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OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

DURING THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE YEAR

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His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,
The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonel,
The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable John Macarthur, Esq.,
No. 1.

Council Chamber, Monday, 16th February, 1829.

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

**His Excellency the Governor,**

**The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,**

**The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.**

**The Venerable the Archdeacon,**

**The Honorable P. Lindsay, Esq., Colonel,**

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

"An Act to provide for the holding of General or Quarter Sessions, and for continuing the Summary Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, in and for the Territory of New South Wales and the Dependencies thereof, until further provision shall be made."

The Bill was then read a first time.

His Excellency the Governor withdrew, and His Honor the Chief Justice having taken the Chair, the Council proceeded to discuss the subject under their consideration.

On the motion of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Venerable the Archdeacon, that the Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and that the Council proceed immediately to the second reading of the Bill, the same was carried unanimously.

The Clerk then read the first clause of the Bill, and the President having explained to the Council the necessity of the several provisions therein contained, the same passed unanimously.

The second clause was next read and passed without opposition.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 19th February instant, at Eleven o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,

Clerk of the Council.

No. 2.

Council Chamber, Thursday, 10th February, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

**His Honor the Chief Justice,**

**The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,**

**The Venerable the Archdeacon,**

**The Honorable P. Lindsay, Colonel,**

**The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.**

The Council proceeded to the third reading of the following Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of General or Quarter Sessions, and for continuing the Summary Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in and for the Territory of New South Wales and the Dependencies thereof, until further provision shall be made."

This Bill was then read a third time accordingly and passed.

The Members present having signed the Bill, it was requested that the Honorable Patrick Lindsay and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary should carry it up to His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, brought before the Council the following Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of Courts of Requests in New South Wales, until further provision shall be made for such purpose."

This Bill was then read a first time.

On the motion of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Honorable Patrick Lindsay, it was resolved, that the Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and the Council proceed immediately to the second reading of the Bill.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on the following day.

On the motion of the Venerable the Archdeacon, seconded by the Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq., that each Member of the Council be furnished with a copy of the New South Wales Act, 9 George IV., cap. 83, it was ordered accordingly.

The Council then adjourned to the following day, at Eleven o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,

Clerk of the Council.

No. 3.
No. 3.

Council Chamber, Friday, 20th February, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Hon. Patrick Lindsay, Esq., Colonel,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esq.

His Honor the Chief Justice having taken the Chair, moved the Order of the Day for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of Courts of Requests in New South Wales, until further provision shall be made for such purpose."

The Bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

The signatures of the Members present having been attached to the Bill, it was requested that the Honorable Patrick Lindsay and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary should carry it up to His Excellency the Governor.

The Council then adjourned, sine die.

E. Deas Thomson,

Clerk of the Council.
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His Excellency the Governor,
His Honor the Chief Justice,  John Macarthur, Esq.,
The Venerable the Archdeacon,  Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  Alexander Berry, Esq.,
The Attorney General,  Richard Jones, Esq.,
The Collector of Customs,  John Blaxland, Esq.,
The Auditor General,  Edward Charles Close, Esq.,
Lieutenant Colonel Lindesay,  John Thomas Campbell, Esq.
MINUTE No. 1.

Council Chamber, Friday, 21st August, 1829.

The Legislative Council having met, pursuant to summons, His Excellency the Governor laid before them the following Warrant under the Royal Signet and Sign Manual, viz.:

Warrant appointing certain persons therein mentioned to be Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

GEORGE R. (s.s.)

Truly and well beloved We greet you well. Whereas by an Act passed in the ninth year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Administration of Justice in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, and for the more effectual Government thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Warrants under Our or Their Sign Manual, to constitute and appoint, in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land respectively, a Council, to consist of such persons, resident in the said Colonies respectively, not exceeding Fifteen nor less than Ten, as We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to nominate: And it is thereby further enacted, that the Governor for the time being of the said Colonies respectively, shall in person preside at all the Meetings of the said respective Legislative Councils, except when prevented by illness or some other adequate cause, and that in his absence such other Member of the said Council as We shall be pleased to appoint shall preside at such Meetings: Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested as aforesaid in Us in and by the said Act of Parliament, We do by this Our Warrant, under Our Sign Manual, constitute and appoint that there shall be, within Our said Colony of New South Wales, a Legislative Council, to consist of Fifteen persons, including the Governor or the Officer for the time being administering the Government of Our said Colony; and We do hereby nominate and appoint Our trusty and well beloved Francis Forbes, Esquire, the Chief Justice of Our said Colony, and the Chief Justice for the time being; The Venetian Thomas Hobbes, Esquire; Clerk, Archbishop of New South Wales, or the Archdeacon of New South Wales for the time being; Alexander McLeary, Esquire, the Colonial Secretary of Our said Colony, or the Colonial Secretary for the time being; Alexander Macquarie, Esquire, Our Attorney General for Our said Colony, or the Attorney General for the time being; Michael Cullen Coton, Esquire, the Collector of Our Revenue of Customs at the Port of Sydney, within Our said Colony, or the Collector or other Chief Officer of Our said Revenue at the said Port for the time being; William Lithgow, Esquire, the Auditor General of the Accounts of Our Revenue within Our said Colony, or the Auditor General for the time being; Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay; John Macarthur, Esquire; Robert Campbell, Esquire; Alexander Berry, Esquire; Richard Jones, Esquire; John Blaxland, Esquire; Captain Phillip Parker King, of Our Royal Navy; and Edward Charles Croke, of Hunter's River, within Our said Colony, Esquire, to be the first or original Members of the said Council: And We do hereby appoint and declare, that in the absence of the Governor, or the Officer administering the Government of Our said Colony for the time being, from the Meetings of the said Council, the Chief Justice for the time being of Our said Colony shall preside at such Meetings: And if at the time of the arrival of these presents within Our said Colony, any or either of them the said Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, John Macarthur, Robert Campbell, Alexander Berry, Richard Jones, John Blaxland, Captain Phillip Parker King, and Edward Charles Croke, should be dead, or should not be resident within the said Colony, We do hereby further declare that the place or places in the said Council of the person or persons so dead or absent shall be filled by Our trusty and well beloved John Thomas Campbell, Esquire, Hannibal Macarthur, Esquire; James Wyndham, of Distant, in Our said Colony, Esquire; Alexander Brodie Spark, Esquire, Thomas McVilie, Esquire, George Thomas Palmer, Esquire, Archibald Bell, Esquire, William Ogilvie, Esquire, or William Macarthur, Esquire: And We do further declare and appoint, that the said last mentioned persons, or such of them as at the time of the arrival of these presents within Our said Colony shall be alive and resident therein, shall be called upon any such vacancy or vacancies as aforesaid, in the order according to which the names of such persons are hereinafore enumerated, and not otherwise: And We do hereby nominate and appoint to be an Original Member or Original Members of Our said Council, any of them the said John Thomas Campbell, Hannibal Macarthur, Thomas McVilie, George Thomas Palmier; Archibald Bell, William Ogilvie, and William Macarthur, who may be so called to fill any such vacancy or vacancies as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, and We do further appoint and declare, that if any such vacancy or vacancies as aforesaid shall have arisen by the absence of any or either of the persons herein first mentioned as Original Members of Our said Council, any such person returning to the said Colony within twelve calendar months from the date of the arrival of these presents, shall take their place in the said Council, which shall thereupon be vacated by the person called to fill the vacancy created by such his absence.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, on the thirteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

(Signed) GEORGE MURRAY.

The Excellency's Proclamation was then read, notifying the appointment of the Members of the Legislative Council, and announcing that Captain Phillip Parker King being absent from the Colony, he had appointed John Thomas Campbell, Esquire, to the vacant seat in the Council.

The several Members, with the exception of John Macarthur, Esquire, who was unable to attend in consequence of illness, took and subscribed the usual Oath of Oaths, as likewise the Oaths directed by the thirteenth section of 9 George 1V, c. 83, and took their seats at the Council accordingly.
The sections, from the twentieth to the thirty-first, inclusive, of the Act of Parliament before mentioned, relative to the appointment and proceedings of Council, were then read.

His Excellency then laid before the Council a Despatch, No. 17, addressed to him by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, under date the 31st July, 1829, explanatory of the views taken by His Majesty's Government, relative to the Statute 9 George IV. c. 83, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Administration of Justice in New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land, and for the more effectual Government thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto."

The Despatch having been read by the Clerk, a copy was directed to be kept for the convenience of reference.

His Excellency then moved, and it was unanimously resolved that the following Members be appointed as a Committee for framing "Rules and Standing Orders for the Proceedings of Council," viz:—

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venemable the Archdeacon, | Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, | Richard Jones, Esq.

The Council then adjourned to Tuesday, the 25th August instant, at Twelve o'clock.

E. Deas Thomson,

Clerk of the Council.

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MINUTE No. 2.

Council Chamber, Tuesday, 25th August, 1829.

Present:—

His Excellence the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venemable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Attorney General,

The Collector of Customs,

The Auditor General,

Lieutenant Colonel Lindey,

The Legislative Council having assembled, pursuant to adjournment, His Honor the Chief Justice, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to frame "Rules and Orders for the Proceedings of the Council," brought up the draft thereof, which had been prepared by the Committee, and the various classes having been read seriatim, they were unanimously ordered by the Council to be adopted.

His Excellency the Governor then laid before the Council the following proposed Laws, to which he requested the assent of the Council, viz:—

1st.—"An Act for, instituting Courts of Civil Jurisdiction, to be called "Courts of Requests," in different parts of New South Wales."

2nd.—"An Act to regulate the Slaughtering of Cattle."

3rd.—"An Act to provide for the management and regulation of the Customs in New South Wales."

4th.—"An Act to compel married men to provide for their wives, or to maintain them after the expiration of their sentence to the Female Factory."

5th.—"An Act for the more effectual recovery of Crown Lands permitted to be occupied by private individuals."

6th.—"An Act to enable the Members of a certain Society denominated 'The Sydney Female School of Industry,' to sue and be sued, in the name of the Secretary for the time being thereof; and also to enable the said Society to receive Apprentices."

These several Bills were now read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 3rd September next.

The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 2nd of September next, at Twelve o'clock.

E. Deas Thomson,

Clerk of the Council.

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MINUTE No. 3.

Council Chamber, Wednesday, 2nd September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellence the Governor,

The Venemable the Archdeacon, | Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, | Alexander Berry, Esq.,
The Attorney General, | John Blaxland, Esq.,
The Collector of Customs, | Richard Jones, Esq.,
The Auditor General, | Edward Charles Close, Esq.,
Lieutenant-Colonel Lindey, | John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

His Excellency the Governor laid before the Council the following proposed Laws, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Trial by Jury of Actions at Law brought in the Supreme Court."
. His Excellency called the attention of the Council to the circumstances, that several blanks had been left in the Bill now presented to them, in respect to the Qualification of Jurors and their number to be fixed to try Actions. This Bill was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the 11th September instant.

His Excellency next laid before the Council the following proposed Law, intituled, “An Act to subject Vessels arriving in this Colony, in certain cases, to perform Quarantine.” This Bill was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday, the 14th September instant.

The Council then adjourned to the following day at twelve o’clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON, Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 4.

Council Chamber, Thursday, 3rd September, 1839

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor The Chief Justice, Alexander Berry, Esq.,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Richard Jones, Esq.,

The Collector of Customs, John Blaxland, Esq.,

The Auditor General, Edward Charles Close, Esq.,

Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsey, John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,

His Excellency the Governor laid before the Council the following proposed Law, intituled, “An Act for instituting and regulating Courts of General and Quarter Sessions in New South Wales.” The Bill was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday, the 14th September instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Courts of Requests Bill was then moved by the Colonial Secretary, and being seconded by Mr. Jones, the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

An amendment having been moved by Mr. Blaxland, and seconded by Mr. Jones, the Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill, pursuant to the Standing Orders. The clauses of the Bill were then read seriatim. On the first clause being read, it was resolved upon the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Auditor General, that Bithurah should be included among the places where Courts of Requests shall be held.

It was then resolved, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that a clause should be added to the Bill for continuing the Courts of Requests now existing, until the new Courts of Requests should enter upon the exercise of their jurisdictions.

The Chief Justice, seconded by Mr. Jones, then moved, that the Clerk be directed to transcribe the Bill with the amendments which have now been proposed, and that the Colonial Secretary and Collector of Customs be requested to carry up the same, to the Governor for His Excellency’s consideration. The Council having resumed, His Excellency laid before them the Petition to the Governor in Council, of William Charles Wentworth, Esquire, praying to be heard in person, or by his Counsel, against the Bill for regulating the Slaughtering of Cattle. Also, a Letter upon the subject from Mr. John Dixon, which were both read by the Clerk. Upon the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Auditor General, it was resolved that the Petition and Letter alluded to be considered previously to the second reading of the Slaughtering of Cattle Bill.

It was then moved by the Colonial Secretary, and seconded by the Collector of Customs, that the consideration of the Petition and Letter in question should take place on Monday next, the 7th September instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Female Factory Bill having been then moved by the Colonial Secretary, and seconded by the Collector of Customs, the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

An amendment having been proposed by the Chief Justice, and seconded by the Auditor General, the Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill. The Auditor General moved an amendment on the title of the Bill, which was seconded by the Chief Justice, and agreed to by the Council. After various amendments having been proposed on the Bill, it was ultimately resolved, upon the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by Mr. John Thomas Campbell, that the discussion on this Bill should be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Collector of Customs, moved the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Recovery of Crown Lands Bill, and it was read a second time accordingly.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill, on the motion of the Chief Justice to that effect, seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

The clauses of the Bill were then read seriatim. The Chief Justice next moved the adjournment of the discussion on this Bill, and that in the mean time it should be referred to a Sub-Committee.
His Excellency the Governor proposed that the Sub-Committee should consist of the following persons, viz. —

THE CHIEF JUSTICE,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, | Mr. Jones,

who were balloted for individually, and elected accordingly.

The Chief Justice then moved, that the Sub-Committee be instructed to prepare a Bill embracing the objects contemplated by the Bill intituled, "A Bill for the more effectual recovery of Crown Lands permitted to be occupied by private individuals," and report the same to the Committee of Council as soon as possible.

The motion being seconded by the Auditor General, was carried unanimously.

The Council having resumed, the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Collector of Customs, moved the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Female School of Industry Bill, which was then read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Auditor General, the Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

Certain alterations having been suggested in the Bill, the Chief Justice, seconded by the Auditor General, moved, that the Bill, as now amended, be fairly transcribed by the Clerk, and be carried to the Governor by the Colonial Secretary and Collector of Customs, for His Excellency's consideration.

The Chief Justice then moved, that the second reading of the Customs Bill be postponed to Wednesday, the 9th September instant, which motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary, and agreed to by the Council.

The Council then adjourned to Monday, the 7th September instant, at Twelve o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 5.

Council Chamber, Monday, 7th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,
Alexander Berry, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.,
John Blaxland, Esq.,
Edward Charles Close, Esq.,
John Thomas Campbell, Esq.

1. The Archdeacon moved, that the eleventh article of the Standing Orders, which relates to privileges, be read, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, and agreed to.

The Archdeacon then moved, that a Message be sent to the Governor, respectfully praying His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Select Committee of the Council be formed to consider of Orders and Regulations to be observed on receiving Petitions, hearing the Petitioners by themselves, or Counsel, and the examination of Witnesses therein, and to report progress to the Council.

The motion being seconded by Mr. Jones, the same was agreed to.

His Excellency was hereupon pleased to nominate the following Members to form the Committee in question, who were then balloted for and elected unanimously, viz. —

His Excellency the Chief Justice,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.

2. On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Archdeacon, the consideration of the Petitions relative to the Bill to regulate the Selling of Cattle was postponed until the Report of the Committee to Establish Rules for the reception of Petitions could be approved by the Council.

3. His Excellency then directed the Clerk to read, for the information of the Council, that part of the Royal Instructions, bearing date the 17th day of July, 1828, to the Governor of the Territory of New South Wales, relative to the rules to be observed by the Legislative Council in passing Laws and Ordinances.

4. His Excellency then informed the Council that he had adopted the amendments proposed by the Council in Committee, on the Bills relative to Courts of Requests, and Sydney Female School of Industry, and now laid them in their amended form before the Council.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Archdeacon, these Bills were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Wednesday next, the 9th of September instant.

5. The Order of the Day for the discussion on the Female Factory Bill was then moved by the Colonial Secretary and seconded by the Chief Justice.
The Bill having been then read a second time, the Council resolved itself into a Committee thereon, when various amendments were adopted. On the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by Mr. Jones, it was resolved, that the Bill, in its amended form, be fairly transcribed, and carried to the Governor by the Colonial Secretary and the Auditor General, for His Excellency's consideration.

6. The Chief Justice then brought up the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to frame a Bill for the re-occupation of Crown Lands, which was read by the Clerk, the Council having thereupon resolved itself into a Committee.

The clause of the Bill were then read seriatim.

On the third clause being read, it was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Robert Campbell, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the words "thirty days" be substituted for the words "twenty days."

The Chief Justice, seconded by the Archdeacon, then moved, that a clause be added to the Bill, vesting in the Trustees for Clergy and School Lands the same summary remittances in the resumption of their lands, as are afforded to the Crown by the present Bill, which motion was agreed to.

It was then ordered, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Archdeacon, that the Bill, in its amended form, be fairly transcribed, and that the Colonial Secretary and the Auditor General be requested to carry the same to the Governor, for His Excellency's consideration.

7. Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Robert Campbell, then moved, that the second reading of the Customs Bill be postponed from Wednesday, the 9th, to Tuesday, the 15th September instant, which was agreed to.

The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 9th September instant, at Twelve o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
 Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 6.

Council Chamber, Wednesday, 9th September, 1829.

Present, pursuant to adjournment.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
R. CAMPBELL, ESQ.,
ALEXANDER BERRY, ESQ.,
RICHARD JONES, ESQ.,
JOHN BLAXLAND, ESQ.,
EDWARD CHARLES CLOSE, ESQ.,
JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, ESQ.,

1. The Order of the Day was moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled, "An Act for instituting Courts of Civil Jurisdiction, to be called 'Courts of Requests,' in different parts of New South Wales." (No. 3.)

The Bill was then read a third time accordingly, and passed.

2. The Order of the Day was then moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Members of a certain Society, denominated the Sydney Female School of Industry, to use and be used in the name of the Secretary for the time being thereof, and also to enable the said Society to receive Apprentices." (No. 4.)

The Bill was then accordingly read a third time, and passed.

3. John Macarthur, Esq., was then sworn in as a Member of the Legislative Council, and took his seat accordingly.

4. The Chief Justice brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to frame Orders for the reception of Petitions, examination of Witnesses, and hearing of Council.

The several Orders in question having been then read seriatim, were agreed to, and directed to be appended to the Standing Orders of the Council.

5. The Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Chief Justice, moved, that the Standing Orders be printed, and that three copies be supplied to each Member of the Council, which was agreed to.

6. Mr. John Thomas Campbell moved, that the Standing Orders numbered 0, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, and 35, be printed in the Newspapers of the Colony, for the information of the public, which motion was seconded by Mr. Blaxland; whereupon an amendment was moved by the Archdeacon, and seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that five copies of the Standing Orders, instead of three, as previously ordered, be distributed to each Member, which was carried.

The original motion was then put and negatived without a division.

7. Mr. William Charles Wentworth's Petition against the Slaughtering of Cattle Bill was then ordered to be read.

On the motion of Mr. John Thomas Campbell, seconded by the Auditor General, leave was given to Mr. John Thomas Campbell to withdraw Mr. Wentworth's Petition.

8. The Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved that the second reading of the Bill relative to the Slaughtering of Cattle should take place on Tuesday, the 15th September instant, which was agreed to.

9. The Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved, that Mr. John Dixon's Petition relative to the Slaughter ing Bill be considered on the 15th instant, previously to the second reading of that Bill, which was agreed to.

10. His Excellency presented a Petition to the Council against the Slaughtering Bill, from
Mr. Henry Brooks, which was read, and ordered to be taken into consideration on the 15th instant, previously to the second reading of the Slaughtering Bill. The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 11th instant, at Twelve o’Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
 Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 7.

Council Chamber, Friday, 11th September, 1829.

Present, pursuant to adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Auditor General,

The Collector of Customs,

Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay,

John MacArthur, Esq.,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,

Alexander Berry, Esq.,

Richard Jones, Esq.,

John Blairland, Esq.,

Edward Charles Close, Esq.,

John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

1. His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that he had adopted their amendments on the Female Factory Bill, and now laid it before them in order to its being passed into a Law.

The third reading of this Bill was then ordered to take place on Monday, the 14th September instant.

2. The Order of the Day was next moved for the second reading of the Jury Bill, which was read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Archdeacon, the Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

The clauses of the Bill were then read seriatim.

After various amendments having been proposed, Mr. Jones moved that the further discussion upon this Bill be postponed to Tuesday, the 22nd September instant, which motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell. Upon a division, there appeared—

In favor of the motion........................................... 10

Against it.......................................................... 3

Majority .......................................................... 7

The Chief Justice, with the consent of the mover and seconders of the previous motion, moved that the discussion take place on Tuesday, the 15th instant, which was seconded by Mr. Campbell, and after some explanation agreed to.

3. The Archdeacon, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved, that the Order for the second reading of the Quarter Sessions Bill on Monday, the 14th instant, be withdrawn.

On the motion of the Auditor General, seconded by the Archdeacon, this Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

The clauses of the Bill were then read seriatim.

The Chief Justice moved, as an amendment, that the first clause be extended to other places than those mentioned therein, where General and Quarter Sessions shall be appointed to be held, which motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary, and agreed to.

Various amendments having been proposed, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the further discussion upon this Bill was postponed to Monday, the 14th instant.

The Council then adjourned to Monday, the 14th September instant, at Twelve o’Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
 Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 8.

Council Chamber, Monday, 14th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Venerable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Collector of Customs,

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,

Alexander Berry, Esq.,

John Blairland, Esq.,

Edward Charles Close, Esq.,

John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

1. The Chief Justice informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor was prevented, by illness, from being present, and had therefore requested him to preside at this Meeting, as provided by His Majesty’s Warrant.

2. The Order of the Day was then moved for the second reading of the Quarantine Bill, which was read a second time accordingly.

John
John Macarthur, Esquire, now entered and took his seat at the Council. The Council having resolved itself into a Committee on the Quarantine Bill, the clauses were read section by section.

It was then ordered, on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by Mr. Close, that the Bill be referred to a Sub-Committee, who were instructed to prepare a Bill according to the principles which had now been fixed upon, and to report the same to the Council as soon as possible.

The Chief Justice, as presiding Member, nominated the following Members to form the Sub-Committee in question, who were then balloted for, and elected unanimously, viz.:—

His Honor the Chief Justice,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,     | Robert Campbell, Esq.,
The Collector of Customs,                | John Thomas Campbell, Esq.

3. The Council resumed, and the Order of the Day was then moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled, "An Act to compel married men to withdraw their Wives from the Female Factory, at Parramatta, or to maintain them after the expiration of their sentence." (No. 5.)

The Bill was then read a third time accordingly, and passed.

4. The Order of the Day having been moved for resuming the discussion on the Quarter Sessions Bill, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Various amendments having been proposed on the Bill, it was moved by the Archdeacon, and seconded by the Collector of Customs, that the Bill in its amended form be fairly transcribed, and carried by the Colonial Secretary and the Auditor General to the Governor, for His Excellency's consideration.

5. The Council resumed, and the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Archdeacon, moved that the Bill be referred to a Sub-Committee, that the Bill be instructed to reserve their Report until the Customs Bill be again taken into consideration, which was agreed to.

The Orders of the Day having been gone through, the Council adjourned to the following day at Twelve o'clock.

K. Deas Thomson,
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 9.
Council Chamber, Tuesday, 15th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Honorable the Archdeacon,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

The Collector of Customs,

The Auditor General,

John Macarthur, Esq.,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,

Alexander Berry, Esq.,

Richard Jones, Esq.,

John Blaxland, Esq.,

Edward Charles Closs, Esq.,

John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

The Order of the Day for resuming the discussion on the Jury Bill having been moved, the Council resolved itself into a Committee thereon.

The clauses of the Bill were then read section by section from the first to the third, inclusive.

The Chief Justice then moved, that the following be the qualification of Jurors, relative to age and real estate, viz.:—

Every man (except such as shall hereafter be excepted) between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, who shall reside within the Colony of New South Wales, and shall have in his own name, or in trust for him, a clear yearly income arising out of lands, houses, or other real estate, within the said Colony, of at least fifty pounds.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Blaxland, and agreed to.

The Chief Justice next moved, that two hundred pounds of personal estate be likewise a qualification for Jurors.

The Archdeacon, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved, as an amendment, that five hundred pounds be the minimum.

On the question being put there appeared:—

Against the amendment .......................... 10

In favor ........................................... 3

Majority ............................................ 7

The question on the previous motion was then put, and carried.

The Chief Justice, seconded by Mr. Blaxland, moved, that the following clause be adopted in the Bill, which motion was agreed to, viz.:—

Provided also, and be it further enacted and declared, that no man, not being a natural born subject of the King, is or shall be qualified to serve on Juries or Inquests; and no man who hath been or shall be attainted of any treason or felony, or convicted of any crime that is infamous, unless he shall have obtained a free pardon, nor any man who is under outlawry or excommunication, shall be qualified to serve on Juries or Inquests in any Court, or on any occasion whatsoever.

The Archdeacon, seconded by Mr. Macarthur, moved, that all persons who have arrived in the Colony of New South Wales, under the sentence of the Law, shall be disqualified to serve as Jurors under this Act, except such offenders as are excepted under the 9th George IVth, chap. 82, section 32.

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The Chief Justice moved, as an amendment, that the discussion be adjourned to the following day at One o'clock, which was seconded by Mr. Macarthur, and agreed to.

The Order of the Day having been postponed to the next Meeting, the Council adjourned to the following day at One o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON, 
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 10.

Council Chamber, Wednesday, 16th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment —

His Excellency the Governor,
His Honor the Chief Justice,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay,
John Macarthur, Esq.,
Robert Campbell, Esq.,
Alexander Berry, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.,
John Blaxland, Esq.,
Edward Charles Cloce, Esq.,
John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

1. The Venerable William Grant Broughton, Archdeacon of New South Wales, made and administered the usual Oaths, and took his seat at the Council accordingly.

2. The Order of the Day for resuming the discussion on the Jury Bill having been moved, the Council resolved itself into a Committee thereon. The Clause of the Bill were then read seriæm from the fourth section inclusive, and their various provisions were now considered. It was then moved by Mr. Macarthur, and seconded by Mr. Berry, that the further consideration of this Bill be adjourned until the 5th day of October next.

The Chief Justice moved, as an amendment, that the Bill may now be proceeded on, which was seconded by Mr. John Thomas Campbell.

Upon a division there appeared —

Against the amendment..................... 10
In favor.................................. 4

Majority.................................... 6

Mr. Blaxland then moved, as an amendment, that the discussion on the Bill take place on Thursday next, September 24th, which was seconded by Mr. John Thomas Campbell, and agreed to.

3. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Customs Bill having been then moved, the Bill was now read a second time accordingly.

Mr. Berry then presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce in respect to this Bill, and moved that it be read, which was seconded by Mr. John Thomas Campbell, and agreed to.

The Petition was then read, and ordered to be received.

The Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. Macarthur, moved, that the Customs Bill be referred to a Sub-Committee, which was agreed to.

The following Members were then nominated by the Governor, who were thereupon balloted for and unanimously elected, viz —

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, Mr. Berry,
The Auditor General, Mr. Jones.

It was then moved that the Chief Justice be requested to afford his assistance to the Sub-Committee in question, which motion was agreed to.

4. The Chief Justice next moved that the consideration of the Slaughtering Bill and the Petitions relative thereto, be postponed until Friday, the 18th September instant, which was seconded by the Colonial Secretary, and agreed to.

The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 18th September instant, at Twelve o'Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON, 
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 11.

Council Chamber, Friday, 18th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment —

His Excellency the Governor,
The Venerable the Archdeacon,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay,
John Macarthur, Esq.,
Alexander Berry, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.,
John Blaxland, Esq.,
Edward Charles Cloce, Esq.,
John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

On the motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Macarthur, the Petitions of Mr. John Dixson and Mr. Henry Brooks, relative to the Slaughtering Bill, were read and ordered to be received.

E. DEAS THOMSON, 
Clerk of the Council.
Mr. Macarthur, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved that the Slaughtering Bill be referred to a Sub-Committee, which motion was agreed to, and the following Members were accordingly nominated by the Governor, and severally ballotted for and elected, viz.—

**The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,**

JOHN MACARTHUR, Esq.,
ALEXANDER BERRY, Esq.,
EDWARD CHARLES CLOSE, Esq.,
JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Esq.

It was then ordered, on the motion of Mr. Macarthur, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the Sub-Committee be an open one.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 24th September instant, at Twelve o’Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.

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**MINUTE No. 12.**

_Council Chamber, Thursday, 24th September, 1829._

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:——

_His Excellency the Governor,

THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LINDBEY,

JOHN MACARTHUR, Esq.,
ROBERT CAMPBELL, Esq.,
ALEXANDER BERRY, Esq.,
RICHARD JONES, Esq.,
JOHN BLAXLAND, Esq.,
EDWARD CHARLES CLOSE, Esq.,
JOHN THOMAS CAMPBELL, Esq.,

1. His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that he had adopted the amendments proposed by them on the Bills for the resumption of Crown and Church Lands, and for instituting Courts of Quarter Sessions, and now laid the same before the Council, in order to their being passed into laws.

It was then ordered, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, that these Bills be read a third time on Tuesday, the 29th September instant.

2. The Order of the Day for resuming the discussion on the Jury Bill having been moved, the Council resolved itself into a Committee thereon,

Mr. Berry then moved, that the 5th and 6th sections of the Secretary of State’s Despatch, dated the 31st July, 1829, explanatory of the views taken by His Majesty’s Government at Home, respecting the establishment of Trial by Jury in Civil Actions, should be read, and they were read accordingly.

The Chief Justice, seconded by the Archdeacon, then moved, that Transported Convicts, who had been also convicted in the Colony of Felony or Treason, should be disqualified from serving as Jurors, which was agreed to.

After various suggestions and proposals having been made by different Members, it was ordered, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that this Bill be referred to a Sub-Committee, and that they be instructed to prepare a Bill upon the following general principles, viz.—

1. That Jurors shall consist of not more than twelve nor less than eight.
2. That the verdict of the Jury shall be unanimous.
3. That the qualifications as to property, shall not be less than thirty pounds per annum, or a capital of three hundred pounds. The Committee to consider the best means of ascertaining such qualifications.
4. That the limits from which Jurors be liable to be summoned be reduced to twenty miles distance from Sydney, and including Liverpool.
5. That the outline of the provisions of the Bill be followed, omitting preliminary affidavits, subject to the alterations to be made by those instructions.
6. That exemptions and disqualifications be conformable to such persons as are exempted or disqualified by the Stat. 6 Geo. IV., c. 50.
7. That the Committee be instructed to introduce a clause directing persons of "good repute" only to be returned, and allowing right of challenge for bad character.

His Excellency then nominated the following Members to be upon the Sub-Committee in question, who were severally ballotted for and elected, viz.—

_His Honor the Chief Justice,

THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON,
THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

JOHN MACARTHUR, Esq.,
ROBERT CAMPBELL, Esq.

The Council then adjourned to Tuesday, the 29th September instant, at Twelve o’Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.

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MINUTE No. 13.

Council Chamber, Tuesday, 28th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

His Honor the Chief Justice,

The Reverend the Archdeacon,

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,

The Attorney General,

The Collector of Customs,

The Auditor General,

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsey,

John Macarthur, Esq.,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,

Alexander Berry, Esq.,

John Blaxland, Esq.,

Edward Charles Clore, Esq.,

John Thomas Campbell, Esq.

1. The Order of the day was moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled:

"An Act for the more effectual resumption of lands permitted to be occupied under "the Crown, as well as under the Corporation for Church and School Lands." (No. 6.)

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

2. The Order of the day was then moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled,

"An Act for instituting and regulating Courts of General and Quarter Sessions in New "South Wales." (No. 7.)

It was resolved on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by the Chief Justice, that the Bill be withdrawn, and that a clause be added to it, having for its object to declare, that the places which in the Bill are designated as Counties, should not be deemed to constitute such places as Counties, but be considered only as a term of description.

The Bill was accordingly withdrawn, and a clause to the above purport having been added, His Excellency again laid it before the Council. It was then moved by the Chief Justice, and seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the Bill be carried through its several stages at the present sitting, which motion was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a first, second, and third time, and passed.

3. His Excellency then laid before the Council the following Bill, intituled, "A Bill "declaring that a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the tenth year of the reign of His "Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of His Majesty's "Roman Catholic Subjects,' extends to, and is in force in, the Colony of New South "Wales.'"

The Bill was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on the first meeting of the Council after the 8th October next.

4. The Chief Justice then brought up the amended Jury Bill, which had been prepared by the Sub-Committee upon the general principles laid down by the Council.

The Council having resolved itself into a Committee, the clauses of the Bill were ordered to be read seriatim.

On the third clause being read, Mr. Macarthur, seconded by the Chief Justice, moved that the exemption of serving as Jurors to Officers of the Army and Navy, should be confined to those on Full Pay, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. John Thomas Campbell moved, that the fifth clause, disqualifying persons twice convicted, should be confined to persons subsequently convicted in the Colony, which was seconded by the Colonial Secretary, and agreed to.

It was ordered, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the following be referred to the Sub-Committee, by way of instruction, in order that a clause may be prepared accordingly:

"That a certain sum be charged upon every case which is tried by a Jury, and be paid by "the successful party to the Clerk, at the time of taking the verdict, and be taxed in the "costs, and abide the event of suit; and that it be competent to the Court to order the ex- "penses of Jurors during attendance at the Supreme Court to be taxed, by the Clerk, and "allowed according to a certain scale, and that all sums paid to the Clerk, and all fines re- "ceived under this Act, be, and form a fund for defraying expenses of such Jurors."

Mr. Macarthur, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved, that the clause relative to the qualification of Special Jurors be again referred to the Sub-Committee, which motion was agreed to.

After several other amendments having been proposed, the Council adjourned to the following day at Twelve o'Clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,

Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 14.

Council Chamber, Wednesday, 30th September, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,

The Reverend the Archdeacon,

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,

The Attorney General,

The Collector of Customs,

The Auditor General,

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsey,

John Macarthur, Esq.,

Alexander Berry, Esq.,

Richard Jones, Esq.,

John Blaxland, Esq.,

John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

John, Thomas Campbell, Esq.
1. The Archdeacon brought up the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Jury Bill, and the clauses which had been prepared according to the instructions of the Council at the previous Meeting were now read. After several amendments having been proposed, it was ordered, on the motion of the Archdeacon, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the Bill, in its amended form, be fairly transcribed, and carried to the Governor by the Attorney General and the Auditor General, for His Excellency's consideration. The Council then adjourned, sine die.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 15.

Council Chamber, Monday, 5th October, 1829.

PRESENT —

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay,
Robert Campbell, Esq.,
Alexander Berry, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.,
John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

1. His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that he had approved of the amendments they had proposed on the Jury Bill, and now laid it again before them, in order to its being passed into a law. It was then ordered, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, that this Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Friday, the 9th October instant.

2. The Order of the Day being the Bill, "A Law or Ordinance to confirm all Laws or Ordinances passed by the Governors of New South Wales, with the advice and consent of the Council, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament in such cases made and provided."

This Bill was now read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the first Meeting of Council after the 14th October ensuing.

3. The Council then resolved itself into a Committee on the Slaughtering Bill, and the Colonial Secretary brought up the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to revise this Bill, which, in its amended form, was now read. The Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Chief Justice, moved, that the consideration of this Bill be postponed to Friday, the 9th October instant, to which day, at Twelve o'clock, the Council then adjourned.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.

MINUTE No. 16.

Council Chamber, Friday, 9th October, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment —

His Excellency the Governor,

Robert Campbell, Esq.,
Alexander Berry, Esq.,
Richard Jones, Esq.,
John Blaxland, Esq.,
John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,

1. The Order of the Day was moved for the third reading of the following Bill, intituled: "An Act for regulating the constitution of Juries for the trial of Civil Issues in the Supreme Court of New South Wales."

The Bill was read a third time accordingly, and passed.

2. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Roman Catholic Relief Bill having been moved, this Bill was read a second time accordingly.

The Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, moved, that it be read a third time at the first meeting of the Council after the 14th of this month, and this was carried in the affirmative.

3. The Order of the day for resuming the discussion on the Slaughtering Bill having been moved, the Council resolved itself into a Committee thereon. After certain amendments having been proposed, it was ordered, on the motion of the Chief Justice, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, that the Bill be fairly transcribed, and carried to the Governor by the Auditor General and Mr. Berry, for His Excellency's consideration. The Council then adjourned to the 15th October instant, at Twelve o'clock.

E. DEAS THOMSON,
Clerk of the Council.
MINUTE No. 17.
Council Chamber, Thursday, 15th October, 1829.

Present, in pursuance of adjournment:—

His Excellency the Governor,
His Honor the Chief Justice, Alexander Berry, Esq.,
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Richard Jones, Esq.,
The Auditor General, John Blaxland, Esq.,
Lieutenant Colonel Landsay, John Thomas Campbell, Esq.,
Robert Campbell, Esq.,

The number of Members required by the Act of Parliament, 9th George IV, cap. 83, not being present, the Council adjourned sine die.