MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

DURING THE YEAR

1828,

WITH SUNDORY DOCUMENTS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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MEMBERS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

1828.

His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,   The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Coloniz.  The Hon. John Macarthur, Esq.,

The Venurable the Archdeacon,  The Hon. Robert Campbell, Esq.,

The Hon. Charles Thorpey, Esq.
No. 1.

Council Chamber, 19th March, 1828.

The Council having met in pursuance of summons.

Present:

**His Excellency the Governor,**

**The Hon. Chief Justice,**

**The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq.,**

**The Hon. John Macarthur, Esq.,**

**The Hon. Robert Campbell, Esq.,**

**The Hon. Charles Throsby, Esq.,**

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to lay before the Council the following proposed Acts or Ordinances, and requested their advice and consent to the same, viz.:

1st.—"An Act to enable the Proprietors of the New South Wales Bank to sue and be sued in the name of the President for the time being, and to enable the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company to be established under the same name, style, and firm of The Bank of New South Wales, to sue and be sued in like manner in the name of the President for the time being."


3rd.—"An Act for adopting a certain Act of Parliament passed in the seventh and eighth years of His Majesty King George the Fourth, to regulate the practice of Arrests."

4th.—"An Act for ascertaining the number, names, and conditions of the Inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales; and the number of Cattle; and the quantities of located, cleared, and cultivated Land within the said Colony."

Ordered, That the Governor withdraw from the Council. Ordered, That a fair transcript of all the Laws and Ordinances which have been enacted by the Governor of this Colony, with the advice of the Legislative Council, be made on Parchment, and afterwards to be carefully collated by two Members of the Council, preparatory to a suggestion being made to His Excellency the Governor of the propriety of causing a Law or Ordinance be laid before the Council for the purpose of giving such collated copies the legal force and effect of the original Laws or Ordinances. The following Members were voted by ballot to form a Committee for the above purpose:

**The Honorable Patrick Lindsay, Colonel,**

**The Venerable The Archdeacon.**

The proposed Act of Council No. 1 was then read a first time. Ordered, That a copy of the Act No. 1 be furnished to each of the Members. Ordered, That the proposed Law No. 1 be read a second time on Wednesday, the 26th March instant. Ordered, That the Clerk of the Council do write to R. Jones, Esq., the President of the New South Wales Bank, to request his attendance before the Council on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at Eleven o'clock, for the purpose of affording them information upon certain matters set forth in the proposed Law, intituled, "An Act to enable the Proprietors of the New South Wales Bank to sue and be sued in the name of the President for the time being, and to enable the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company to be established under the name, style, and firm of The Bank of New South Wales, to sue and be sued in like manner in the name of the President for the time being."

The proposed Laws Nos. 2 and 3 were read the first time. Ordered, That the proposed Laws Nos. 2 and 3 be read a second time on Saturday, the 22nd of March instant. The proposed Law No. 4 was read a first time. Ordered, That a copy of the proposed Law No. 4 be furnished to each of the Members. The Council adjourned to Saturday the 22nd March instant, at Ten o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,

Clerk of the Council.

No. 2.

Council Chamber, 22nd March, 1828.

The Council assembled in pursuance of adjournment.

Present:

**His Honor the Chief Justice,**

**The Hon. John Macarthur, Esq.,**

**The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonel,**

**The Hon. Robert Campbell, Esq.,**

**The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,**

**The Hon. Charles Throsby, Esq.,**

The Act under the consideration of the Council, No. 1, intituled, "An Act for adopting certain Acts of Parliament for the amendment of the Law and the improvement of the Administration of Justice in Criminal Cases," was read the second time. Upon the motion of Mr. Macarthur, seconded by Mr. McLeay, the following amendment was proposed:

That after the words "injurious to property," in page 2nd, the following be adopted, viz.:

"shall be and the same is hereby directed to be adopted in New South Wales and its Dependencies, and applied in the administration of Justice in like manner as other parts of the Criminal Laws of England are adopted and applied in the said Colony."

Mr. McLeay and Mr. Macarthur were requested to submit the foregoing alteration in the aforesaid Ordinance to His Excellency the Governor.

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No. 3.

The Council assembled in pursuance of adjournment.

Present:

The Honorable the Chief Justice,

The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable John Macarthur, Esq.,

The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.

The Act under the consideration of the Council, No. 3, intituled, "An Act to enable certain Proprietors of the old Bank and new Bank of New South Wales to sue and be sued in the name of the President for the time being of the respective Banks, and for other purposes therein mentioned" was read the second time.

Certain alterations having been proposed and unanimously carried, the following Members were requested to carry the Bill and submit the amendments to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

The Honorable P. Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable J. Macarthur, Esq.


The Act of Council, No. 2, intituled, "An Act for the adoption of a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the seventh and eighth years of His Majesty King George the Fourth, to regulate the practice of Arrests," was read the third time and passed.

The following Members were requested to carry up these Bills to His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

The Honorable P. Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable J. Macarthur, Esq.

Ordered, That the Act under the consideration of the Council, No. 4, intituled, "An Act for ascertaining the number, names, and condition of the Inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, and the number of cattle, and quantities of located, cleared, and cultivated land, within the said Colony," be read a second time on Monday, the 31st March instant.

The Council adjourned to Monday, the 31st instant, at eleven o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.

No. 4.

The Council was assembled in pursuance of adjournment.

Present:

His Honor Chief Justice Forbes,

The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable John Macarthur, Esq.,

The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.

In pursuance of the order for the day, an Act, intituled, "An Act to enable the Proprietors of the Old Bank and New Bank of New South Wales to sue and be sued in the name of the President for the time being of the respective Banks, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time and passed.

The Act under the Consideration of the Council, No. 4, intituled, "An Act for ascertaining the number, names, and condition of the Inhabitants of New South Wales, and the number of cattle, and the quantities of located, cleared, and cultivated land in the said Colony," was read the second time.

An important clerical omission having been discovered in the above Act, No. 4, it was ordered that the same be referred to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

The Council then adjourned, sine die.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.
No. 5.

Council Chamber, 30th June, 1828.

The Council having met in pursuance of summons, there were present:—

His Excellency the Governor,

The Honorable P. Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable John Macarthur, Esq.

His Excellency the Governor's Patent, dated the 12th day of April, 1828, appending Alexander Berry, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council, in the room of Charles Throsby, Esq., deceased, was read by the Clerk.

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq., having taken and subscribed the oaths of office, took his seat at the Council.

His Excellency the Governor submitted for the consideration of the Council the following Ordinances, viz.:—

1st.—"A Bill for ascertaining the number, names, and conditions of the Inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales; and also the number of Cattle, and the quantities of "located, cleared, and cultivated Land within the said Colony."

2nd.—"A Bill for the better regulation of the Hulks or Floating Prisons in Sydney "Harbour, and for establishing Houses of Correction in the Colony."

3rd.—"A Bill for enabling the Governor, or Acting Governor, of New South Wales "to grant Letters of Denization to such Foreigners as may arrive in the Colony with a recom "mendation to that effect from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies."

4th.—"An Act to regulate the Keeping and Carriage of Gunpowder imported into the "Colony of New South Wales."

The foregoing Bills having been read for the first time, His Excellency the Governor withdrew from the Council.

Upon the motion of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary the Standing Order of the Council, No. 12, was suspended, and the first of the foregoing Bills, called the "Census Bill," was read three times, and was passed.

Upon the motion of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary the Standing Order of the council, No. 12, was suspended, and the second of the foregoing Bills, called the "Hulk Bill," was read three times, and passed.

The Council having taken into consideration the third Bill laid before them by His Excellency the Governor, called the "Naturalisation Bill," certain amendments were proposed, and carried.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the proposed amendments, be carried up to His Excellency the Governor, with the humble recommendation of the Council, by the following Members, viz.:—

The Honorable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

The Council having taken into consideration the fourth, or last Bill submitted to them by His Excellency the Governor, called the "Gunpowder Bill," certain amendments were proposed, and approved.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the proposed amendments, be carried up to His Excellency the Governor, with the humble recommendation of the Council, by the following Members, viz.:—

The Honorable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

The Council adjourned to Thursday, the 3rd proximo, at Twelve o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,

Clerk of Council.

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No. 6.

Council Chamber, 3rd July, 1828.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Present—

The Honorable Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable John Macarthur, Esq.,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Honorable the Archdeacon reported to the Council that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to approve the amendments proposed by the Council at the last Meeting to the two following Bills, viz.:—

"An Act for enabling the Governor to grant Letters of Denization."

"An Act to regulate the Keeping and Carriage of Gunpowder."

The foregoing Bills were then read a third time, and passed.

The Council adjourned to Thursday, the 10th of July instant.

T. de la CONDAMINE,

Clerk of Council.

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No. 7.
No. 7.  Council Chamber, 10th July, 1828.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Present:

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Colonial Secretary laid the following Bills before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

"An Act to authorize the erection of Pounds, and to regulate the Impounding of Cattle."

"An Act for the better regulation of Servants, Laborers, and Workpeople."

"An Act for enabling persons holding certain Public Offices to take Apprentices, and for regulating all matters relating to Masters and Apprentices."

The foregoing Bills were each of them read for the first time. Ordered, That the three foregoing Bills be read for the second time on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

Ordered, That a copy of the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the erection of Pounds, and for regulating the Impounding of Cattle," be furnished to each of the Members.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, the 15th instant.

T. de la CONDAMINE,

Clerk of Council.


Present, in pursuance of adjournment.

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

Conformably with the Order for the day, the two following Bills were read a second time, and discussed seriatim, viz.:

"An Act for enabling persons holding certain Public Offices to take Apprentices, and for regulating all matters relating to Masters and Apprentices."

"An Act for the better regulation of Servants, Laborers, and Workpeople."

Certain amendments having been moved and carried, the following Members were requested to carry the Bills with the amendments proposed, and submit them to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

In pursuance of the Order for the day, an Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize the erection of Pounds, and for regulating the Impounding of Cattle," was read a second time, and discussed seriatim.

At four o'clock p.m. the Council adjourned to the following day.

T. de la CONDAMINE,

Clerk of Council.

No. 9.  Council Chamber, 18th July, 1828.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Present:

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council the following Bills; by order of His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

1st. — "An Act to authorize the Impounding of Cattle on part of the lands trespassed upon."

2nd. — "An Act to regulate the Enclosure of Contaminous Lands."

3rd. — "An Act to prevent the nuisance occasioned by the great number of Dogs at large in Sydney."

4th. — "An Act for the more effectually preventing persons from purchasing or receiving Clothing, Bedding, or Rations from Convicts."

The foregoing Bills were each read a first time. The Council were of opinion that the first of the foregoing Bills might be embodied in a Bill then under consideration, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Erection of Pounds, and to regulate the Impounding of Cattle."

Ordered, That a copy of the Act, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Enclosure of Contaminous Lands," be furnished to each of the Members.

The Acts No. 3 & 4 being read a first and second time, certain amendments were suggested and approved. Ordered,
Ordered, That the Acts Nos. 3 & 4 be laid before the Governor with the amendments proposed.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq., were requested to carry up these Bills.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Act-introduced, "An Act to authorize the Erection of Pounds, and to regulate the Impounding of Cattle," and after due deliberation certain amendments and additions were moved and carried, as also the Act No. 1, laid before the Council this day, was embodied in the same.

Ordered, That the Bill in its amended form be laid before His Excellency the Governor, with the humble recommendation of the Council that the same be passed into a Law.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq., were requested to carry the Bill up to His Excellency the Governor.

The Council then adjourned to the following day.

T. de la CONDAMINE, Clerk of Council.

No. 10.

Council Chamber, 17th July, 1828.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

PRESENT:—

His Honor the Chief Justice, | The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Very Eminent the Archbishop, | The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council the following Bills, by order of His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

1st.—"An Act for enabling persons holding certain Public Offices in New South Wales to take Apprentices to serve under them and their successors in office, and for regulating all matters relating to Apprentices;"

2nd.—"An Act for the better regulation of Servants, Laborers, and Work people;"

3rd.—"An Act for the more effectually preventing persons from purchasing or receiving Clothing, Bedding, or Rations from Servants;"

The foregoing Bills were read before the Council.

Ordered, That the three foregoing Bills be passed.

The Bills were then signed by the Members present accordingly.

The Council adjourned to Thursday, the 24th instant.

T. de la CONDAMINE, Clerk of Council.

No. 11.

Council Chamber, 24th July, 1828.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

PRESENT:—

The Very Eminent the Archbishop, | The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, | The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, the following Bill, viz.:

"An Act to authorize the erection of Pounds, and to regulate the Impounding of 'Cattle,'

The Bill was then read, and passed the Council.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried up by two Members to His Excellency the Governor.

The Colonial Secretary and the Archbishop were requested to carry up the Bill.

The Council adjourned to Wednesday, 30th instant.

T. de la CONDAMINE, Clerk of Council.

No. 12.

Council Chamber, 30th July, 1828.

The Council assembled in pursuance of adjournment.

PRESENT:—

His Honor the Chief Justice, | The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Very Eminent the Archbishop, | The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

In pursuance of the Order for the day, a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Enclosure of Contiguous Lands," was read a second time seriatim.

Certain amendments having been moved and carried, it was ordered, That the Bill in its amended form be laid before the Governor.

The following Members were requested to carry the Bill up to the Governor, viz.:

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esquire.

The Council adjourned to Saturday, the 2nd proximo.

T. de la CONDAMINE, Clerk of Council.

No. 13.

Present in pursuance of adjournment:

HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
THE VENERABLE THE ARCHBISHOP,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, an Act intituled "An Act to regulate the dividing Fences of adjoining "Lands."

The Act was then read, and passed.

The Venerable the Archbishop and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary were named to carry the Bill up to His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, an Act intituled "An Act to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers, and "the Collection of Duties on Property sold by Auction."

The Bill was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be passed, the Council adjourned to Saturday, the 9th instant, at Ten o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.


Present, in pursuance of adjournment:

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
THE HONORABLE ROBERT CAMPBELL, Esq.
THE VENERABLE THE ARCHBISHOP,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, an Act intituled "An Act to regulate the Licensing of Auctioneers, and the "Collection of Duties on Property sold by Auction."

The Bill, having been previously read a first and second time, was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried up to the Governor.

The following Members were requested to carry up the Bill, viz.:

THE VENERABLE THE ARCHBISHOP,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Council adjourned, sine die.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.

No. 15. Council Chamber, 1st September, 1828.

Present in pursuance of summons:

HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
THE VENERABLE THE ARCHBISHOP,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council, by order of His Excellency the Governor, two Bills, intituled, 1st.—"An Act to establish yards and enclosures for the inspection of Horses, Cattle, "and Sheep, at certain places in the Colony of New South Wales."

2nd.—"An Act to regulate places of public exhibition and entertainment."

The first of the foregoing Bills was read the first time,

Ordered, That this Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

The second Bill was then read the first time.

Ordered, That the Standing Rule of Council, No. 12, be suspended, and that the Bill do pass through its several stages at the present Meeting.

The Bill was then read the second time,scriptum.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Governor by two Members, viz.:

THE HONORABLE PATRICK LINDSEY, Esq., COLONEL,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Council adjourned to Wednesday, the 16th instant, at Ten o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.

No. 16.
No. 16.

Council Chamber, 10th September, 1828.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:

His Honor the Chief Justice, The Honorable John MacArthur, Esq.,
The Venerable the Archbishop, The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

The Council proceeded to the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish fish yards or enclosures for the inspection of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep, at certain places in "the Colony of New South Wales."

Upon the reading of the first clause, the general principle of the Bill was debated, and many doubts were expressed as to its expediency.

Upon the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, it was ordered, that the second reading of the Bill be postponed to the 10th proximo, and in the mean time, that it be recommended to His Excellency the Governor, to cause copies of this Bill to be forwarded to the several Benches of Magistrates, with a request that they would circulate them among the principal stockholders in their respective districts, and invite their opinion on the expediency and practicability of the proposed Law; and that the Magistrates would communicate to the Government, the opinion of such stockholders, in order to their being laid before the Council.

Ordered, That the foregoing minute of Council be laid before His Excellency the Governor, by two Members, viz.:

The Venerable the Archbishop,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

The Council adjourned to 10th October next, at Ten o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.

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No. 17.

Council Chamber, 10th October, 1828.

Present, in pursuance of summons:

The Honorable Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonel,
The Venerable the Archbishop,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable Alexander Berry, Esq.

In pursuance of the Order of Council made at the last meeting, the Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid before the Council the several communications which had been received by the Government, in reference to the Bill then under the consideration of the Council.

The letters abovementioned were then read.

Upon the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Honorable Alexander Berry, it was resolved,

"That the communications now laid before the Council by the Colonial Secretary, together with the draft of the Bill be referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Macarthur, Campbell, and Berry, and that they be requested to report on the subject to the Council "on Tuesday, the 29th day of this month."

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, the 29th instant, at Eleven o'clock.

T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council.

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No. 18.

Council Chamber, 29th October, 1828.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:

His Honor the Chief Justice,
The Venerable the Archbishop,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable John MacArthur, Esq.,
The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.

In pursuance of the Order for the day, the Report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to take into consideration the several communications which had been laid upon the Table, respecting the proposed Bill for erecting Yards of Inspection, was brought up and read.

Upon the motion for the second reading of the Bill, it was moved by Mr. Macarthur, as an amendment, and seconded by Mr. Robert Campbell, "That the Bill be read this day six months."

The amendment was put and carried.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the following Message be addressed to the Governor:

"To His Excellency Lieutenant General Ralph Darling,
Captains General and Governor in Chief, in and over
the Territory of New South Wales and its Depen-
dencies, &c., &c., &c.

"May it please Your Excellency:

"The Legislative Council have this day reconsidered a Bill laid before them by
order of your Excellency, intituled, 'An Act to establish yards and enclosures for the in-
section of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep at certain places in the Colony of New South Wales,'
also the several communications respecting the proposed Law, from the Magistrates of the
Territory, which have been laid upon the Table by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.
"The Council, upon a full consideration of the subject, have resolved to defer the second
reading of the Bill to this day six months."

"By order of the Council.
T. de la CONDAMINE,
Clerk of Council."

Council Chamber,
26th day of October, 1828.
The Council then adjourned, sine die.