parish,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 11 November, 1858.*

(2.) Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 41.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts and to increase the Rent of Lands leased for Pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of New South Wales,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 11 November, 1858.*

2. State of the Magistracy :—Expenses of Witnesses :—Mr. Arnold, on behalf of the Speaker, as Chairman, brought up the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, on the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the State of the Magistracy, on the subject of Expenses of Witnesses, which was referred to the Standing Orders Committee, for consideration and Report, on the 3rd instant.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Ministerial Explanation :—Mr. Cowper having stated that the Office of Attorney General had been accepted by Mr. Lutwyche, lately Solicitor General; that the Office of Solicitor General had not yet been filled up; and that Mr. Martin had not retired in consequence of any political or legal difference with the Ministry; and added, that further explanation, at this time, was inexpedient.
Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
4. Government Railways Bill :—The Speaker reported, that whilst the House was in Debate, the following Messages had been received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.)

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated 29th October, 1858, the Legislative Council informs the Assembly that the Council does not insist on reasons for the amendment proposed by the Assembly upon the amendment proposed by the Council in Clause 1 of the Bill intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9 November, 1858.*

W. W. BURTON,
President.

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MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 22nd October, 1858, the Legislative Council acquaints the Assembly, that the Council has agreed to the Amendments made by the Assembly on the Amendments of the Council, on the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction by the Government of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales and for the regulation of the same,*" and does not insist on those Amendments which are disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 9 November, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,

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5. Registered Instruments better preservation Bill :—On motion of Mr. Cowper, pursuant to notice, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress.
6. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. R. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
(2.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
(3.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
(4.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.
7. Supply :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.
The Chairman having reported that upon a Division in the Committee it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman, having obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, reported the following Resolutions :—

II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21 10s. 6d., to defray the additional charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1858.

III.—THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the additional charge of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (115.) Resolved, that there granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,020, to defray the additional charge of the Post Office Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the additional charge of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, to defray the additional charge of Immigration Establishments, for the year 1858.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £933 15s. 1d., to defray the additional charge of the Sydney City and District Police Establishment, for the year 1858,—being £523 15s. 1d. for the City Police, and £410 for the District Police.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105 18s. 4d., to defray the additional charge of the Water Police Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,328 3s. 9d., to defray the additional charge of Police in Country Districts, for the year 1858.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £471 7s. 6d., to defray the additional charge of Gold Guards and Conveyance, for the year 1858.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £426 19s. 11d., to defray the additional charge of the Sydney Gaol Establishment, for the year 1858.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68, to defray the additional charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, for the year 1858.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,432 16s. 4d., as an additional charge for the year 1858, to defray the expense of the Military Establishment,—being £58 6s. 8d., allowance in lieu of Quarters to Brigade Major; £3,150 2s. for two Companies maintained at the expense of the Colony; and £7,224 7s. 8d. for the general service of the Military.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,674 6s. 8d., as an additional charge for the year 1858, to defray the expense of the Naval Establishment.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,224 17s. as an additional charge for the year 1858, to defray the expense of the Royal Artillery.

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(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, as an additional charge for the year 1858, to defray the expense of the Volunteer Corps.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,850, to defray the additional charge of Charitable Allowances for the year 1858,—being £2,000 in further aid of the Erection of the New Wing of the Sydney Infirmary, on condition that the Directors will incur the liability of finishing the Wing with the aid of this amount; £200 in aid of the Hospital at Wagga Wagga, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee, on the like condition; £150 in aid of the Tamworth Benevolent Society, on the like condition; £400 in aid of the Erection of a Public Hospital at Muswellbrook, on the like condition; £300 in aid of the Erection of a Public Hospital at Braidwood, on the like condition; £200 in aid of an Outfit for the Public Hospital at Penrith, on the like condition; and £2,500 for completing the building of the Asylum for Destitute Children.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,197, to defray the additional charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1858,—being £500 for the purchase of Scientific Works for the Museum; £97 for the purchase, for the use of the Museum, of a Collection of Scientific Works, which formed the library of the late Wm. Swainson, Esq., F.R.S.; £100 in aid of a Building Fund for the School of Arts at Grafton, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; and £500 in aid of the erection of the Mechanics' Institute at Maitland, on the like condition.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £3,131 18s. 0d., to defray the additional charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1858,—being £179 3s. 4d. Gratuity to John Murray Bate on his retirement from the Office of 1st Clerk of the Legislative Council Establishment, owing to ill health, being one month's pay for every year of service; £37 10s. Gratuity, equal to three months' pay, to John Baxter, late Principal Messenger of the Legislative Assembly Establishment; £20, Claim of Mr. William Carter against Mr. Frederick Walker, late Commandant of Native Police; £163 12s., Expenses in the matter of an Appeal to the Privy Council by Mr. Robertson, against an Order for removing him from the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands; £500, Deficiency in the Votes for Electoral purposes, 1856-7; £500, preliminary expenses of initiating Municipal Institutions; £438 17s. 8d., Deficiency in the amount voted for Paper and Parchment for Printing for the Public Service generally; £900, towards the relief of unemployed Laborers in the City of Sydney; £300, Allowance to the late Colonial Agent General (E. Barnard) for one year, in order that he may give any assistance which may be required by the Oriental Bank and Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, & Co.; and £92 15s., Expense of firing the Noon Gun.

IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £88, to defray the additional charge of the Establishment of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1858.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray the additional charge of the Moreton Bay Court Establishment, for the year 1858.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,700, as an additional charge for the year 1858, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishment, from the 1st November of that year.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray the additional charge of the Sheriff's Establishment, for the year 1858.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray the additional charge of the Establishment of Coroners, for the year 1858.

V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray the additional charge of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1858.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109 10s., to defray the additional charge of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, for the year 1858.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,109 11s. 10d., to defray the additional charge of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1858.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25 17s. 6d., to defray the additional charge, for the year 1858, of the Establishment of Colonial Distilleries.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29 3s. 4d., to defray the additional charge of the Salaries of Gold Receivers, for the year 1858.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25 16s. 8d., to defray the additional charge of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, for the year 1858.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, to defray the additional charge of the Establishment of the Shipping Master, at Sydney, for the year 1858.

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(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £956 0s. 8d., to defray the additional charges of Light House Establishments for the year 1858,—being £114 for such Establishment at the South Head of Port Jackson; £802 0s. 8d. for such Establishment at Gabo Island; and £40 for such Establishment at Newcastle.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £760, to defray the additional charge, for the year 1858, for supplementing the Incomes of the Pilots, and for employment of Assistant Harbour Masters.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74, to defray the additional charge of Telegraph Stations, for the year 1858.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £274, to defray the additional charge of the Floating Light Establishment in Port Jackson, for the year 1858.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £734 9s. 11d., to defray the additional charge of the Floating Light Establishment at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £414 3s. 6d., to defray the additional charge of the Pilot at Wollongong, for the year 1858.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,517 19s., to defray the additional charge of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1858, being £250 gratuity to the Widow of the late Mr. Pilot Hawkes, who was drowned whilst in the discharge of his duties; £4,015 9s. for Premiums on Bills of Exchange purchased for remittance to England, that is to say, £2,515 9s. Deficiency in the amount voted for 1857, and £1,500 Service of 1858; £1,352 10s. to meet Deficiency in the amount voted for the Reserve Store of Gunpowder; and £900 for Repairs to the Steam Dredge, Sydney Cove.

VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,857 8s., to defray the additional charge of the Establishment for the Survey and Management of Crown Lands for the year 1858.

(151.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,300, to defray the additional charge of Commission on Sales of Land, Rents of Offices, and Advertising, for the year 1858.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,000, to defray the additional expense of Railways for the year 1858.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,700, to defray the additional expense of Roads for the year 1858,—being £400 for Travelling Allowances to the Road Surveyors, for the year 1856, 4 at £100 per annum, each; £600 for a Cut at Warland's Range, on the Great Northern Road; £1,500 for the construction of a road from Armidale to the Macleay River; £1,500 to meet probable cost of opening new Streets through Crown Lands in the City of Sydney; £200 for the repair of the Road approaching Peat's Ferry; and £1,500 for the formation of a Cut at Kenny's Hill, on the Road from Campbelltown to Camden.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,802 4s. 6d., to defray the additional expense of Bridges, for the year 1858,—being £1,000 for the construction of a Bridge over the Cudgegong at Mudgee; £410 for the construction of a Bridge over the Mulwarree; £300 for the construction of a Bridge over Wollombi Brook, (Jerry's Plains); £300 for the construction of a Bridge over Gilmore's Creek; £100 for the construction of a Bridge over the Tumut; £400 for repair of Berrima Bridge; the further sum of £142 4s. 6d. for repairs effected to Denison Bridge; and £150 for the construction of a Bridge over Jordan's Creek, Durham-street, Bathurst.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the additional expense of Ferries, for the year 1858,—being £150 for a Punt to ply on the River Mary; £50 for the Maintenance of a Punt at Peat's Ferry; and £100 to provide a Boat for the Crossing-place on the Macquarie River at Wellington.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,947, to defray the additional charge of Public Buildings, for the year 1858,—being £400 for the erection of a Powder Magazine, Brisbane; £800 for additions and repairs at the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £600 for rebuilding the Parapet Wall of the Barrack at Kerribilli; £220 for replacing a Boundary Wall at Dawes' Battery; £563 for alterations and repairs to the General Post Office, Sydney; £600 for the erection of a Court House at Glen Innes; £400 for alterations to the Court House, Bathurst; £300 for the erection of a Lock-up at Shell Harbour; £230 for the erection and repair of Police Buildings at Adelong; £120 for the erection of Police Buildings at Merindee; the further sum of £114 for the completion of the Court and Watch House at Paterson; £250 for repairs to the Court and Watch House at Brisbane Water; £400 for the erection of a Lock-up at Condobolin, on the Lachlan; £100 for repairs and additions to the Court House, Molong; the further sum of £80 for the erection of a Watch House at Ipswich; £200 for the completion of the Infirmary, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £210 for additions to the Government Printing Office; £300 for painting exterior of Hornby Light House, clearing and fencing ground, and for supply of Tanks and Spouting for the collection of fresh water; £200 for the erection of a Shed for Government Boats, Sydney Cove; £250 for the erection of a Shed at Camp Cove for Life Boat; £200 for additions to Signal Station, Fort Phillip; and £410 for laying on Water and completing Fittings at the Australian Museum.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the additional charge for Dams, for the year 1858,—being £150 for the purchase of Land adjoining Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, for Supply of Water; £100 for Fencing round Reservoir, Brisbane; and £50 for constructing a New Water Reservoir, Eden.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray the additional charges for Wharfs and Harbours, for the year 1858,—being the further sum of £500 for removal of impediments to the Navigation of the Bremer and Brisbane Rivers; and £150 for repair of Mason's Work, Harbour of Wollongong.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the additional charge of Miscellaneous Services for the year 1858,—being £300 for grassing Sand Hills, near Sydney; £150 for enclosing Wynyard Square with Iron Fence; and £150 for compensation to Mr. David Cross, for Buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the additional charge of the Gold Fields Establishment for the year 1858.

TO BE PROVIDED BY LOAN.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £38,500, to defray the additional charge, for the year 1858, of the following Services,—being £10,500 for the erection of an Electric Telegraph from Sydney to Bathurst; £13,000 for the erection of an Electric Telegraph from Sydney to Newcastle, by way of Windsor, Wollombi, and Maitland; £10,000 towards the construction of a Bridge over the Murray, at Albury; £3,000 for the erection of an additional Powder Magazine at Goat Island; and £2,000 for the construction of a Dam at West Maitland.

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed

8. Postponements:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to move (as an amendment upon Mr. Denichy's Resolutions); That all the words after the word "resolves" be omitted, in order to insert the following:—
 - (1.) That full religious freedom, and the equal rights of all religious persuasions, ought to be regarded as fundamental principles of the Constitution and legislation of New South Wales.
 - (2.) That in maintaining as sacred and inviolable these principles, this House is most desirous, at the same time, to uphold the legitimate rights and authority of the Crown in regard to such legislation.
 - (3.) That this House is of opinion, therefore, that all laws, regulations, and appointments having reference to Ecclesiastical Establishments and matters in this Colony, should conform to the principles and spirit of the foregoing Resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University for College purposes, whereby the whole of the land at Grose Farm is granted to the four denominations now receiving aid from the State.
 - (2.) A Copy of the Draft Deed, and of all Correspondence that has taken place in reference to the issue of such Grant, between the Solicitor for the Senate of the University and the Civil Crown Solicitor, or between that Officer and the Government, or the Law Officers of the Crown.
 - (3.) Any other Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Senate of the University, or the heads of the different denominations, or any other person on this subject.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.
3. MR. OWEN to move,—
 - (1.) That this House do now adopt so much of the Progress Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General, as recommends the erection of Fire-proof and convenient Offices.
 - (2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take present steps for giving effect to the same.
4. MR. DENISBY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate St. John's College within the University of Sydney, "resolves":—
 - (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in declining to submit that Act to Her Majesty the Queen, is not justified by the

the reasons assigned ;—is calculated to disturb the harmony which now prevails among the various religious bodies in the territory ;—and to cause the greatest dissatisfaction to the Parliament and people of New South Wales.

(2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner the perseverance of Her Majesty's Imperial Advisers in a course opposed to that entire religious freedom and equality, which it desires to assert as a fundamental principle in the constitution of New South Wales.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to Her Majesty the Queen.

5. MR. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed Lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.

(2.) That such Committee be further instructed to inquire and report upon the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference, of a Survey of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table of this House.

(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Byrnes.

(4.) That it is the opinion of this House, that until such Committee shall have reported upon the matters so referred, the line of Railway extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with.

(5.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect so much of the above Resolutions as may be necessary.

6. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.

7. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, copies of any further correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate and apply, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1857-8.

2. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.

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

3. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—

(1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

3. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. ROTTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND WORKS,—

(1.) Has the Government yet made any appointments under the 2nd section of the Main Roads Act, assented to on the 7th June last?

(2.) If so, what is the name or names of the Commissioner or Commissioners appointed?

(3.) Have they, or any of them, furnished any Reports of the state of the Main Roads, or taken any action under the powers vested in them by the 3rd clause of the said Act?

(4.) If so, what is the course adopted?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That in the opinion of this House, for any person or persons whatsoever, employed in the payment of public moneys, to pay, or direct or cause to be paid any sum or sums of money, for or towards the support of services for the year 1859, after this Parliament shall have been prorogued or dissolved—if it shall be prorogued or dissolved before any Act of Parliament shall have passed appropriating the supplies to such services—will be a daring breach of public trust, derogatory to the fundamental privileges of Parliament, and subversive of the Constitution of this Colony.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any correspondence which may have taken place between His Excellency the Governor General and the Law Officers of the Crown, upon the subject of the Assent which it has been announced has been given to the Act authorizing an Assessment on Runs.

Question:—

1. MR. JONES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) By what authority has a portion of the Run called Walalla, in the District of Liverpool Plains, (which by a late decision in the Supreme Court, in the case Nowland v. Christian & Humphreys, has been decided to belong to Nowland,) been alienated to John Sales?
 - (2.) Has the sanction of the Government been given to Samuel Clift's claim to purchase 160 acres at Duono, a portion of the Walalla Run, notwithstanding that in the case sued in the Supreme Court in February last, a verdict adverse to Clift was gained by Nowland?
 - (3.) What is the reason that no notice has been taken of the application of William Nowland for the sale to him, under his right of pre-emption, of several portions of his Run of Walalla?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
District Courts Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 45.*
Governor General.
A Bill intituled "*An Act for establishing District Courts and for enabling the Judges thereof to act as Chairmen of Quarter Sessions,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 12 November, 1858.
2. Question of Privilege:—Mr. Deniehy—adverting to the Leading Article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper of this date—moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the use of the words in the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper of this date (November 12th, 1858) "because the Assembly is a Mob," is a gross Breach of the Privileges of this Honorable House.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Forster moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question,—That this Question be now put,—put and negatived.
3. Land granted to Sydney University for Affiliated Colleges:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Copy of the Deed of Grant made to the Senate of the University for College purposes, whereby the whole of the land at Grose Farm is granted to the four denominations now receiving aid from the State.
(2.) A Copy of the Draft Deed, and of all Correspondence that has taken place in reference to the issue of such Grant, between the Solicitor for the Senate of the University and the Civil Crown Solicitor, or between that Officer and the Government, or the Law Officers of the Crown.
(3.) Any other Correspondence, not already laid upon the Table of the House, which has taken place between the Government and the Senate of the University, or the heads of the different denominations, or any other person on this subject.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Gordon postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes, second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
5. Registration and Preservation of Records:—Mr. Owen moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That this House do now adopt so much of the Progress Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Records and Registers in the Office of the Registrar General, as recommends the erection of Fire-proof and convenient Offices.
(2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to take present steps for giving effect to the same.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations:—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate St. John's College within the University of Sydney, "resolves":—
(1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in declining to submit that Act to Her Majesty the Queen, is not justified by the reasons assigned;—is calculated to disturb the harmony which now prevails among the various religious bodies in the territory;—and to cause the greatest dissatisfaction to the Parliament and people of New South Wales.

(2.)

(2) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner the conduct of Her Majesty's Imperial Advisers in pursuing a course opposed to that entire religious freedom and equality, which it desires to assert as a fundamental principle in the constitution of New South Wales.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the information of Her Majesty.

Mr. Macarthur moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "resolves," to and inclusive of the words "New South Wales," at the end of section (2), in order to insert the following:—

(1.) That full religious freedom, and the equal rights of all religious persuasions, ought to be regarded as fundamental principles of the Constitution and legislation of New South Wales.

(2.) That in maintaining as sacred and inviolable these principles, this House is most desirous, at the same time, to uphold the legitimate rights and authority of the Crown in regard to such legislation.

(3.) That this House is of opinion, therefore, that all laws, regulations, and appointments having reference to Ecclesiastical Establishments and matters in this Colony, should conform to the principles and spirit of the foregoing Resolutions.

And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That in the opinion of this House, for any person or persons whatsoever, employed in the payment of public moneys, to pay, or direct or cause to be paid any sum or sums of money, for or towards the support of services for the year 1859, after this Parliament shall have been prorogued or dissolved—if it shall be prorogued or dissolved before any Act of Parliament shall have passed appropriating the supplies to such services—will be a daring breach of public trust, derogatory to the fundamental privileges of Parliament, and subversive of the Constitution of this Colony.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any correspondence which may have taken place between His Excellency the Governor General and the Law Officers of the Crown, upon the subject of the Assent which it has been announced has been given to the Act authorizing an Assessment on Runs.
3. MR. BYRNES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches.
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the proposed Lines of Railway Extension to Picton, Penrith, and Singleton, respectively.
 - (2.) That such Committee be further instructed to inquire and report upon the alleged loss of the plans, sections, and books of reference, of a Survey of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, formerly surveyed by the Government, and ordered on October 1st, to be laid upon the Table of this House.
 - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. White, Mr. Owen, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Byrnes.
 - (4.) That it is the opinion of this House, that until such Committee shall have reported upon the matters so referred, the line of Railway extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with.
 - (5.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect so much of the above Resolutions as may be necessary.
5. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.
6. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any further correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate and apply, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1857-8.
2. MR. COOPER to move the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. JONES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) By what authority has a portion of the Run called Walalla, in the District of Liverpool Plains, (which by a late decision in the Supreme Court, in the case *Nowland v. Christian & Humphreys*, has been decided to belong to Nowland,) been alienated to John Hales?
 - (2.) Has the sanction of the Government been given to Samuel Clift's claim to purchase 160 acres at Duono, a portion of the Walalla Run, notwithstanding that in the case sued in the Supreme Court in February last, a verdict adverse to Clift was gained by Nowland?
 - (3.) What is the reason that no notice has been taken of the application of William Nowland for the sale to him, under his right of pre-emption, of several portions of his Run of Walalla?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Vacant Seat :—Mr. Cowper having acquainted the House that William Bede Dalley, Esquire, had accepted the Office of Solicitor General,—
Moved, That the seat of William Bede Dalley, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the acceptance of the Office of Solicitor General by the said William Bede Dalley, Esquire, since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the Cumberland Boroughs.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Martin addressed himself to the House in explanation of his resignation of the Office of Attorney General.
2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—The Speaker reported that during Mr. Martin's explanation the following Message had been received from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 9th instant, in which it disagrees to some, and proposes further Amendments upon other, of the Council's Amendments in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend the Electoral Law*,"—

Insists upon the Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7. Because it cannot adopt the opinion that the representation of the University in the Legislative Assembly is a matter of doubtful expediency, and considers, therefore, that a provision to secure such representation ought not to be omitted in the present settlement of the Electoral Law.

Does not insist upon the Amendment in page 3, clause 5, lines 15 and 16.

Agrees to the Amendment in clause 8, line 32, but proposes further to amend that clause in page 3, line 35, by inserting before the word "twelve," the words "eleven or," and by omitting the words "or thirteen," in which Amendment,—consequent upon the Assembly's Amendment which omits proposed new clause 11,—the Council requests the concurrence of the Assembly.

Agrees to all the Amendments in clause 9.

Agrees to the Amendment after clause 9, by the omission of the new clause proposed to stand clause 11.

Agrees to all the Amendments in clause 10.

Does not insist upon the Amendment in page 6, clause 11, line 14; and agrees to the Assembly's further Amendment consequent on the Council's Amendment.

Insists upon the Amendment which proposes the insertion after clause 11, of a new clause to stand clause 16, for the reasons assigned for insisting upon the Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7.

And does not insist upon any other of its Amendments in subsequent clauses of the Bill.

In the absence of the President,

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 November, 1858.*

GEO. ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Message, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

3. Supply for 1859 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House, for any person or persons whatsoever, employed in the payment of public moneys, to pay, or direct or cause to be paid any sum or sums of money, for or towards the support of services for the year 1859, during the prorogation or after the dissolution of this Parliament—if it shall be prorogued or dissolved before an Act of Parliament shall have passed appropriating the supplies to such services—will be a daring breach of public trust, derogatory to the fundamental privileges of Parliament, and subversive of the Constitution of this Colony.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Deniely moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.

Previous

Previous Question put—That this Question be now put:
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Faucett,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Smith, }

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Marks,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

4. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table certain plans shewing the proposed Line of Railway Extension to the Western interior.
 5. Assent to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any correspondence which may have taken place between His Excellency the Governor General and the Law Officers of the Crown, or any minute or written opinion which may have been made or given by the present or the late Attorney General, or both, upon the subject of the Assent which it has been announced has been given to the Act authorizing an Assessment on Runs.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 6. State paid Churches:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the various Places of Worship connected with the four State paid Churches; also the number of Ministers—the number of Places of Worship—the extent of Church Property—how acquired—whether by grant, gift, or purchase—and the number of Sunday and Day Schools and Scholars.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
 8. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Dickson postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hodgson sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
(3.) The second reading of the Graduates of British Universities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Friday next.
 9. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate and apply, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1857-8.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
 10. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Thursday next.
(2.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Thursday next.
(3.) The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message, with Amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the following Resolutions be adopted as Sessional Orders of this House,—
 - (1.) That at the hour of half-past Six o'clock, p.m.—or as near thereto as the convenient dispatch of business will permit—the Speaker, (or the Chairman, if the House be sitting in Committee of the whole,) shall adjourn the House, (or Committee, as the case may be,) for Refreshment, during the space of half an hour.
 - (2.) That before the Speaker (or Chairman) shall leave the Chair, he shall inform the House “That the hour for adjournment has arrived,” and the half hour shall accordingly run from the moment at which the Chair shall be then vacated.
2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.
 - (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
3. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any further correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

Questions:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If the Government are aware that in consequence of the incomplete state of the works at the Flats in the Hunter River, the Channel partly formed there is becoming so seriously stopped as to prevent the usual passage of the ordinary trading vessels?
 - (2.) When the new Steam Dredge will be ready for work, and when she may be expected to commence work at the Flats, with a reasonable hope of such expectation being realized?
 - (3.) Has any Master been appointed to the said Steam Dredge, and if so, who?
2. MR. SMITH to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the sum of £100, voted by this House on the 3rd August, 1858, for opening up a Road through Manly Cove has been expended; and if so, upon what Road?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.

2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—
- (1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and such as to call for strict investigation.
 - (2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, it became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.
 - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly censurable.
3. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1858.

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

Papers:—

(1.) Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table, the Return to the Order, in reference to the removal of the Signal Staff, Newcastle, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Hodgson, on the 2nd instant,—with a Chart for reference.

(2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Return from Mr. John Morris, Official Assignee, in further satisfaction of the Order, in reference to Insolencies, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 30th March last.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Electoral Law Amendment Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of the 16th instant, in further reference to Amendments in this Bill.

The Chairman having brought up the following Report,—

The Committee does not insist upon disagreement to the Council's Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7.

Agrees to the Council's further Amendment in page 3, clause 8, line 35.

And does not insist upon disagreement to the Council's Amendment, which proposes the insertion of a new clause after clause 11.

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt this Report.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon, Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 16th instant, in further reference to Amendments in the Electoral Law Amendment Bill,—

Does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's Amendment in page 2, clause 3, line 7.

Agrees to the Council's further Amendment, in page 3, clause 8, line 35.

And does not insist upon its disagreement to the Council's Amendment, which proposes the insertion of a new clause after clause 11.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th November, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.

4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1857-8.

The Chairman having reported the following Resolutions:—

III.—THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, to defray the supplementary charge of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1858,—being towards the building and outfit of an Hospital at Deniliquin, an equal amount having been raised by private subscriptions.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the supplementary charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1858,—being in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions, until a building be erected.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,082 2s. 4d., to defray the supplementary charge of Miscellaneous Services, for the year

year 1858,—being £1,041 4s. as Compensation for Sheep destroyed under the Scab Act of 1854, viz.:—£655 16s. to Mr. William Bowman, for 3,279 Sheep, and £385 8s. to Mr. A. C. Bartlett for 1,927 Sheep;—£1,200 Deficiency in the vote for Electoral purposes, 1858; a further sum of £600 towards the relief of Unemployed Laborers in the City of Sydney;—a further sum of £210 18s. 4d., for the same service, for the purpose of closing the Accounts of the Committee; and £30 for Naval Postage.

IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(165.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,700, to defray the supplementary charge of the Supreme and Circuit Courts Establishment, for the year 1858.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the supplementary charge of the Moreton Bay Court Establishment, for the year 1858.

V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray the supplementary charge of the Establishment of the Harbor Master at Newcastle, for the year 1858.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £223, to defray the supplementary charge of the Harbor Master at Moreton Bay, for the year 1858.

(169.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £128 16s., to defray the supplementary charge, for the year 1858, of the Light at Fort Denison.

(170.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,456 19s. 7d., to defray the supplementary charge of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1858,—being £276 18s. 2d., Gratuity to Alexander Livingstone, on his retirement from the office of Harbour Master, Newcastle,—being one month's pay for every year of service; £3,280 1s. 5d., to restore, to the individuals from whom it was taken, that portion of the proceeds of the Gold remaining in possession of the Government which had been seized on board the "Etheral" and "Mary Nicholson"; and £1,900 to defray the expenses of the Steam Dredge,—being £1,000 for the hire of Tug, and additional Punts attached to the said Dredge, employed in depositing silt at the Botanic Gardens; and £900 for the purchase of six Punts, at £150 each.

VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,060, to defray the supplementary charge of Public Works and Buildings for the year 1858,—being a further sum not exceeding £60, for Lighting the Government Lamps, Sydney; £200 for the erection of Quarters for the Gold Commissioner at Tumut, together with Stables; £300 for additions to the Custom House, Brisbane; £2,500 for additions to the Office of the Surveyor General; and a further sum of £1,000 for alterations to the Commissariat Stores.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,150, to defray the supplementary charge of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1858,—being £6,000 towards meeting Expenses consequent upon the discovery of Gold upon the Fitzroy River, Port Curtis; and £150 to meet the expenses of an inquiry about to be made by Robert Meston, Esq., having reference to the prevalent disease amongst sheep and cattle, in certain portions of the Colony, generally known as the Cumberland disease.

Mr. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

5. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have been disposed of.

6. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year, 1857–8.

The Chairman having reported the following Resolutions:—

(9.) Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1858, the further sum of £129,277 15s. 11d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(10.) Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for extension of the Electric Telegraph and other Permanent Public Works and Buildings, during the present Session, a sum or sums not exceeding £38,500, be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

Mr. Campbell moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

7. Appropriation Bill for 1857–8:—Mr. R. Campbell having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1857–8,"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. Postponements :—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Second Reading of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, until to-morrow.

9. Adjournment for Refreshment :—Proposed Sessional Orders :—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Resolutions be adopted as Sessional Orders of this House,—

(1.) That at the hour of half-past Six o'clock, p.m.—or as near thereto as the convenient dispatch of business will permit—the Speaker, (or the Chairman, if the House be sitting in Committee of the whole,) shall adjourn the House, (or Committee, as the case may be,) for Refreshment, during the space of half an hour.

(2.) That before the Speaker (or Chairman) shall leave the Chair, he shall inform the House “That the hour for adjournment has arrived,” and the half hour shall accordingly run from the moment at which the Chair shall be then vacated.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at seven minutes after Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.

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

2. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions :—

(1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Appropriation Bill for 1857–8; second reading.

2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

3. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all communications between the Executive Government and any person or persons having reference to the preparation or production of copies of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, laid upon the Table of this House, in obedience to an Order thereof dated October 1.

2. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—

(1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.

(2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.

(3.)

- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
3. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any further correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and such as to call for strict investigation.
 - (2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, it became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.
 - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly censurable.
3. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland:
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Alluvial Lands of the Hunter:—Mr. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on the 16th April last, to inquire into, and report upon, the best means of improving the Alluvial Lands of the Hunter, by a system of drainage, and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out,—with Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee, and Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Question of Order:—A Question arising, in reference to a proceeding in Committee of Supply, yesterday, whether it was in order, after it had been discovered, upon a division in the Committee, that there was not a Quorum present, that, upon additional Members coming to their places, the Chairman should again put the Question without first formally reporting to the House the want of a Quorum in the Committee.
The Speaker ruled, that it was undoubtedly the rule and practice of Parliament, that the Chairman in such circumstances should immediately leave the Chair, and report the want of a Quorum to the House, but added, that it was now too late to object to the vote, as the Resolutions had been reported and adopted, and the Committee of Supply was in fact closed.
3. Postponements:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motions standing on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Appropriation Bill shall have been disposed of.
4. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment,—
Mr. Campbell moved, That this Report be now adopted.
Question put and passed;—
And Mr. Campbell offering, *without previous notice*, a motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders, with a view to the passage of this Bill through all its stages to-day,—
And a Debate arising,—
The Speaker ruled that, unless there was no dissentient voice, he could not propose the Question offered, until, in accordance with the 93rd section of the Standing Orders, the Question of urgent necessity had first been affirmed by the House,—
And Mr. Campbell offering another motion, *without previous notice*, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and have precedence over all other business for that day,—
And the Speaker ruling that as this motion involved a suspension of the Sessional Order which gives precedence on Tuesday and Friday in each week to Business other than Government Business, the Question of urgent necessity must first be affirmed before the Question offered could be proposed to the House,—
And adding, That as Sessional and Standing Orders were devised for the protection of minorities, it would, in his opinion, be inexpedient to try the Question of urgent necessity at this time,—
And the Debate continuing,—
Mr. Forster moved, "That" the second Order of the Day be now read,—
Upon which Mr. Campbell offered an amendment to the Question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "That Sessional Order be suspended which would prevent a motion being made without previous notice, That the third reading of the Appropriation Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, and have precedence over all other business on the Paper for that day;"—
And the Speaker ruling that the amendment offered could no more be proposed than the motion already ruled out of order,—

Question

Question put,—That the second Order of the Day be now read.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Dr. Aldcorn,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. White,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.

Mr Campbell then moved, "That" the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow,—

Upon which Mr. Rotton offered an Amendment to the Question for the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "a case of urgent and pressing necessity has been made out for the suspension of so much of the Sessional Orders as relates to the precedence given to Other Business on Tuesday and Friday in "each week";—

And the Speaker pointing out that the Amendment offered would, if carried, supersede the Question as it regards the Appropriation Bill,—

Question,—That the third reading of the Appropriation Bill for 1857-8 stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, put and passed.

5. Increased Military Force :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That this House having considered the communication from the Major General Commanding the Forces in the Australian Colonies, dated 28th September last, inquiring whether the Government of New South Wales would be inclined to entertain a larger Military Force than is now in the Colony, is of opinion, that such Force might with propriety be increased to a number of Troops not exceeding that for which the Imperial Government has promised to provide the Ordinary Military Pay and Allowances.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. R. Tooth,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.

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Mr. Jones,
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Mr. Marks,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Williamson, } Tellers.

6. Postponement :—Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until the remaining Orders of the Day shall have been disposed of.

7. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt this Report ;—

And Mr. Hodgson,—adverting to an occurrence in the Committee to-day,—requested the Speaker's opinion whether it was in order whilst the Doors were locked for a Division in the Committee, that the Chairman should direct one of the Doors to be opened for the admission of a Member he had sent for, upon ascertaining, not from Tellers appointed, but in some unofficial way, that there would not be a Quorum present in the Committee without such Member,—

The Speaker gave it as his opinion, that the Doors being locked, it was the duty of the Chairman to have proceeded with the Division, and if, upon the report of the Tellers, it appeared that there was not a Quorum present, then to have ordered the Doors to be unlocked, and informed the Speaker, and if upon counting the House, the Speaker found

found a Quorum present, the Committee would resume, and the Division would be proceeded with—Members having free ingress and egress during the interval between the Speaker's resuming the Chair and the resumption of the Committee.
Question for the adoption of the Report,—put and passed; and Bill, as so reported, ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

8. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported that, upon a Division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at eighteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- ✓ 1. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.
- ✓ 2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and such as to call for strict investigation.
 - (2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances, which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, it became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.
 - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly censurable.
- ✓ 3. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.
- ✓ 4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.
- ✓ 5. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a (tabulated) Return from all Schools in New South Wales, wholly or partly maintained by public funds of—
 - (1.) Name of locality where the School is situate.
 - (2.) The materials of which such School is constructed—whether chiefly of stone, of brick, of wood, or of metal; and the present condition of the building, and whether it needs repairs, enlargement, or other improvement.
 - (3.) The number of superficial square feet contained in the area of the school-house or building.
 - (4.) The number of superficial square yards or of square feet contained in the ground or land adjoining the School for the use of the pupils.
 - (5.) The description and present condition of the water-closets provided for the use of the pupils.
 - (6.) The number of superficial square feet, and of cubic feet, contained in each room appropriated for teaching.
 - (7.) The average number of pupils usually assembled in each of such rooms.
 - (8.) The provision which is made for the ventilation of such rooms.
 - (9.) The annual average number on the books, and the average number attending the School; distinguishing the males from the females where the School is attended by both sexes.
 - (10.) The maximum and minimum age of the pupils (of males and of females) in the School.
 - (11.) The number of classes into which the School is divided, the average number in each class, and the maximum and minimum age in each class.
 - (12.) The number of hours during each day the pupils attend the School; stating the hour of commencing and the hour of terminating the School duties, with the times of intervening cessation of study, and how such intervals are employed.
 - (13.)

(13.) The number of holidays and half-holidays in each week, and the number of vacations, the duration of each, and the period of the year when such vacations occur.

(14.) The total number of days appropriated to School studies during the year.

(15.) The average length of the period during which pupils, from the time of their first entrance to the time of their finally leaving School, remain there.

(16.) The number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the district or locality where the School is situate, who do *not* usually attend there.

(17.) The weekly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual sum charged to each pupil for instruction; the annual charge for books; and the *total* annual charge for each pupil.

(18.) The annual amount of School fees received from the pupils of the School during the twelvemonth ending the 30th September, 1858; the appropriation of such fees; the amount received from other (specifying from what) sources towards the support of such School; the total amount received from *all* sources towards the support of such School during the above-mentioned period.

(19.) Dividing the last mentioned total by the average number of the pupils actually attending the School during the period above-mentioned, give a statement of the average annual total cost of the education of each pupil.

(20.) A detailed enumeration of the several subjects of instruction given to each class, and the precise portion of time allotted to each of such subjects in each day throughout the week.

(21.) A list of the titles of all books used in each of the several classes in the School; the present condition of the books now in use; whether other kinds of books are needed; and whether the number of those at present in use is adequate to the wants of the School.

(22.) A descriptive list of all prints, diagrams, maps, instruments, and other School apparatus used in the School, their present condition, and whether any, and if so, what others are needed.

(23.) An account of the system of correction employed in the School to preserve discipline, and an account of any written or other instructions to the teachers from any Board of Education, Official Visitors, Inspectors, or Managers of the School on this subject.

(24.) How often during the year, and by whom are the pupils of the School examined with reference to their progress, and whether any prizes or other rewards of merit are given periodically in the School, and if any, of what description, and how often distributed?

(25.) By whom is the School officially visited or inspected? How often during the year, and what length of time is occupied by the Inspector or Visitor in the performance of this duty. If any report on the state of the School exist, furnish a copy of it, adding thereto any remarks on such report, and the present condition of the School, as the teacher (master or mistress) may be prepared to offer.

(26.) Name of Head Teacher.

(27.) Names of Assistant Teachers, Pupil Teachers, or Monitors attached to each School.

(28.) Birth-place of each of the above.

(29.) Age of do.

(30.) Date of appointment to present office.

(31.) Whether or not trained as a teacher.

(32.) If trained, at what institution? For how long a period? Possessing what class of certificate of competency?

(33.) If *not* trained as a Teacher: What experience in teaching previous to undertaking present appointment? What occupation or business before adopting that of a Teacher?

(34.) Annual or other periodical amount of salary of Head Teacher, of Assistant Teachers, of Pupil Teachers, and of Monitors.

(35.) Fees, allowances and emoluments, *exclusive* of salary.

(36.) Total annual income of Teacher or Teachers, derived from school.

(37.) What religious or moral instruction is given? How often? By whom? If visited by any Clergyman or Minister of religion, state the name and denomination to which he belongs. Give a list of the titles of the books used in the school for such purpose.

6. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all communications between the Executive Government and any person or persons having reference to the preparation or production of copies of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, laid upon the Table of this House, in obedience to an Order thereof dated October 1.

7. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—

(1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.

(2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.

(3.)

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

- ✓ 8. MR. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any *further* correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- ✓ 1. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8; third reading.
 ✓ 2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Annual Reports of the Immigration Agent, for 1856 and 1857, will be laid upon the Table of the House; and why no Report for 1856 was furnished to the House during the last Session, by the Officer in question?

DANIEL COOPER,
 Speaker.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to the Address in reference to the Royal Assent given to the Pastoral Lands Assessment and Rent Bill, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 16th instant.
 - (2.) Rule of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, promulgated on 13th November, 1858.
 Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. R. Campbell laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (3.) Return to the Address in reference to Receipts and Expenditure for articles for the Paris Exhibition, adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 19th October last.
 Ordered to be printed.
 3. Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (4.) Further Correspondence relative to the Plans of Railway Extension to the Western Interior.
 - (5.) Report from the Civil Engineer, on the state of the Dry Dock at Cockatoo Island.
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, *without previous notice*:—
 - (1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended, to admit of the following motion being made without previous notice.
 - (2.) That the consideration in Committee of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-day,—
 Debate ensued.
 And a Member objecting that the Question of urgency had not been first affirmed by the House,—
 The Speaker ruled that the objection came too late; to be valid, it ought to have been made before the Question was proposed to the House; if allowed at any other time, it might be made after the House had for hours debated the Question, and thus occasion great waste of time.
 And Debate continuing,—
 Motion made by Mr. R. Campbell, and Question—That he have leave to withdraw his motion—put and passed.
3. Customs Department:—Mr. Egan, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed on 20th April last, to inquire into the management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that branch of the Public Service,—with Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee, and Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Question of Order:—In answer to a Question by Mr. Plunkett, the Speaker said when Papers were moved for, *Copies* were always understood—because of the difficulty of getting back Documents once laid upon the Table of the House—but if originals be required at any time, the Member moving for them should apply distinctly for "*Originals*."
5. Proposed Line of Railway Extension to the Western Interior:—Mr. Forster proceeding to make the motion upon this subject, standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day,—
 And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EGAN to move, that this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is an undue interference with the action of the Local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.
 - (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with religious freedom and equality in New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.
3. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and such as to call for strict investigation.
 - (2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, it became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.
 - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly censurable.
4. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.
5. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.
6. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a (tabulated) Return from all Schools in New South Wales, wholly or partly maintained by public funds of—
 - (1.) Name of locality where the School is situate.
 - (2.) The materials of which such School is constructed—whether chiefly of stone, of brick, of wood, or of metal; and the present condition of the building, and whether it needs repairs, enlargement, or other improvement.
 - (3.) The number of superficial square feet contained in the area of the school-house or building.
 - (4.) The number of superficial square yards or of square feet contained in the ground or land adjoining the School for the use of the pupils.
 - (5.) The description and present condition of the water-closets provided for the use of the pupils.
 - (6.) The number of superficial square feet, and of cubic feet, contained in each room appropriated for teaching.
 - (7.) The average number of pupils usually assembled in each of such rooms.
 - (8.) The provision which is made for the ventilation of such rooms.
 - (9.) The annual average number on the books, and the average number attending the School; distinguishing the males from the females where the School is attended by both sexes.
 - (10.) The maximum and minimum age of the pupils (of males and of females) in the School.
 - (11.) The number of classes into which the School is divided, the average number in each class, and the maximum and minimum age in each class.
 - (12.) The number of hours during each day the pupils attend the School, stating the hour of commencing and the hour of terminating the School duties, with the times of intervening cessation of study, and how such intervals are employed.
 - (13.) The number of holidays and half-holidays in each week, and the number of vacations, the duration of each, and the period of the year when such vacations occur.

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- (14.) The total number of days appropriated to School studies during the year.
- (15.) The average length of the period during which pupils, from the time of their first entrance to the time of their finally leaving School, remain there.
- (16.) The number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the district or locality where the School is situate, who do *not* usually attend there.
- (17.) The weekly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual sum charged to each pupil for instruction; the annual charge for books; and the *total* annual charge for each pupil.
- (18.) The annual amount of School fees received from the pupils of the School during the twelvemonth ending the 30th September, 1858; the appropriation of such fees; the amount received from other (specifying from what) sources towards the support of such School; the total amount received from *all* sources towards the support of such School during the above-mentioned period.
- (19.) Dividing the last mentioned total by the average number of the pupils actually attending the School during the period above-mentioned, give a statement of the average annual total cost of the education of each pupil.
- (20.) A detailed enumeration of the several subjects of instruction given to each class, and the precise portion of time allotted to each of such subjects in each day throughout the week.
- (21.) A list of the titles of all books used in each of the several classes in the School; the present condition of the books now in use; whether other kinds of books are needed; and whether the number of those at present in use is adequate to the wants of the School.
- (22.) A descriptive list of all prints, diagrams, maps, instruments, and other School apparatus used in the School, their present condition, and whether any, and if so, what others are needed.
- (23.) An account of the system of correction employed in the School to preserve discipline, and an account of any written or other instructions to the teachers from any Board of Education, Official Visitors, Inspectors, or Managers of the School on this subject.
- (24.) How often during the year, and by whom are the pupils of the School examined with reference to their progress, and whether any prizes or other rewards of merit are given periodically in the School, and if any, of what description, and how often distributed?
- (25.) By whom is the School officially visited or inspected? How often during the year, and what length of time is occupied by the Inspector or Visitor in the performance of this duty. If any report on the state of the School exist, furnish a copy of it, adding thereto any remarks on such report, and the present condition of the School, as the teacher (master or mistress) may be prepared to offer.
- (26.) Name of Head Teacher.
- (27.) Names of Assistant Teachers, Pupil Teachers, or Monitors attached to each School.
- (28.) Birth-place of each of the above.
- (29.) Age of do.
- (30.) Date of appointment to present office.
- (31.) Whether or not trained as a teacher.
- (32.) If trained, at what institution? For how long a period? Possessing what class of certificate of competency?
- (33.) If *not* trained as a Teacher: What experience in teaching previous to undertaking present appointment? What occupation or business before adopting that of a Teacher?
- (34.) Annual or other periodical amount of salary of Head Teacher, of Assistant Teachers, of Pupil Teachers, and of Monitors.
- (35.) Fees, allowances and emoluments, *exclusive of salary*.
- (36.) Total annual income of Teacher or Teachers, derived from school.
- (37.) What religious or moral instruction is given? How often? By whom? If visited by any Clergyman or Minister of religion, state the name and denomination to which he belongs. Give a list of the titles of the books used in the school for such purpose.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all communications between the Executive Government and any person or persons having reference to the preparation or production of copies of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of a proposed Line of Railway Extension from Parramatta to the Western Interior, laid upon the Table of this House, in obedience to an Order thereof dated October 1.
8. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—
- (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.
- (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

9. Mr. HODGSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any further correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, connected with the removal of the Signal Staff at Newcastle to its present position at Nobby's.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. R. CAMPBELL to move,—

(1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of the following motion being made.

(2.) That the consideration in Committee of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-day.

2. Mr. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—

(1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8; third reading.
2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

Questions:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Annual Reports of the Immigration Agent, for 1856 and 1857, will be laid upon the Table of the House; and why no Report for 1856 was furnished to the House during the last Session, by the Officer in question?
2. Mr. LORD to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it be the intention of the Government to remove the present Postal Communication from the main line of road from Molong to Wellington?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, the undermentioned Papers,—
 - (1.) Despatch dated Downing-street, 9th September, 1858, respecting the continuance of the Australian Steam Postal Service for two months beyond the period first agreed for.
 - (2.) A Paper addressed to the Government of New South Wales by Messrs. John W. Brett and J. R. Carmichael, proffering the establishment of Oceanic Telegraphic Communication between Australia and Ceylon, upon certain conditions for payment of Interest upon the capital employed in the undertaking.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations:—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is an undue interference with the action of the Local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.
 - (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with religious freedom and equality in New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty the Queen.
Debate ensued.
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the House was counted, and there not being twenty members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at eight minutes before Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
 - (1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of the following motion being made.
 - (2.) That the consideration in Committee of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) This Assembly having duly considered the Correspondence laid before them by command of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st ultimo, with respect to the proposed annexation to the Province of South Australia, of a portion of country at present included within the boundaries of New South Wales, are of opinion that there is no valid objection to the annexation to South Australia of the tract of country hereinafter described, which is entirely detached from the remainder of New South Wales, and is inaccessible to it by land, that is to say, the portion of territory lying between the western boundary of South Australia, and the eastern boundary of Western Australia; and bounded on the north by the continuation westward of the northern boundary of South Australia.
 - (2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he submit the same to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8; third reading.
2. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—
 - (1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and such as to call for strict investigation.
 - (2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, it became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.
 - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly censurable.
3. MR. DICKSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to amend an Act relating to Driving Cattle through the towns of East and West Maitland.
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.
5. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a (tabulated) Return from all Schools in New South Wales, wholly or partly maintained by public funds of—
 - (1.) Name of locality where the School is situate.
 - (2.) The materials of which such School is constructed—whether chiefly of stone, of brick, of wood, or of metal; and the present condition of the building, and whether it needs repairs, enlargement, or other improvement.
 - (3.) The number of superficial square feet contained in the area of the school-house or building.
 - (4.) The number of superficial square yards or of square feet contained in the ground or land adjoining the School for the use of the pupils.
 - (5.) The description and present condition of the water-closets provided for the use of the pupils.
 - (6.) The number of superficial square feet, and of cubic feet, contained in each room appropriated for teaching.
 - (7.) The average number of pupils usually assembled in each of such rooms.
 - (8.) The provision which is made for the ventilation of such rooms.
 - (9.) The annual average number on the books, and the average number attending the School; distinguishing the males from the females where the School is attended by both sexes.
 - (10.) The maximum and minimum age of the pupils (of males and of females) in the School.
 - (11.) The number of classes into which the School is divided, the average number in each class, and the maximum and minimum age in each class.
 - (12.) The number of hours during each day the pupils attend the School, stating the hour of commencing and the hour of terminating the School duties, with the times of intervening cessation of study, and how such intervals are employed.
 - (13.) The number of holidays and half-holidays in each week, and the number of vacations, the duration of each, and the period of the year when such vacations occur.
 - (14.) The total number of days appropriated to School studies during the year.
 - (15.) The average length of the period during which pupils, from the time of their first entrance to the time of their finally leaving School, remain there.
 - (16.) The number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the district or locality where the School is situate, who do *not* usually attend there.
 - (17.) The weekly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual sum charged to each pupil for instruction; the annual charge for books; and the *total* annual charge for each pupil.
 - (18.) The annual amount of School fees received from the pupils of the School during the twelvemonth ending the 30th September, 1858; the appropriation of such fees; the amount received from other (specifying from what) sources towards the support of such School; the total amount received from *all* sources towards the support of such School during the above-mentioned period.
 - (19.) Dividing the last mentioned total by the average number of the pupils actually attending the School during the period above-mentioned, give a statement of the average annual total cost of the education of each pupil.
 - (20.) A detailed enumeration of the several subjects of instruction given to each class, and the precise portion of time allotted to each of such subjects in each day throughout the week

- (21.) A list of the titles of all books used in each of the several classes in the School; the present condition of the books now in use; whether other kinds of books are needed; and whether the number of those at present in use is adequate to the wants of the School.
- (22.) A descriptive list of all prints, diagrams, maps, instruments, and other School apparatus used in the School, their present condition, and whether any, and if so, what others are needed.
- (23.) An account of the system of correction employed in the School to preserve discipline, and an account of any written or other instructions to the teachers from any Board of Education, Official Visitors, Inspectors, or Managers of the School on this subject.
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- (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.
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Questions:—

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DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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In the second section, the author details the various methods used to collect and analyze data. This includes both primary and secondary research techniques. The primary research involves direct observation and interviews, while secondary research involves the use of existing data sources.

The third section focuses on the statistical analysis of the collected data. It describes the use of various statistical tests to determine the significance of the findings. The results of these tests are presented in a clear and concise manner, allowing for a straightforward interpretation of the data.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and their implications. It highlights the importance of the research and provides recommendations for future studies. The author also expresses their gratitude to the individuals and organizations that supported the research throughout its duration.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Messages :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—
 - (1.) Electoral Law Amendment Bill :—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 46.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Electoral Law,*” as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 24 November, 1858.
 - (2.) Government Railways Bill :—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 47.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled, “ *An Act to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation of the same,*” as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 24 November, 1858.
 - (3.) Sydney University :—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 48.*
Governor General.
 The Governor General transmits herewith a copy of a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State, acknowledging the receipt of an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly, expressive of their thanks for the privileges conferred by the grant of a Royal Charter to the Sydney University.
Government House,
Sydney, 24 November, 1858.
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.
2. Railway Charges :—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Parramatta and its neighbourhood, praying the establishment of fixed Railway fares, in accordance with a reduced scale in the Petition set out.
 Petition received.
3. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Return for the Port of Rockhampton of the Ships and Passengers, Inwards and Outwards, since 2^d October, 1858.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to admit of the following motion being made ;—

(2.) That the consideration in Committee of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, stand an Order of the Day for *to-day*.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 5.
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Hay, }

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That the consideration in Committee of the Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, stand an Order of the day for "*to-day*."

Mr. Plunkett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*to-day*" with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "*to-morrow*."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Piddington,
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Whereupon original Question put and passed,—

The Speaker observing that having referred to the section of the Standing Orders relating to lapsed Questions and Orders since the Amendment to the last Question was proposed, he had convinced himself that, as the first Question was in the nature of the Previous Question, the Amendment to the second Question was irregular.

5. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for *to-day*.

6. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Campbell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1857-8.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1857-8,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24 November, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Moreton Bay Administration of Justice Act Amendment Bill, discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Cowper.

8. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 :—On motion of Mr. R. Campbell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, and the House having adopted the same,—

Mr. Campbell moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Postponement:—Mr. Wm. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Forster, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Forster first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
10. Dr. Harris:—Mr. Plunkett moved pursuant to notice, That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—

(1.) That the charge made against Dr. Harris, of having sat on the Bench and adjudicated on a case in which he was himself *materially*, if not *solely* interested, was supported by strong *prima facie* proof, contained in the proceedings laid before the Colonial Secretary, and “such as to call” for strict investigation.

(2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6), dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of justice, “it” became a more imperative duty of the Government to cause prompt and full investigation into the whole matter.

(3.) That the conduct of the Government in the case exhibits a dereliction of duty, unsatisfactory to this House, and highly “censurable.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission in the last line of section (1) of the words “such as to call,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the word “called;” and the omission of all the words following the word “it” in the fourth line of section (2) to and inclusive of the word “censurable” at the end of section (3), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “is the duty of the Government to cause immediate and full and strict investigation into the conduct of Dr. Harris on the occasion alluded to; and also into the charges made by Dr. Harris against Captain Browne, Police Magistrate, and A. Cox, Esquire, J.P.”

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wild, } Tellers.
Mr. Smith, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. White,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Dickson, }

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Hotton,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Dickson, }

Noes, 9.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wild,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. W. B. Tooth,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.
Mr. Hay, }

Whereupon Question,—That this House having duly considered certain Depositions and letters, as well as the opinion of H. M. Attorney General, and other Documents laid before it, relating to the conduct of Dr. Harris, a Magistrate of the Territory, and which were brought under the notice of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the 2nd day of March last, by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee, resolves,—

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(2.)

(2.) That the replies of Dr. Harris, (Nos. 5 and 6,) dated the 2nd April, 1858, were unsatisfactory in regard to his own conduct; and as they disclosed circumstances which (if true) would be highly discreditable to other Magistrates of the Bench at Mudgee, and derogatory to the administration of Justice, it is the duty of the Government to cause immediate and full and strict investigation into the conduct of Dr. Harris, on the occasion alluded to; and also into the charges made by Dr. Harris against Captain Browne, Police Magistrate, and A. Cox. Esq., J.P.,—put and passed.

11. Appropriation Bill for 1857-8:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Debate of the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1857-8,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

W. W. BURTON,

Sydney, 24 November, 1858.

President.

12. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Dickson withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
13. Postponement:—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
14. School Statistics:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a (tabulated) Return from all Schools in New South Wales, wholly or partly maintained by public funds of—
- (1.) Name of locality where the School is situate.
 - (2.) The materials of which such School is constructed—whether chiefly of stone, of brick, of wood, or of metal; and the present condition of the building, and whether it needs repairs, enlargement, or other improvement.
 - (3.) The number of superficial square feet contained in the area of the school-house or building.
 - (4.) The number of superficial square yards or of square feet contained in the ground or land adjoining the School for the use of the pupils.
 - (5.) The description and present condition of the water-closets provided for the use of the pupils.
 - (6.) The number of superficial square feet, and of cubic feet, contained in each room appropriated for teaching.
 - (7.) The average number of pupils usually assembled in each of such rooms.
 - (8.) The provision which is made for the ventilation of such rooms.
 - (9.) The annual average number on the books, and the average number attending the School; distinguishing the males from the females where the School is attended by both sexes.
 - (10.) The maximum and minimum age of the pupils (of males and of females) in the School.
 - (11.) The number of classes into which the School is divided, the average number in each class, and the maximum and minimum age in each class.
 - (12.) The number of hours during each day the pupils attend the School, stating the hour of commencing and the hour of terminating the School duties, with the times of intervening cessation of study, and how such intervals are employed.
 - (13.) The number of holidays and half-holidays in each week, and the number of vacations, the duration of each, and the period of the year when such vacations occur.
 - (14.) The total number of days appropriated to School studies during the year.
 - (15.) The average length of the period during which pupils, from the time of their first entrance to the time of their finally leaving School, remain there.
 - (16.) The number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the district or locality where the School is situate, who do *not* usually attend there.
 - (17.) The weekly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annual sum charged to each pupil for instruction; the annual charge for books; and the *total* annual charge for each pupil.
 - (18.) The annual amount of School fees received from the pupils of the School during the twelvemonth ending the 30th September, 1858; the appropriation of such fees; the amount received from other (specifying from what) sources towards the support of such School; the total amount received from *all* sources towards the support of such School during the above-mentioned period.
 - (19.) Dividing the last mentioned total by the average number of the pupils actually attending the School during the period above-mentioned, give a statement of the average annual total cost of the education of each pupil.
 - (20.) A detailed enumeration of the several subjects of instruction given to each class, and the precise portion of time allotted to each of such subjects in each day throughout the week.
 - (21.) A list of the titles of all books used in each of the several classes in the School; the present condition of the books now in use; whether other kinds of books are needed; and whether the number of those at present in use is adequate to the wants of the School.
 - (22.) A descriptive list of all prints, diagrams, maps, instruments, and other School apparatus used in the School, their present condition, and whether any, and if so, what others are needed.

(23.)

(23.) An account of the system of correction employed in the School to preserve discipline, and an account of any written or other instructions to the teachers from any Board of Education, Official Visitors, Inspectors, or Managers of the School on this subject.

(24.) How often during the year, and by whom are the pupils of the School examined with reference to their progress, and whether any prizes or other rewards of merit are given periodically in the School, and if any, of what description, and how often distributed?

(25.) By whom is the School officially visited or inspected? How often during the year, and what length of time is occupied by the Inspector or Visitor in the performance of this duty. If any report on the state of the School exist, furnish a copy of it, adding thereto any remarks on such report, and the present condition of the School, as the teacher (master or mistress) may be prepared to offer.

(26.) Name of Head Teacher.

(27.) Names of Assistant Teachers, Pupil Teachers, or Monitors attached to each School.

(28.) Birth-place of each of the above.

(29.) Age of do.

(30.) Date of appointment to present office.

(31.) Whether or not trained as a teacher.

(32.) If trained, at what institution? For how long a period? Possessing what class of certificate of competency?

(33.) If *not* trained as a Teacher: What experience in teaching, previous to undertaking present appointment? What occupation or business before adopting that of a Teacher?

(34.) Annual or other periodical amount of salary of Head Teacher, of Assistant Teachers, of Pupil Teachers, and of Monitors.

(35.) Fees, allowances and emoluments, *exclusive* of salary.

(36.) Total annual income of Teacher or Teachers, derived from school.

(37.) What religious or moral instruction is given? How often? By whom? If visited by any Clergyman or Minister of religion, state the name and denomination to which he belongs. Give a list of the titles of the books used in the school for such purpose.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
 16. Postponement:—Mr. Faucett, on behalf of Mr. Denichy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Denichy seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
 17. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Hodgson, not moving the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
 18. Postponement:—The Second Reading of the Graduates of British Universities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at thirteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That any adjournment of this House to-day be until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock at noon.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Parramatta and its neighbourhood, praying a reduction in the scale of Railway charges, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.
2. MR. HODGSON to move, That the papers and documents laid upon the Table by The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 17th instant, in reference to the removal of the Signal Staff, Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's, be printed.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.
4. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.

5. MR. DENIEHY to move, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, resolves,—
- (1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.
 - (2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Whether a letter which appears in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of this date, signed by fifteen master mariners trading to and from the Port of Newcastle, relative to the removal of the Flagstaff at Newcastle from its former position to the Nobby, has attracted the attention of the Government?
 - (2.) Whether there is any immediate intention on the part of the Government to restore the Flagstaff at Newcastle to its old position?
2. MR. HODGSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What impediments, if any, exist in reference to the Proclamation of Toowoomba, District of Darling Downs, as a Township within the meaning of the Towns' Police Act?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it intended during the Recess, or at any early period, to render available the labors of the Select Committee on Retrenchment and Reduction of Expenditure in the Public Service, by carrying out these important objects upon an extensive scale?
 - (2.) If so, what is to be the nature and extent of the improvements proposed?
 - (3.) In particular, is it in contemplation to alter the duties, emoluments, or relative positions of the Secretary and Accountant, and of the Superintendent of the Letter Branch in the General Post Office?
 - (4.) Has any remonstrance been addressed to the Executive Government on this latter subject?

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—William Bede Dalley, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat, on re-election, as Member for the Electoral District of the Cumberland Boroughs.
2. Coroner for Macdonald River:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Macdonald River, praying the appointment of a Coroner for that District.
Petition received.
3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Return to the Address, in reference to the Queen v. Buckley, and the Queen v. Lewis and Abigail, adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 15th October last.
(2.) Further Return to the Order, in reference to Insolencies, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 30th March, last.
(3.) Correspondence in reference to the Address, on the subject of Writs issued from the Supreme Court, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on 13th July last.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Adjournment for Prorogation:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That any adjournment of this House to-day, be until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock at noon.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words "except in the case of a count out."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

- Mr. Forster,
 - Mr. Egan,
 - Mr. Jenkins,
 - Mr. Smith,
 - Mr. Hay,
 - Mr. W. Macleay,
 - Mr. Plunkett,
 - Mr. Wild,
 - Mr. Gordon,
 - Mr. Denichy,
- } Tellers.

Noes, 17.

- Mr. Cowper,
 - Mr. Robertson,
 - Mr. R. Campbell,
 - Mr. Dalley,
 - Mr. Flood,
 - Mr. Piddington,
 - Mr. Scott,
 - Mr. Rotton,
 - Mr. Jones,
 - Mr. Hodgson,
 - Mr. Oakes,
 - Mr. Byrnes,
 - Mr. Weekes,
 - Mr. White,
 - Mr. J. Campbell,
 - Mr. Dickson,
 - Mr. Arnold,
- } Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

- Mr. Cowper,
 - Mr. R. Campbell,
 - Mr. Robertson,
 - Mr. Dalley,
 - Mr. Weekes,
 - Mr. Jones,
 - Mr. Rotton,
 - Mr. Piddington,
 - Mr. Byrnes,
 - Mr. White,
 - Mr. Oakes,
 - Mr. Flood,
 - Mr. Hodgson,
 - Mr. Scott,
 - Mr. Dickson,
 - Mr. J. Campbell,
 - Mr. Gordon,
 - Mr. Arnold,
- } Tellers.

Noes, 9.

- Mr. Smith,
 - Mr. W. Macleay,
 - Mr. Wild,
 - Mr. Forster,
 - Mr. Hay,
 - Mr. Egan,
 - Mr. Plunkett,
 - Mr. Jenkins,
 - Mr. Denichy,
- } Tellers.

5. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. R. Campbell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways and certain other Public Works.*"

Question put and passed,—

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved that this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways and certain other Public Works,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th November, 1858.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Railway Charges :—Mr. Smith moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Parramatta and its neighbourhood, praying a reduction in the scale of Railway charges, presented by him on the 24th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Removal of Signal Staff, Newcastle :—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That the papers and documents laid upon the Table by The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer on the 17th instant, in reference to the removal of the Signal Staff, Newcastle, to its present position at Nobby's, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the Return to the Order in reference to the Hyde Park Improvement Committee, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 19th October last.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Line of Railway Extension to Penrith :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That it is the opinion of this House, that until the Assembly shall have instituted further inquiry, the line of Railway Extension to Penrith should not be proceeded with, provided that no existing contracts be thereby affected.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. White,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Rotton,
Mr. Smith, } Tellers.

And the numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

10. Railway and other Public Works Loan Bill of 1858 :—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Debate of the Question last before it, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways and certain other Public Works,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th November, 1858.

W. W. BURTON,

President.

11. Postponement :—Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until the motion standing fifth on the same Paper shall have been disposed of.

12. Central Police Office Clerks :—Mr. Deniehy moved, *without previous notice*, That the Papers laid upon the Table on 15th December, 1857, respecting the Central Police Office Clerks, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

13. Designation of Heads of Religious Denominations :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, having had before it the Despatch of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to an Act to incorporate Saint John's College within the University of Sydney, "*resolves,*"—

(1.) That the proceeding of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley, with reference to the Act aforesaid, is not justified by the reasons assigned,

assigned, is an undue interference with the action of the local Legislature, and is calculated to cause dissatisfaction among the various religious bodies in this territory.

(2.) That this House deprecates in the strongest manner persistence on the part of Her Majesty's Imperial advisers in a course, in connection with the said Act, inconsistent with the religious freedom and equality constitutionally obtaining in New South Wales.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "resolves," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—

"(1.) That full religious freedom and equal rights of all religious persuasions ought to be regarded as fundamental principles of the Constitution and Legislation of New South Wales.

"(2.) That in order to establish the principle of perfect civil equality between all denominations of religion, this House is of opinion that the preamble and the fourth section of the St Paul's College Incorporation Act, and that the preamble and the fourth section of the St. John's College Incorporation Act ought to be amended.

"(3.) That so much of any Letters Patent creating any Diocese within the Territory of New South Wales, as pretends to confer Territorial Jurisdiction, ought to be revoked.

"(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit a copy thereof to the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

Debate continued.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

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Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dickson, } Tellers.
Mr. Rotton, }

Whereupon, Original Question put.

The House divided.

And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows:—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 7.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Rotton, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

And it appearing by such report that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Twelve o'clock a. m., until Twelve o'clock at noon to-day.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move,—

(1) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Graduates of British Universities Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1858.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Crown Law Officers as Cabinet Ministers:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Public Service would benefit by separation of the duties of Crown Law Officers from those of Cabinet Ministers.
(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to give, as early as possible, effect to the foregoing resolution.
And the Question being proposed,—
2. Assent to Bills:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and having delivered a Message, "That it is the pleasure of the Governor General that this Honorable House do forthwith attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber," the House attended accordingly, and the Speaker presented to the Governor General the Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable the Government to raise Loans for extension of existing Railways and certain other Public Works,*"—and the Bill intituled, "*An Act to appropriate and apply, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1857-8,*"—to both of which His Excellency was pleased to subscribe and declare his assent in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty.
3. Prorogation Speech:—After which his Excellency was pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

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

The most important matters submitted for your consideration having now been disposed of, I am enabled to prorogue this Session of Parliament, which I do at the earliest possible moment, in order that the Estimates of Public Expenditure, for the year 1859, may, according to established usage, be laid before the Legislature previous to the commencement of the year.

Though the present Session has been very much protracted, it is gratifying to know that the arduous labors in which you have been engaged have resulted in the completion of several measures of the deepest interest to the community, which had baffled the endeavors of the preceding Parliament.

I heartily congratulate you upon the passing of the Bill which my Ministers laid before you at the commencement of the Session for the amendment of the Electoral Law, as I feel assured that, by the provision which has thus been made for the equitable distribution of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and for placing the suffrage upon a simple and extended basis, you have taken effectual means for ensuring a full and fair expression of the voice of the people.

The necessity for the creation of District Courts, which have been for a long time urgently demanded, has become more and more apparent by every day's experience. I have had great pleasure, therefore, in assenting to the Bill which has been passed for their establishment, and I assure you that no time will be lost in bringing into active operation those tribunals, from which there is every reason to hope the most beneficial results.

There was also evidently a necessity for the Act to establish Municipal Institutions, since, notwithstanding the brief period of its existence, applications have been already made to the Government for the incorporation of several Districts, and preliminary proceedings are being taken, under its provisions, in several others. When these Institutions shall have been set on foot, an impulse will be given to the principle of self-government, which, while it will relieve the central authority from anxiety regarding local wants, will tend to create a wholesome spirit of self-reliance, and to foster habits of independent thought and action throughout the community.

Several enactments have been passed during the present Session which will greatly facilitate the general administration of Justice. Among these may be more particularly specified the Act to remove difficulties affecting Titles to Land—

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the Act for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence—and the Act for the prevention of Frauds by Trustees and others. Further legal reforms are no doubt required, and the attention of the Government will be directed during the interval which will elapse before the assembling of the new Parliament to the preparation of measures to carry them out, and to render the Courts of Law more efficient than they are at present.

Since I last addressed you the completion of the line of Telegraph as far as Albury has united us with the sister Colonies of Victoria and South Australia. Expectation can hardly be too sanguine as to the beneficial results which will flow socially, commercially, and politically, from the introduction of this mode of intercourse. With the means now placed at the disposal of the Government by Parliament, the Western and Northern Districts will shortly enjoy, equally with the Southern Districts and the Metropolis, the great advantages which this improved system of inter-communication affords.

Besides the additions which have been made to the Southern and Northern Lines of Railway, steps are now being taken for their further extension towards Bathurst, as well as in the Southern and Northern Districts. The Government are not without hope that parties of high character and ample means, for the prosecution of enterprizes of this description, may be induced to enter into an arrangement for constructing, on a comprehensive scale, the main lines of Railway throughout the Colony.

The establishment of Steam Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama has long been regarded by the Government as essential to a regular and efficient postal service between this Colony and the Mother Country. The liberal subsidy which you have guaranteed for this purpose is an assurance of your anxiety for its accomplishment, and I have reason to hope that the co-operation of the Imperial authorities will not be withheld. The Fitz Roy Dock, being now sufficiently advanced to receive vessels of the largest class, must justly be regarded as an additional inducement to Companies to tender for this Service.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have much satisfaction in informing you that the Revenue is progressively increasing, and with the addition which will be made to it by the operation of the Assessment Act, sufficient provision will be made for the exigencies of the Government.

The Returns from the Gold Fields, throughout the year, have been highly encouraging, and by the additional facilities given to Gold Miners by the Regulations recently issued, there is reason to hope that those who devote themselves to this branch of industry will be rewarded for their perseverance.

By the Appropriation Act which has been passed, the sanction of Parliament has been given to the Public Expenditure of the current year. In thanking you for the supplies which you have voted, I desire to express my regret that, from circumstances which the Government could not control, they were compelled to anticipate the sanction of the Legislature, in order to keep faith with the public creditor, and to carry on the public service.

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

The Government have continued to direct their efforts to meet the demand for allotments of land, both in Town and Country, and to afford additional facilities for the sale of the Crown Lands. The cost of surveying and preparing Crown Lands for sale has also been materially reduced.

Considerable excitement was created by the report of an alleged discovery of rich Gold Fields on the Fitz Roy River, Keppel Bay, and large numbers of people from Sydney and Melbourne were attracted thither. It appeared at one time highly probable that within a few weeks several thousand persons would be congregated in that locality; the Government, therefore, felt itself imperatively called upon to provide promptly for the peace and good order of the new population. At present the sanguine anticipations of the majority of those who went in search of gold have not been realised, and a reaction has taken place. There seems, nevertheless, reason to believe that a district possessed of a noble river, rich land, and a favorable climate, must soon become a flourishing settlement.

Notwithstanding the depression which partially prevails, there is abundant reason for the expression of thankfulness to Divine Providence for the comfort and prosperity which has been vouchsafed to the inhabitants of this generally thriving community. I trust that they will shew their appreciation of these blessings by encouraging every effort which is calculated to promote their social, moral, and religious progress.

I now declare this Parliament to stand prorogued to Tuesday, the 7th of December next.

W. DENISON.