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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1857.

1. Opening the Session:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the first day of July, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, 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 the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twenty-first day of July instant: Now, I, SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested, as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the eleventh day of August next ensuing; and I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the dispatch of business on the aforesaid eleventh day of August next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the Buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, and the Members of the 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 first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ (L.S)

W. DENISON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

H. WATSON PARKER.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. New Member Sworn:—James Byrnes, Esquire, being introduced, the Speaker reported that he held in his hand a Writ certifying the Election of James Byrnes, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, in room of William Montagu Manning, Esquire, resigned;—that that Writ was made returnable on the 16th day of June last, but did not reach him until the 18th day of that month; that he had acquainted the Government with the circumstance, and had then before him a Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 7th day of July last, declaring, in terms of the 53rd Section of the Electoral Act of 1851, the Election of James Byrnes, Esquire, to be valid notwithstanding such delay,—Whereupon, Mr. Byrnes,—having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the said Electoral District.
3. Message from the Governor General:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the 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 at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Three o'clock p.m., this day.

4. Lotteries further restraining Bill:—The House having resumed, and Mr. Parker presenting this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill for further restraining Lotteries,*” read a first time (*pre-forma*); ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.

## 5. Papers:—

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

1. Papers relating to a Steam Postal Service between Southampton and Sydney, *via* New Zealand and Panama
2. Papers relating to Secondary Punishment.
3. Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum.
4. Ordnance Returns;—No. 1, Moneys; No. 2, Lands and Buildings.
5. Health Officer's Report for 1856.
6. Third Yearly Report of the City Commissioners, on the General City Improvements.
7. Immigration Regulations.
8. Receipts and Appropriations on account of the Police Reward Fund.
9. Receipts and Appropriations on account of the Police Superannuation Fund.
10. Despatch in answer to Resolutions deprecatory of the introduction of Convicts into any part of Eastern Australia.
11. Return to the Address in reference to Breaches of the Masters and Servants Act, adopted, on motion of Mr. Weekes, on the 28th October, 1856.

Ordered to be printed

(2.) Mr. Darvall laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—

12. Rules of Court made and promulgated by their Honors the Judges since those laid upon the Table in 1856.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

13. Papers relating to the establishment of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board.
14. Papers relating to the establishment of a Government Commercial Agency in London.
15. Papers relating to the establishment of an English Banking Agency.
16. Report from the Board on the mode of transacting the Business of the Treasury.
17. The Return to the Order in reference to the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Consolidated Revenue, exclusive of the proceeds of Loans and Advances on account of Debentures, for the year 1856, made by the House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on the 6th February, 1857.
18. An Account of the Disbursements of the Colony of New South Wales, including all sums paid under the authority of Schedules A, B, and C of the Constitution Act, and of other Acts of the Legislature, exclusive of the Expenditure for Loan Services, for the year 1856—also included in the above Order.
19. The Return to the Order in reference to the Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1856, on account of Public Works provided for by Loan, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on the 6th February, 1857.
20. Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1856, with the following Appendices:—

- (1.) Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1856, on account of Public Works provided for by Loan.
- (2.) Account of Government Debentures negotiated in England through the London Branch of the Bank of New South Wales, to 31 December, 1856.
- (3.) Statement of Loans secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and outstanding on 31 December, 1856
- (4.) Schedule A, in account with the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to 31 December, 1856.
- (5.) Schedule B, in account with the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to 31 December, 1856.
- (6.) Schedule C, in account with the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to 31 December, 1856.
- (7.) Expenditure under Schedule C, in the year 1856.
- (8.) Disbursements in 1856, out of the Balance remaining on 31 December, 1855, at the credit of Schedule A, Part I, to 13 and 14 Vict., Cap. 59.
- (9.) Disbursements in 1856, out of the Balance remaining on 31 December, 1855, at the credit of Schedule A, Part II, to the same Act.
- (10.) Disbursements in 1856, out of the balance remaining on 31 December, 1855, at credit of Schedule A, Part 3, to the same Act.
- (11.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Territorial Revenue, in the year 1856.
- (12.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Clergy and School Lands Revenue, for year 1856.
- (13.) Receipts and Expenditure of the Colonial Agent General, from 1 October, 1855, to 30 September, 1856.
- (14.) Account of Special Receipts, and of Re-issues therefrom, for the year 1856.
- (15.) Receipts and Appropriations on account of Police Reward Fund, for the year 1856.
- (16.) Receipts and Appropriations on account of Police Superannuation Fund, for the year 1856.
- (17.) Receipts and Disbursements on account of Assessment on Sheep, for the year 1856.
- (18.) Mint Bullion Account for the year 1856.

21. Return to the Order, in reference to Waste Lands held by Members of Parliament, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on 13th January, 1857.
22. Return to the Order, in reference to the Revenue from Land Sales and Assessment in the Western Districts, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Lord, on 3rd March 1857.

23. Return to the Address in reference to Payments from the Treasury in support of Religion in 1855 and 1856, adopted, on motion of Mr. Gordon, on 12th December, 1856.

24. Return to the Order, in reference to the Road from Black Creek to the Gap at Murrurundi, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Scott, on 20th February, 1857.

25. Correspondence relating to Customs Dues on the Murray River.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

26. Return to the Address in reference to reclaiming land at the Head of Woolloomooloo Bay, adopted on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, on 28th November, 1856.

27. Return to the Order in reference to Crown Lands held under lease, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on 23rd January, 1857.

28. Return to the Order in reference to the Expenditure upon Public Works in Sydney and the Country Districts, made by this House, on motion of Mr. F. T. Rusden, on 4th November, 1856.

29. Return to the Order in reference to Railway Traffic, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Jones, on 27th February, 1857.

30. Return to the Order in reference to the Railway between Sydney and Liverpool, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on 13th January, 1857.

31. Distribution of the sums voted on account of Roads for 1857.

Ordered to be printed.

6. The Governor General's Opening Speech:—The Speaker reported, That the House had this day attended the Governor General in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to deliver an opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he then read to the House at length, as follows:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I should have called you together at an earlier period, but had I done so, (owing to the unusual length of the last Session, which was prolonged until the 17th March of the present year,) a sufficient interval would not have been afforded to the Government for the preparation of the business about to be brought before you, neither would a sufficient recess have been granted to those Members who were withdrawn for so long a time from attending to their private affairs. The delay which has taken place will, I feel assured, be conducive to the ultimate despatch of public business, as it has enabled the Government to mature many measures of great importance to the welfare of the country, which, together with the Estimates for the year 1858, will be immediately brought under your consideration. To the following measures of reform and social progress, I would more particularly invite your attention.

2. Experience has already shown that the change in the system of Government requires a corresponding change in the system of representation. A Bill will therefore be immediately laid before you to increase the number of Members of the Assembly, to remove the disabilities to vote arising from change of residence or qualification, to introduce the Ballot, and to bring the Electoral distribution in harmony with the changes among the population indicated by the late Census. This Bill will be accompanied by another for the purpose of regulating the proceedings at Elections, diminishing the expenses of candidates and providing more effectually against the evils of bribery and corruption.

3. A Bill will be laid before you on an early day, to provide for the future management and disposal of the Public Lands, which, while preserving the good faith of the Crown, will render the acquisition of Land in fee simple more easy to all who are likely to bring it into profitable use, and thus facilitate the permanent settlement, and, at the same time, increase the productiveness of the Country. One of the most important objects of the measure will be to augment the means available for public improvement, and more especially for those great works of internal communication which are now so much desired, without unduly pressing upon any class of the community.

4. The Municipalities Bill of last Session, modified and improved in some important particulars, will be immediately submitted for your consideration.

5. The Bill for the establishment of District Courts will be again brought forward in an amended form. The object of this Bill is to facilitate and expedite the administration of Justice in the interior, and to relieve the Supreme Court from the present excessive pressure of business. The criminal law requires simplification and amendment, in order to make the punishment of crime more certain; and in connexion with this subject, I propose to bring under your special notice, the important question of Secondary Punishment.

6. The subject of Education has received the most anxious consideration from the Government; and it is my intention to lay before you a measure which, while it will not in any way interfere with the religious convictions of a single individual, will supply adequate means of instruction for the whole community.

7. Regulations have been established to facilitate the introduction from the United Kingdom of useful Immigrants under private engagement. The opportunity thus afforded for the selection of Immigrants by means of private agency, and of providing them with passages in private ships, will, I trust, be productive of great public advantage. It is proposed also to grant Remission Certificates in the purchase of Land, to persons introducing Immigrants of the laboring classes, under such regulations

tions as may be found desirable. The latter object can only be effected by Legislative enactment, and the necessary measure for the purpose will, accordingly, be brought forward at an early day.

8. Arrangements have been made by which it is believed the efficiency of the Railway Department will be materially increased. The officer for whom, at the request of the Legislature, I applied in 1855, has lately arrived in the Colony; and I trust to be able to lay before you, shortly, such a Report from him upon the general question of Railway construction and management, as will greatly facilitate the determination of the measures necessary for the extension of Railways into the interior.

9. The unprecedented continuance of heavy rains has made communication by the ordinary roads of the Colony almost impracticable, and has hitherto unfortunately impeded the beneficial expenditure of the sums voted for their repair. It is intended to apply to the liberality of Parliament for a much larger amount than usual for the maintenance and repair of the leading thoroughfares of the Colony, and to place them under a more satisfactory system of management.

10. Contracts have been entered into for the construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph from Sydney to Albury. The progress of this work, and of those undertaken for a similar purpose by the Sister Colonies, justifies the expectation that the galvanic circuit between all the Chief Cities of Australia will soon be completed.

11. I have to congratulate you upon the successful operation of the Act of last Session for the Amendment of the Laws relating to the management of the Gold Fields, and upon the orderly conduct and gradually increasing prosperity of the population at the Mines.

12. The important questions of an Inter-colonial character which are constantly arising, suggest the establishment of a Federal Legislature, possessing power and authority for their discussion and determination in the interest of the Australian Colonies generally. I recommend this important subject to your early consideration.

13. The Legislative Assembly having asserted the principle that all Legislative bodies should be elective, it will be necessary at the earliest period consistent with its deliberate determination, that the subject of the constitution of the Legislative Council should be taken into the consideration of the Legislature; and it appears to me that a fitting opportunity for this purpose will be afforded when, by the intended revision of the Electoral system, the opinion of the Country upon this fundamental question can be clearly ascertained.

14. It is desirable to separate the political duties of the Attorney General from his office of Grand Jury, and in order to carry out this reform, a Bill will be introduced to authorize the appointment of a Public Prosecutor.

15. The recent proclamation of the coinage of the Sydney Mint in Victoria will, I believe, be of great advantage to that Colony and to New South Wales. And I venture to hope that Her Majesty's Government may be induced to make current the Colonial coin in all parts of the British Empire.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

16. The Financial condition of the country has, during the recess, received my most anxious attention. It is a subject of congratulation, that the deficit in the Revenue existing at the commencement of 1856, has been diminished by economy and the improved state of the Public Income, and that, up to the present time, I have not been compelled to avail myself of the authority to borrow any portion of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, placed at my disposal to cover this deficit. It is not my intention at present to propose any alteration in the Customs' Tariff, nor to increase the amount of Revenue raised by indirect Taxation.

17. The Estimates of Expenditure are prepared, and will be immediately laid before you. The utmost economy consistent with a desire to provide for the growing wants of this rising Country has been observed in their preparation.

18. The collection and distribution of the duties on goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray has been the subject of correspondence between the Government of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, which will be laid before you. It is hoped that this correspondence will lead to the completion of a temporary arrangement satisfactory to all parties, and ultimately to the adoption of one Tariff of Customs Dues common to all the Australian Colonies. A Bill will be submitted to you for the purpose of legalizing the contemplated arrangement.

19. The temporary and varied character of a considerable portion of the public Debt and the inconvenience which is felt in some instances from the want of a desirable mode of permanently investing trust and other moneys, has rendered it expedient to fund the Debt of the Colony on certain conditions. A measure for this purpose has accordingly been prepared, and will be laid before you.

20. It has been thought advisable to modify the present system of receipts and payments at the Treasury, by relieving the Minister of Finance and Trade from the anomalous position of combining a political office with that of a public Accountant, responsible for the custody and expenditure of the public money.—A Bill to give effect to this measure will be presented to you.

21. A Bill to establish the office and define the duties of the Auditor General will be re-submitted to you on an early day.

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

22. The great importance of making adequate arrangements for the management of the Light Houses and Harbors on the Coast, and the supervision and regulation of the Pilot Establishments, has suggested the propriety of appointing a Board, whom

whom it is proposed to incorporate and entrust with the performance of these duties; the necessary measure has been prepared for this purpose.

23. I shall lay before you important correspondence which has led to the establishment of Banking and Commercial Agencies for New South Wales in London, upon terms advantageous to the Colony.

24. A provisional arrangement has been entered into with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for a monthly Postal Communication between Southampton and Sydney, viâ Panama and New Zealand. Should this scheme be carried into effect, it will give to these Colonies the advantage of a Steam Communication with England every fortnight. The correspondence on the subject will be immediately laid before you, and I earnestly recommend the measure to your consideration and approval.

25. The Colony has been visited during the past few months by severe and almost unprecedented floods in various parts, but it is a subject of sincere gratitude to Providence, that these visitations have not been attended with any serious loss of life.

26. The commercial and monetary state of the country is sound and satisfactory, and I am most thankful to be able to state, that prosperity attends all interests in the community.

27. Various important measures to which I need not specially allude, will also be presented to you, and will, I am sure, in common with those to which I have adverted, receive your attentive consideration. I again assure you of my earnest desire to co-operate most zealously and cordially with the Legislature to the best of my ability for the public good; and I sincerely trust that the result of your deliberations may, under the blessing of Almighty God, conduce to the happiness and prosperity of the important community whose interests are committed to your charge.

W. DENISON.

Mr. Hargrave then moved, and Mr. Cox seconded the Motion,—That a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Martin, Mr. Suttor, and Mr. Thomson, be appointed to prepare an Address, in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, on the opening of the Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hargrave, by leave, withdrew his motion, and, *with consent*, moved, That a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Barker, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lang, Mr. Lord, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Oxley, be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, on opening this Session of Parliament.

Question put and passed;—

And Mr. Hargrave having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, on motion of Mr. Hargrave, 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, Vic-  
“ toria, 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.

“ 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.

“ We acknowledge, with your Excellency, the necessity for a change in the  
“ system of the representation of the people, and we shall be prepared to approach  
“ the general subject of Electoral Reform with every desire to effect the adjustment of  
“ it upon a sound and satisfactory basis.

“ We regard as of paramount importance the proper management, disposal,  
“ and occupation of the public lands of the Colony. To the measures relating to  
“ this subject we shall devote our anxious consideration; and it will be our endeavour,  
“ while preserving the good faith of the Crown, to assist in establishing such a system  
“ for the administration of the public lands, as may tend to their easy and advantageous  
“ disposal and occupation, in the way most beneficial to the interests of the whole  
“ community.

“ To the Bill for promoting the establishment of Municipalities in the Rural  
“ Districts, we shall give our best attention, being fully impressed with the necessity  
“ of providing, by local means, for objects in themselves of strictly local concernment.

“ The extension to the interior of the Colony of facilities for the better  
“ Administration of Justice is urgently necessary, and the Bill to be submitted to us  
“ for establishing District Courts will receive our careful consideration.

“ The subject of a system of General Education is one of very deep and  
“ interesting importance. We shall cheerfully give our support to any measure  
“ which, while in no way interfering with religious convictions, may be calculated to  
“ afford adequate means of instruction to the whole community.

“ It affords us satisfaction to learn that increased opportunities have been  
“ afforded, by the issue of Regulations, for facilitating the introduction of Immigrants  
“ from the United Kingdom.

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“ The improvement of the means of internal communication is a subject of leading importance. It will be our anxious wish to render every co-operation in the perfecting of measures for the judicious extension of Railways, as well as for the necessary maintenance, repair, and better management of the main leading thoroughfares.

“ This House having asserted the principle that all Legislative bodies should be elective, we agree with Your Excellency, that it will be necessary, at the earliest period consistent with its deliberate determination, that the subject of the constitution of the Legislative Council should be taken into the consideration of the Legislature.

“ It is gratifying to us to receive Your Excellency's assurances that the monetary and commercial state of the country is sound and satisfactory. We shall be prepared to give our careful consideration to the measures of commercial and financial change proposed to be submitted to us.

“ The correspondence intended to be laid before us upon the subject of a provisional Steam Postal Service between Southampton and Sydney *via* Panama and New Zealand, as well as that relating to the establishment of Banking and Commercial Agencies in London, will receive such attention from us as the importance of the subjects may demand.

“ The various other subjects adverted to in Your Excellency's Speech will not fail to engage our best consideration, and we reciprocate the assurance of our earnest desire to co-operate with Your Excellency, to the best of our ability, most zealously and cordially for the public good.”

Mr. Hargrave 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.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.

Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate of this Question until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at half-past Four o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hargrave, “That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.”

### NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.
2. MR. PARKER to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session, consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Darvall,—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. PARKER to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session, consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Martin, Mr. Garland, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Arnold; 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. PARKER 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. PARKER to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business have precedence of all other Business.
6. MR. PARKER to move, That the Sessional Order respecting the Transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the last Session, stand as a Sessional Order of this House, for the present Session.
7. MR. PARKER 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 Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Speaker, shall ring the Division Bell before the Speaker proceed to count the House.
8. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. Clark Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott.

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of the parties to whom the Circular of the Secretary for Finance and Trade, relative to the Colonial Agency, was forwarded.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair of this House every evening, at Six o'clock, for one hour.
3. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Broulee, praying the House to take into favorable consideration the necessity for opening the Entrance to the Moraya River, presented by him on the 17th March last, be printed.
4. MR. EGAN 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 between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates, at Eden, respecting the refusal of a License to Mrs White, of Bega.

Questions:—

1. MR. JAMISON to ask the COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government intend to take any steps to check the immigration of Chinese to this Colony?
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Executive Government recognize any person as a Member of the Executive Council who does not hold Office in the Ministry?
  - (2.) Whether all the Members of the Executive Council are duly summoned before the Council proceeds to the dispatch of business, in accordance with the ninth section of the Royal Instructions to His Excellency the Governor, dated 8th September, 1855?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.
2. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment for the crime of Rape.
3. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all tenders for the construction of the Railway from Liverpool for four miles towards Campbelltown.
  - (2.) A like Return for the construction of the extension line to Campbelltown.
  - (3.) A like Return for the construction of the line from East to West Maitland.
  - (4.) A like Return for the construction of the Electric Telegraph from Liverpool to Albury.
  - (5.) Copies of the bonds entered into by the several parties whose tenders for the above works have been accepted.

Questions:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government for the alignment of the streets of the towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth.
2. MR. WEEKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any, and if any, what steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the Resolution of this House relative to the construction of a Dam at West Maitland.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. MR. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.
  - (2.) And this House therefore resolves, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.
3. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Lands belonging to the Crown, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to cut Timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers
4. MR. GARLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday, 21st instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the Line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta through his landed property at or near Ashfield.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects, the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
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Resolves, That the necessary measures should be taken by the Government, for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; Second Reading.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
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DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Papers:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) Return of the number of Bonded Warehouses in the City of Sydney.  
(2.) Return of the quantity of Gold exported from 1 April, 1856, to 31 March, 1857.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Address in reply to Governor General's Opening Speech:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hargrave, "That the Address in reply to the Governor General's "Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,"—resumed.
3. General Treaty of Peace:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—  

W. DENISON, *Message No. 1.*  
*Governor General.*

The Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly a Despatch from the Secretary of State, in reply to one forwarding the Address to Her Majesty from the Assembly, expressive of their sincere congratulations on the restoration of Peace.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 12 August, 1857.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.
4. Address in reply to Governor General's Opening Speech:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Hargrave, "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 the foregoing Message,—resumed.  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon Mr. Parker acquainted the House that, in anticipation of this Vote, he had previously ascertained it to be the Governor General's pleasure to receive their Address to-morrow, at half-past Two o'clock,—and gave notice that he would move, at the close of the Business on the Paper, That this House, at its rising to-day, do adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock.
5. Chairman of Committees:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon Mr. Holroyd made his acknowledgments to the House.
6. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session, consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Darvall,—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.
7. Library Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, *as by special leave amended*, That the Library Committee for the present Session, consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Martin, Mr. Garland, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Denielly; 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.
8. Days for Dispatch of General Business:—Mr. Parker 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.
9. Days for Dispatch of Government Business:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business have precedence of all other Business.  
Question put and passed.
10. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order respecting the Transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the last Session, stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
11. Counting the House:—Mr. Parker 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.

12. Audit Committee :—Mr. Donaldson moved pursuant to notice,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. Clark Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott.  
 Question (1.)—That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12—put and passed.  
 Question (2.)—That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. Clark Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott—put and passed.
13. Inviting Tenders for Commercial Agency :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of the parties to whom the Circular of the Secretary for Finance and Trade, relative to the Colonial Agency, was forwarded.  
 Debate ensued ;—  
 Question put and passed ;—  
 Whereupon Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the said Order.
14. Proposed Daily Adjournment for One hour :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair of this House every evening, at Six o'clock, for one hour.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
15. Entrance to the Moruya River :—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Broulee, praying the House to take into favorable consideration the necessity for opening the Entrance to the Moruya River, presented by him on the 17th March last, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
16. Refusal of Publican's License to Mrs. White of Bega :—Mr. Egan 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 all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates, at Eden, respecting the refusal of a License to Mrs. White, of Bega.  
 Debate ensued,  
 Question put and passed.
17. Adjournment :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice given to-day, that this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock.  
 Question put and passed.  
 The House accordingly adjourned at a quarter before Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Two o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13.

MEMO :—The House meet *this day* at two o'clock, p.m., to proceed to Government House, there, at half-past two o'clock, to present to the Governor General their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any and what steps have been taken towards the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the Town of Queanbeyan ?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any and what portion or portions of the additional sum of £18,000 voted last Session by this Assembly for Repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges, have been or are intended to be appropriated, for the purpose specified, in the County of Murray ?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* MR. HAY,—Whether the Government has arrived at any determination with reference to the prayer of the Petition presented to the Assembly on the 8th December last, from the Proprietors of Land in Woolloomoolloo Bay ?
4. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Why the usual Road Grants for the years 1856 and 1857, appropriated to the repair of the undermentioned roads, have not yet been paid to the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust :—The Great Northern Road from Morpeth to Black Creek, £25 per mile ; Newcastle Road £7 per mile ; Paterson Road £7 per mile ; the special grant of £1500 for Morpeth Road to Hinton Ferry ; and the special grant for the Lochinvar Road ?
5. MR. MARKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, if the Government have, during the past recess, made any inquiries as to the necessity that exists at Kiama for a Breakwater, the claims of that District upon the Government for such a work, and if not, have the Government any intention of making such inquiries ?
6. MR. FLOOD *to ask* the Minister for Lands and Public Works,—  
 (1) In the Bill contemplated by the Government, for the administration of the Public Lands, will these Lands be classed under more than one head, and if so, under what heads ?  
 (2.) What will be the minimum or upset price or prices thereof ?

7. MR. LORD *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, —Whether the Survey of the Western Line of Railway has been completed so far as Penrith or Windsor, and if so, when the line is likely to be commenced?
8. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take, any steps to investigate the causes, with a view to prevent, as far as possible, a recurrence of those disastrous floods which have lately devastated the Hunter River District?

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.
2. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment for the crime of Rape
3. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all tenders for the construction of the Railway from Liverpool for four miles towards Campbelltown.
  - (2.) A like Return for the construction of the extension line to Campbelltown.
  - (3.) A like Return for the construction of the line from East to West Maitland.
  - (4.) A like Return for the construction of the Electric Telegraph from Liverpool to Albury.
  - (5.) Copies of the bonds entered into by the several parties whose tenders for the above works have been accepted.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money granted by the Government for the construction or repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges during the present year;—specifying the localities where, and the purposes for which, such sums have been granted, and distinguishing by-roads from leading thoroughfares.
  - (2.) A Return of all Applications made during the present year for Sums of Money to be expended upon the construction or repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges;—specifying names of applicants, and the cases in which such applications have been granted or refused.
  - (3.) A Return of all Sums of Money collected by private subscription for expenditure upon the construction or repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges, during the present year, to which supplementary aid has been granted by the Government;—specifying localities and purposes as aforesaid.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That while this House recognises the wisdom of the Constitution in vesting appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace.
6. MR. RICHARDSON 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 Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the parties representing the Moreton Bay Immigration and Land Company.
  - (2.) A Return of the extent of Land and Town Allotments sold by the Government to the northward of the thirtieth degree of south Latitude, from the 31st December, 1855, to the 1st of July, 1857, distinguishing the localities in which such Lands and Town Allotments were situated, and the prices obtained for the same respectively.

Questions:—

1. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, —Whether any steps have been taken by the Government for the alignment of the streets of the towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth.
2. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, —Whether any, and if any, what steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the Resolution of this House relative to the construction of a Dam at West Maitland.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. MR. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.
  - (2.) And this House therefore resolves, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.

3. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Lands belonging to the Crown, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to cut Timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers.
4. MR. GARLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday, 21st instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the Line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta through his landed property at or near Ashfield.
5. 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 Tributaries, the Murumbidgee and the Darling, and upon the best mode of clearing the channels of these rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members,—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, and Mr. Murray.
6. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to make provision for Chinese Immigrants.

*Question :—*

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects, the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
2. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide, in certain respects, for the better regulation of proceedings at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
3. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in Country Towns and Districts.
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Resolves, That the necessary measures should be taken by the Government, for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
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3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; Second Reading.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
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DANIEL COOPER,  
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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Address in reply to Governor General's Opening Speech:—On motion of Mr. Parker the House 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 House had been to Government House, and had 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 gratefully the expression of your Loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty's person and Government, and I thank you for the assurance of your zealous and cordial co-operation with me in all measures which may have the good of the public for their object.

W. DENISON.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 13 August, 1857.*

2. Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) Census of the Colony of New South Wales, taken on 1st March, 1856, under the Act 19 Vict., No. 5.  
(2.) Abstract of the Returns of the Population in the Electoral Districts, on 1st March, 1856.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Notice being taken 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 Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.  
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Resolves, That the necessary measures should be taken by the Government, for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.
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5. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, for the management of Light Houses and Harbors on the Coast.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Collection of Customs in New South Wales.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; Second Reading.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1857.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Estimates for 1857-8 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 2.*  
*Governor General.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1858.

The Governor General also submits for consideration, a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, August, 1857.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Supplementary Estimate.

- 2. Papers :—
  - (1.) Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
    - 1. South Head Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1856.
    - 2. Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1856.
    - 3. Parramatta Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1856.
    - 4. Richmond Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1856.
    - 5. Windsor Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1856.
 Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table,—
    - 6. A List of Pensions paid out of Schedule B to Schedule I, of the Act of Parliament, 18 and 19 Victoria, cap. 54.  
 Ordered to be printed.
- 3. Gold Fields Management Act :—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Miners, Publicans, Storekeepers, Traders, Mechanics, Laborers, and others, inhabitants of the Mining District of Tambaroora, praying the revision of certain Sections of this Act. Petition received.
- 4. Impounding Bill :—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.  
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
- 5. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment for the crime of Rape.  
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
- 6. Impounding Bill :—Mr. Arnold having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on next Tuesday week.
- 7. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill :—Mr. Dalley having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Capital Punishment for the crime of Rape, and to substitute other punishment in lieu thereof,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on next Tuesday week.
- 8. Tenders for Lines of Railway and Electric Telegraph :—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all tenders for the construction of the Railway from Liverpool for four miles towards Campbelltown.
  - (2.) A like Return for the construction of the extension line to Campbelltown.
  - (3.) A like Return for the construction of the line from East to West Maitland.
  - (4.) A like Return for the construction of the Extension Line from Honeysuckle Point to Watt-street, Newcastle.

(5.)

- (5.) A like return for the construction of the Electric Telegraph from Sydney to Liverpool.
- (6.) A like Return for the construction of the Electric Telegraph from Liverpool to Albany.
- (7.) Copies of the bonds entered into by the several parties whose tenders for the above works have been accepted.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
9. Expenditure upon Roads, Bridges, and Ferries in 1856-7:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Applications made during the present and past years for Sums of Money to be expended upon the construction or repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges;—specifying names of applicants, and the cases in which such applications have been granted or refused.
- (2.) A Return of all Sums of Money collected by private subscription for expenditure upon the construction or repairs of Roads, Ferries, and Bridges, during the present and past years, to which supplementary aid has been granted by the Government;—specifying localities and purposes as aforesaid.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
10. Appointments to Public Offices by the present Ministry:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That while this House recognises the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution Act which vests appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Denichy moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
- Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day, —put and passed.
11. Moreton Bay Lands, and Land and Immigration Company:—Mr. Richardson 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 Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the parties representing the Moreton Bay Immigration and Land Company.
- (2.) A Return of the extent of Land and Town Allotments sold by the Government to the northward of the thirtieth degree of south Latitude, from the 31st December, 1855, to the 1st of July, 1857; distinguishing the localities in which such Lands and Town Allotments were situated, and the prices obtained for the same respectively.
- Question put and passed.
12. Inviting Tenders for Commercial Agency:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, that the Return to the Order in reference to the Circular inviting Tenders for the Commercial Agency of this Colony, laid upon the Table by him yesterday, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed (*in alphabetical order*).
- The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

### OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Cowper, "That while this House recognises the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution Act which vests appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace."

### NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. Mr. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.

(2.)

- (2.) And this House therefore resolves, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.
3. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Lands belonging to the Crown, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to cut Timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers
4. MR. GARLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday, 21st instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the Line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta through his landed property at or near Ashfield.
5. 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 Tributaries, the Murumbidgee and the Darling, and upon the best mode of clearing the channels of these rivers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members,—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, and Mr. Murray.
6. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to make provision for Chinese Immigrants.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return stating the expenditure incurred in the construction, or in preparations for the construction, of a Bridge over McCormack's Creek, near Berrima.
- (2.) The date at which the work was commenced, and when it is likely it will be completed.
- (3.) The number of men employed upon it, and the rates at which they are paid.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Mr. J. Hatch in the years 1827, 1828, 1829, and 1830, in reference to a Grant of Land which had been promised to that gentleman.
9. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Government and Mr. Michael Boylson, in reference to the destruction, on the 12th June last, of his house, premises, and property, by a fire which the Deputy Returning Officer caused to be lighted in the polling place for the South Riding Election.
10. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move,—
- (1.) That the Petition of Robert Adams, received by this House on the 20th November last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Geo. Macleay, and Mr. Barker, with power to send for persons and papers.
11. MR. LANG to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
- GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—
1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Estimates and Supplementary Estimate for the year 1857–8.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That this House do, on Thursday next, 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. F. T. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What part of the Vote of £42,000 has been distributed to the Northern Roads, for the making of the Road between Maitland and Lochinvar, and over the Page Flats at Murrurundi, or whether it is intended to alter the line over those Flats, and if so, when the Road so altered will be open for use?
2. MR. SCOTT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Whether certain letters containing the names of Gentlemen recommended by Members of this Assembly, as fit for the Magistracy—written at the time Mr. Donaldson was Chief Secretary, and under the distinct understanding that such communications were to be considered *strictly private* and *confidential*—have not been handed over by him to his present Colleagues?
- (2.) Whether, in certain cases, the names of Gentlemen so recommended, have not been sent to the Police and other Magistrates for revision?
- (3.) Whether, in defiance of the pledge given, the said names, in whole or in part, have not been transmitted by the first or present administration to another Government Office, and otherwise made public?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) By what authority the Rents of Public Lands within the Settled Districts, held under pre-emptive leases, have been lately raised to double their former rate?
- (2.) If such a step were duly authorized, why was it not taken with reference to lands beyond the Settled Districts, and why was not the value of the lands in question ascertained by competition at public auction?
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4. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps have been taken to correct the postal irregularities that have prevailed along the whole line of the Great Southern Road during the last six months?
5. MR. HOLROYD *to ask* MR. HAY,—If any steps have been taken by the Government to survey the waters of Morceton Bay, with a view to the establishment of a Port of direct shipment there;—and if no such steps have been taken, if it be the intention of the Government to undertake such survey?
6. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government have made any, and if any, what provision for the conduct of the Magisterial duties at the Court of Petty Sessions at Merriwa?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects, the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
2. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide, in certain respects, for the better regulation of proceedings at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
3. MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in Country Towns and Districts.
4. MR. PARKER to move, That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—  
Resolves, That the necessary measures should be taken by the Government, for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for funding the Public Debt of the Colony on certain conditions.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, for the management of Light Houses and Harbors on the Coast.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Collection of Customs in New South Wales.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move,—  
(1.) That applicants for the purchase of waste lands of the Crown in this Colony are exposed to vexatious delays and losses, and the settlement of the country is retarded by the dilatoriness of the Survey Department in measuring and putting up such lands for sale.  
(2.) That the convenience of the public in this respect, and the general settlement of the country, being the great objects for which the Survey Department is maintained, it is highly inexpedient it should be suffered, from inefficiency or any other cause, to retard or obstruct the very purposes for which it has been established.  
(3.) That every possible facility in the purchase of the waste lands of the Crown should be afforded to the public, and that if the Survey Department is unable to measure them at once, as applied for, they should nevertheless be put up for sale, in lots, as described by the applicants, within three months from the date of their respective applications, and the survey should remain as a matter of subsequent arrangement.  
(4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General embodying these Resolutions.

*Question:—*

1. MR. DENIEHY *to ask* THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to take any immediate steps for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the larger rural towns, particularly at Goulburn, Bathurst, and Maitland?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; Second Reading.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a Correspondence respecting Mr. H. Fisher's dishonored Cheque for £30 8s.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Appointments to Public Offices by the present Ministry:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That while this House recognises the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution Act which vests appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace,"—resumed.  
And exception being taken to certain words used by the Honorable Member for the Stanley Boroughs in assigning a reason for not answering in his place to a Question of Privilege raised on Wednesday last by the Honorable Member for Northumberland and Hunter, Mr. Piddington,—  
And it being moved and seconded that those words be taken down by the Clerk,—  
And the Speaker directing the Clerk to take down the said words,—  
The Clerk accordingly took them down as follows,—  
"I considered the Honorable Member too contemptible,"—  
And the same being, by order of the Speaker, read by the Clerk,—  
The Honorable Member for the Stanley Boroughs was heard in his place, and then withdrew,—  
And it being suggested that the House ought to be satisfied with the withdrawal of the words excepted to,—  
And the House agreeing—  
The Honorable Member for the Stanley Boroughs was recalled, and upon being acquainted by the Speaker with the desire of the House that he should withdraw the words excepted to, he withdrew them accordingly;—  
Whereupon Debate continued.  
Mr. John Campbell moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.  
Question on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day—put and passed.
3. Postponements:—  
(1.) Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.  
(2.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Weekes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Weekes second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
4. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Clark Irving not moving the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Garland postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
6. Motion dropped:—Mr. George Macleay not moving the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
7. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Jamison withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving notice of an *amended* motion on the same subject, for Wednesday, August 26th.
8. Postponements:—  
(1.) Mr. Murray postponed the motions standing in his name seventh and eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
9. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Byrnes not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to day, it dropped.
10. Postponements:—  
(1.) Mr. B. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.  
(2.) Mr. Lang postponed the the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to day, until Friday next.

11. Supply:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, to consider the Supplementary Estimate and Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857–8.  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

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

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1857.

The Chairman reported the following Resolutions, and obtained leave to sit again this day-week :

(1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £627 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1857.

(2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £513 6s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1857.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £528 19s. 2d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishments of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1857.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £149 6s. 3d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1857.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That these Resolutions be now adopted by this House.

Question put and passed.

12. Ways and Means:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty.  
Question put and passed.

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

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Cowper, "That while this House recognises the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution Act which vests appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects, the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide, in certain respects, for the better regulation of proceedings at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- MR. PARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in Country Towns and Districts.
- MR. PARKER to move, That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—  
Resolves, That the necessary measures should be taken by the Government, for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION.

- MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence with the Government relating to the selection of a site for a Bridge across the Nepean at Penrith; also, Copies of all Reports from the late Surveyor General and the late Colonial Architect on the same subject; also, the Report from the latter Officer in 1854, after his inspection of the works then being carried on by the Penrith Nepean Bridge Company.

Questions:—

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have made any, and, if any, what provision for the conduct of the Magisterial Duties at the Court of Petty Sessions at Merriwa?
2. MR. MARKS *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have taken any steps to construct a Bridge over the Macquarie River, Mlawarra, for which purpose a sum of money has been granted?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether Mr. Rae, lately one of the City Commissioners, received any compensation on account of the abolition of his office, and if any sum, how much?
4. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any Report has been made to the Government by the Police Magistrate at Maitland, relative to the serious injuries done by the last two great Floods, to the roads, bridges, and ferries in that District; and whether—as the funds of the Road Trust are wholly insufficient for meeting the expense of their repair—the Government are willing to advance a sum in aid of such work, in order that the traffic in certain localities may not be entirely stopped?
5. MR. LORD *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Survey of the Western Line of Railway has been completed so far as Penrith or Windsor; and if so, when the line is likely to be commenced?
6. MR. THOMSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any part of the £300 voted last Session, for the Survey and Improvement of the navigation of the Shoalhaven River has been expended, and if any, what sum, and how?  
(2.) Premising that a Survey and Estimate have been made, what steps do the Government intend to take to carry out the work for which this sum was only preliminarily granted?

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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Funding the Public Debt of the Colony on certain conditions.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, for the management of Light Houses and Harbors on the Coast.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Collection of Customs in New South Wales.

## ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Ways and Means; Committee.

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 FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move,—
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  - (2.) That the convenience of the public in this respect, and the general settlement of the country, being the great objects for which the Survey Department is maintained, it is highly inexpedient it should be suffered, from inefficiency or any other cause, to retard or obstruct the very purposes for which it has been established.
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 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; Second Reading.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
 With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

(1.)

- (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
- (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
- (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
- (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.
- (5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.
- (6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.
- (7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.
- (8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.
- (9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.
- (10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.
- (11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.
- (12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.
- (13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.
- (14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	... £500 per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400 "
Second "	300 "
Third "	200 "
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- (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.
- (3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.
- (4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paper :—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the refusal of a Publican's License to Mrs. White, of Bega, adopted, on motion, of Mr. Egan, on the 12th instant.
2. Appointments to Public Offices by the present Ministry :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper, "That while this House recognises the wisdom of that provision in the Constitution Act which vests appointments to Public Offices in the Executive Government, it feels called upon to express its strong disapproval of the manner in which Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony have advised His Excellency to dispense the patronage of the Crown, and to construct the Commission of the Peace,"—resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.  
Mr. Martin, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Holy,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Fye,  
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.  
Mr. Garland, }

3. 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  
" William Munnings Arnold, Esquire,  
" James Garland, Esquire,  
" Richard Hargrave, Esquire,  
" Richard Jones, Esquire,  
" Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire,  
" John Norton Oxley, Esquire, and  
" Alexander Walker Scott, 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 nineteenth day of August, in  
" the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

" DANIEL COOPER,  
" Speaker."

4. Electoral Bill, 1857 :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects, the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.  
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
5. Regulation of Elections Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to provide, in certain respects, for the better regulation of proceedings at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.  
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Parker having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the number, amend the distribution, and regulate in certain respects the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly,*" read a first time ; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.  
(Mr. Parker also laid upon the Table, for reference, a Map shewing the Electoral distributions under this Bill.)
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8. Rural Districts Municipal Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in Country Towns and Districts.  
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
9. Postponement :—Mr. Parker postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
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11. Postponement :—Mr. Holroyd postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.  
The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Funding the Public Debt of the Colony on certain conditions.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, for the management of Light Houses and Harbors on the Coast.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Collection of Customs in New South Wales.
7. MR. PARKER to move, That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—  
Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

### ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Ways and Means ; Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move,—
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Geo. Macleay, and Mr. Barker, with power to send for persons and papers.
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10. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of Mr. William Taylor's petition to the Governor General for the remission of a fine of £10, in June, 1851, together with all correspondence with the Bench of Magistrates, Wagga Wagga, relating thereto.
11. 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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

Question:—

1. MR. DENIHY to ask THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to take any immediate steps for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the larger rural towns, particularly at Goulburn, Bathurst, and Maitland?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence with the Government relating to the selection of a site for a Bridge across the Nepean at Penrith ; also, Copies of all Reports from the late Surveyor General and the late Colonial Architect on the same subject ; also, the Report from the latter Officer in 1854, after his inspection of the works then being carried on by the Penrith Nepean Bridge Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

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1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—
  - (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
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That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Electoral Bill ; second reading.
- 2. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—

This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows:—

(1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—

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That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to modify the present system of receipts and payments in the Treasury.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the duties of the Auditor General.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for better regulating the Receipt and Payment of the Public Revenues,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
4. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to Amend and Define the Tenure and Constitution of the Office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the Examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
5. River Murray Customs Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection and distribution of duties on Goods entering the Colony by way of the River Murray.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Public Debt Consolidation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for Funding the Public Debt of the Colony on certain conditions.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
7. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, for the management of Light Houses and Harbours on the Coast.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. River Murray Customs Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to legalize a new arrangement respecting Customs Duties on goods imported into New South Wales through South Australia by way of the River Murray,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
9. Public Debt Consolidation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a further Loan, and to Consolidate the whole Public Debt into one Capital Stock,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to Establish and Incorporate a Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board, for New South Wales,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
11. Customs Laws Consolidation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Collection of Customs in New South Wales.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Steam Postal Service *via* Panama:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment  
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a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—

Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.

Mr. Cowper moved that the Debate of this Question be adjourned until to-morrow week.

Question, on the motion for Adjournment of the Debate of this Question until to-morrow week, put and passed.

13. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson 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 reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

The House adjourned at half-past Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move,—
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5. MR. GARLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the Line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta through his landed property at or near Ashfield.
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 (1.) That the Petition of Robert Adams, received by this House on the 20th November last, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Geo. Macleay, and Mr. Barker, with power to send for persons and papers.
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 (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 these Rivers.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.
12. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing, as nearly as practicable, the following particulars in reference to the several Districts proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill now before the House, viz.:—The area of each District, the total population at the late Census, the number of male adults 21 years of age and upwards, the number of electors, the number of houses, the number of acres under cultivation, and the quantity of stock; and also a Return shewing the same particulars in reference to the several Electorates proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill introduced and read a first time last Session.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. DENIBY to ask THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to take any immediate steps for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the larger rural towns, particularly at Goulburn, Bathurst, and Maitland?
2. MR. HARGRAVE to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any reply from the Home Government to the Resolutions passed by this House on November 6th, 1856, relating to the separation of Moreton Bay from this Colony, or any Despatches on the same subject, have yet been received; and, if so, whether there is any objection to their being laid before this Assembly?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any despatch has reached the Executive Government from the Imperial authorities, notifying that Her Majesty has been pleased to signify the Royal Assent to the reserved Bill, 20th Victoria, No. 10?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence with the Government relating to the selection of a site for a Bridge across the Nepean at Penrith; also, Copies of all Reports from the late Surveyor General and the late Colonial Architect on the same subject; also, the Report from the latter Officer in 1854, after his inspection of the works then being carried on by the Penrith Nepean Bridge Company.
2. MR. COX 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 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum of money not exceeding £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Cudgegong River, at Mudgee.
3. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William 4, intituled, "*An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland.*"
4. MR. COWPER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prayer of the Petition presented to the Legislative Assembly, on the 19th December last, from certain Proprietors of Land in Woolloomooloo Bay.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Suttor, and Mr. Weekes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,— “Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—
  - (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
  - (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
  - (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
  - (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.
  - (5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.
  - (6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.
  - (7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.
  - (8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.
  - (9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.

(10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.

(11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.

(12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.

(13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.

(14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Electoral Bill ; second reading.
- 2. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—

This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—
 

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500 per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400	”
Second	”	300
Third	”	200
Fourth	”	150

- (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.
- (3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.
- (4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 8.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1857.

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

St. John's College:—Mr. Faucett presented a Petition from certain Treasurers and Secretaries duly appointed at a Public Meeting, held in St. Mary's Cathedral, for the establishment of a Roman Catholic College within the University of Sydney, to be called the College of St. John the Evangelist, praying leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the said College,—

And Mr. Faucett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Empire*, Newspapers, containing notice, for four consecutive weeks in the months of July and August last, of the intention to apply for such Bill. Petition received.

2. Impediments in the way of purchasing Crown Lands:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That applicants for the purchase of waste lands of the Crown in this Colony are exposed to vexatious delays and losses, and the settlement of the country is retarded by the dilatoriness of the Survey Department in measuring and putting up such lands for sale.

(2.) That the convenience of the public in this respect, and the general settlement of the country, being the great objects for which the Survey Department is maintained, it is highly inexpedient it should be suffered, from inefficiency or any other cause, to retard or obstruct the very purposes for which it has been established.

(3.) That every possible facility in the purchase of the waste lands of the Crown should be afforded to the public, and that if the Survey Department is unable to measure them at once, as applied for, they should nevertheless be put up for sale, in lots, as described by the applicants, provided they distinctly define the localities, within three months from the date of their respective applications, and the Survey should remain as a matter of subsequent arrangement.

(4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General embodying these Resolutions,—

(With the understanding that the Question be put upon the Resolutions *seriatim*.) Debate ensued.

Question (1)—That applicants for the purchase of waste lands of the Crown in this Colony are exposed to vexatious delays and losses, and the settlement of the country is retarded by the dilatoriness of the Survey Department in measuring and putting up such lands for sale,—put and passed.

Question (2)—That the convenience of the public in this respect, and the general settlement of the country, being the great objects for which the Survey Department is maintained, it is highly inexpedient it should be suffered, from inefficiency or any other cause, to retard or obstruct the very purposes for which it has been established,—put and passed.

Question (3) put,—*as by consent amended*,—That every possible facility in the purchase of the waste lands of the Crown should be afforded to the public, and that, if the Survey Department is unable to measure them at once, as applied for, they should nevertheless be put up for sale within three months from the dates of the respective applications, in lots—not to exceed 320 acres each,—if measured and described by any Licensed Surveyors employed for that purpose by the applicants, provided they distinctly define the localities, and a strictly official survey, if required, shall remain for subsequent arrangement.

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## The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Holt,  
 Mr. Denichy,  
 Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. Gordon,  
 Mr. Murray,  
 Mr. Forster,  
 Mr. Holroyd,  
 Mr. Hargrave,  
 Mr. Irving,  
 Mr. Flood,  
 Mr. R. Campbell,  
 Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.  
 Mr. Dalley,

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Hay,  
 Mr. Lang,  
 Mr. Osborne,  
 Mr. Bowman,  
 Mr. G. Macleay,  
 Mr. Cox,  
 Mr. Lee,  
 Mr. Pye,  
 Mr. Buckley,  
 Mr. Hely,  
 Mr. Garland,  
 Mr. W. Macleay,  
 Mr. Suttor,  
 Mr. Darvall,  
 Mr. Jones, } Tellers.  
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,

Question (4)—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying these Resolutions,—put and passed.

3. Wreck of the "Dunbar":—Mr. Cowper, adverting to the shock Honorable Members had received by the melancholy intelligence which had just reached the House, of the total wreck of the ship "Dunbar," and the loss of all on board, including many persons who had relatives in this Colony, and some who were closely allied to at least one Member of this House,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed,—

And the House accordingly adjourned at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.
16. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing, as nearly as practicable, the following particulars in reference to the several Districts proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill now before the House, viz.:—The area of each District, the total population at the late Census, the number of male adults 21 years of age and upwards, the number of electors, the number of houses, the number of acres under cultivation, and the quantity of stock; and also a Return shewing the same particulars in reference to the several Electorates proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill introduced and read a first time last Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lotteries further restraining Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any despatch has reached the Executive Government from the Imperial authorities, notifying that Her Majesty has been pleased to signify the Royal Assent to the reserved Bill, 20th Victoria, No. 10?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,—
  - “Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, *viz.*:—
 

With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

  - (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
  - (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
  - (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
  - (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.
  - (5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.
  - (6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.
  - (7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.
  - (8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.
  - (9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.
  - (10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.
  - (11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.
  - (12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.
  - (13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.

(14.)

(14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Electoral Bill ; second reading.
- 2. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
 This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows:—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—
 

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500	per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of		400	”
Second	”	300	”
Third	”	200	”
Fourth	”	150	”

- (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.
- (3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.
- (4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1857.

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

Impediments in the way of purchasing Crown Lands:—The Speaker reported, That he had yesterday presented to the Governor General the Address adopted by this House on the 21st instant, in reference to the impediments in the way of purchasing Crown Lands, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

In reply to the Address which has just been presented, communicating the Resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly on the 21st instant, the Governor General informs the Assembly that every care will be taken, on the part of the Government, to prevent, for the future, delays in measuring and putting up Land for sale.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 24 August, 1857.*

2. Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table, a Report on the case of Thomas Abbott, late Chief Constable at Dungog, obtained under the recommendation of the Second Progress Report of the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, with reference to the Petitions of Joseph Wilkes, Cornelius Delohery, and Thomas Abbott.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Penrith Nepean Bridge:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence with the Government relating to the selection of a site for a Bridge across the Nepean at Penrith; also, Copies of all Reports from the late Surveyor General and the late Colonial Architect on the same subject; also, the Report from the latter Officer in 1854, after his inspection of the works then being carried on by the Penrith Nepean Bridge Company.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
4. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee:—Mr. Cox 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 cause to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum of money not exceeding £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Cudgegong River, at Mudgee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Deniehy,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.  
Mr. Garland,

5. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, “*An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales.*”  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Reclaiming Land at head of Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prayer of the Petition presented to the Legislative Assembly, on the 3rd December last, from certain Proprietors of Land in Woolloomooloo Bay.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Lang.  
Question (1)—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the prayer of the Petition presented to the Legislative Assembly, on the 3rd December last, from certain Proprietors of Land in Woolloomooloo Bay,—put and passed.  
Question (2)—That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Lang,—put and passed
7. St. John’s College Bill:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate Saint John’s College as a College within the University of Sydney.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, ‘An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales,’*” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
9. St. John’s College Bill:—Mr. Faucett 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, to meet the expenses attendant thereon, Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to incorporate Saint John’s College as a College within the University of Sydney,*” read a first time.
10. Extension of Railway Lines Westward and Northward:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the extension of the Railway towards Goulburn should not be prosecuted beyond Campbelltown, until Lines of Railway have been constructed from Parramatta to Penrith, from Parramatta to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Pyc,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Denichy, } Tellers.  
Mr. Cowper, }

## 11. Postponements:—

- (1.) Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.  
(2.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

12. Mr. Peter Rawlings:—Mr. Garland 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 His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the Line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta through his landed property at or near Ashfield.  
Question put and passed.

13. Bridge over M'Cormack's Creek, near Berrima :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A Return stating the expenditure incurred in the construction, or in preparations for the construction, of a Bridge over M'Cormack's Creek, near Berrima.  
 (2.) The date at which the work was commenced, and when it is likely it will be completed.  
 (3.) The number of men employed upon it, and the rates at which they are paid.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
14. Mr. J. Hatch's Grant of Land :—Mr. Murray 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 between the Government and Mr. J. Hatch in the years 1827, 1828, 1829, and 1830, in reference to a Grant of Land which had been promised to that gentleman.  
 Question put and passed.
15. Motion dropped :—Mr. R. Campbell not moving the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
16. Postponement :—Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Lang, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Lang thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
17. Mr. William Taylor :—Mr. William Macleay 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 Mr. William Taylor's petition to the Governor General for the remission of a fine of £10, in June, 1851, together with all correspondence with the Bench of Magistrates, Wagga Wagga, relating thereto.  
 Question put and passed.
18. Postponement :—Mr. William Macleay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. George Macleay fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
19. Electoral Statistics :—Mr. Jones 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, as nearly as practicable, the following particulars in reference to the several Electoral Districts proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill now before the House, viz. :—The area of each District, the total population at the late Census, the number of male adults 21 years of age and upwards, the number of electors, the number of houses, the number of acres under cultivation, and the quantity of stock; and also a Return shewing the same particulars in reference to the several Electorates proposed to be created in the Electoral Bill introduced and read a first time last Session.  
 Question put and passed.
20. Postponement :—The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Gordon, on behalf of Mr. Arnold, until this day week.
21. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Hay,  
 Mr. Garland,  
 Mr. W. Macleay,  
 Mr. Hely,  
 Mr. Weekes,  
 Mr. Cox,  
 Mr. Hargrave,  
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
 Mr. Marks,  
 Mr. Irving,  
 Mr. Flood,  
 Mr. Osborne,  
 Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Byrnes,  
 Mr. Jones,  
 Mr. Murray, } Tellers.  
 Mr. Dalley, }

Mr. Gordon,  
 Mr. Holroyd,  
 Mr. Buckley,  
 Mr. Jamison,  
 Mr. Suttor,  
 Mr. Piddington,  
 Mr. Lee,  
 Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.  
 Mr. Forster, }

Bill read a second time;—

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

22. Postponement :—The second reading of the Lotteries Further Restraining Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow week.

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

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in 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.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders be suspended, in so far as to admit of a Bill, to authorize the Levy of a Duty upon Opium, passing through all its stages in this House in one sitting.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the levy of a Duty upon Opium.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JANISON to move for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.
2. MR. FAUCETT to move,—
  - (1.) That Saint John's College Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Egan, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Deniehy.

## Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend to permit persons to take up, for pastoral or other purposes, a block of land extending along both banks of the Lower Barwan or Upper Darling River for upwards of 100 miles; and, if so, why it has been hitherto withheld from such occupancy. Also—why Mr. W. B. Tooth has been allowed to take up the Stations of Turee and Upper Turee, although those Runs had been repeatedly refused to other persons?
2. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to throw open the Township of Wee Waa, in the Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains, for sale, in accordance with the expressed wish of the Bench of Magistrates and other Inhabitants of that District; and, if so, whether any, and what, steps have been taken by the Government to effect that object?
3. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Why the Commissioner of Crown Lands, at Liverpool Plains, had not distributed the blankets intended for the use of the Aborigines of that district, in accordance with the instructions he received from the Government on the subject?
  - (2.) Why the blankets for the use of the Aborigines in the Police District of Wee Waa were taken from under the control of the Bench of Magistrates there, and placed under that of one of the said Magistrates?
  - (3.) Why forty-eight of those blankets were sent out of that district for the use of the Aborigines of a neighbouring district?
4. MR. IRVING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government has appointed any person, and, if so, who, for the purpose of receiving money due by the purchasers of Crown Lands at Grafton, Clarence River?
  - (2.) Why no surveys of Crown Lands have been made from November, 1856, up to the present time?
5. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government has received any information respecting certain injuries sustained by the bridge at Berrima during the late floods,—and, if so, whether any steps have been taken for the repair of the same?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity, and price received, for all Lands sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Government and Mr. Michael Boylson, in reference to the destruction, on the 12th June last, of his house, premises, and property, by a fire which the Deputy Returning Officer caused to be lighted in the Polling-place for the South Riding Election.
3. MR. LANG to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee; consideration in Committee of an Address for £1,000.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,—  
“Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. MR. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.
  - (2.) And this House therefore resolves, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be farther considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for

for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

- (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
- (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
- (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
- (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.
- (5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.
- (6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.
- (7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.
- (8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.
- (9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.
- (10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.
- (11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.
- (12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.
- (13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.
- (14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

2. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the crime of Infanticide.
3. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Colonial Barristers to hold Judicial Offices.
4. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Bill ; second reading.
2. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.
3. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—
 

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500 per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400	"
Second "	"	300 "
Third "	"	200 "
Fourth "	"	150 "

- (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.

(3.)

(3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.

(4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Currency of the Australian Gold Coin :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—  

W. DENISON, *Message No. 3.*  
*Governor General.*

The Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly copy of a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the Legislative Assembly requesting that immediate measures might be taken for rendering the Gold Coin struck at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint a legal tender in all parts of Her Majesty's Dominions.

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

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch, which, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, was read at length by the Clerk.
2. Paper :—Mr. Darvall laid upon the Table certain Rules of Court made and promulgated by His Honor the Judge at Brisbane, Moreton Bay.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Government Railways Bill :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in 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.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Postponement :—Mr. Hay postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until this day week.
5. Government Railways Bill :—Mr. Hay 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. Proposed Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, in so far as to admit of a Bill, to authorize the Levy of a Duty upon Opium, passing through all its stages in this House in one sitting.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
7. Opium Duty Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the levy of a Duty upon Opium.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill,—  
And Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for granting a Duty of Customs on Opium,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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 evening.
9. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses :—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read :—

The Legislative Council having renewed for the present Session the following Sessional Order respecting the transmission of Messages by the Clerks agreed to during last Session by both Houses of Parliament, viz. :—

- "(1.) That, in addition to the mode provided by the present Standing Orders with regard to Messages between the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of Messages from the one to the other.

(2.)

- "(2.) That the Messages so sent be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst such House is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the business then proceeding.  
 "(3.) That it be the duty of the Clerk to communicate every Message so received at the earliest opportunity, without interrupting the Public Business, to the President, by whom it shall be made known to the House,"

requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
 President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 12 August, 1857.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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 Speaker counted the House, and there being then twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—the Committee resumed.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
11. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Mr. Jamison moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring a Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration.  
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. St. John's College Bill:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice,—  
 (1.) That Saint John's College Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Egan, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Deniehy.  
 Question—(1.) That Saint John's College Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee—put and passed.  
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Egan, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Deniehy,—put and passed.
13. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Mr. Jamison having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to restrain and otherwise regulate Chinese Immigration*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.  
 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the subject of Secondary Punishment.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
7. Opium Duty Bill; second reading.
8. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses; consideration of Legislative Council's Message.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior, to cut timber on the adjacent Crown Lands, and to empower Sawyers, holding Crown Licenses, to cut timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable Rivers.

### Questions:—

1. MR. COX to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the sum of £400 has been granted for the Repair of the Streets of Orange, so far as identical with the main thoroughfares, and if not, why not?
2. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Land at Tamworth, known as the Government Paddock, which has been measured some time, will be put up for sale, and how much of the said Paddock has been measured for sale?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity, and price received, for all Lauds sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Government and Mr. Michael Boylson, in reference to the destruction, on the 12th June last, of his house, premises, and property, by a fire which the Deputy Returning Officer caused to be lighted in the Polling-place for the South Riding Election.
3. MR. LANG to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee; consideration in Committee of an Address for £1,000.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—
  - “Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. MR. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.
  - (2.) And this House therefore resolves, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.
3. MR. ROBERTSON 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 New Runs in the Pastoral Districts of the Colony, tendered for during the three years last past, including the dates of such Tenders, the dates of their receipt by the Government, and the dates of the Reports of the respective Commissioners of Crown Lands thereon; and specifying those Runs that have been personally inspected by such Commissioners.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the General Official Business, in Country Districts.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Deniehy.
5. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Lease of the Waste Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—
  - (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
  - (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
  - (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
  - (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.
  - (5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.
  - (6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.
  - (7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.
  - (8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.
  - (9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.
  - (10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.
  - (11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.
  - (12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.
  - (13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.
  - (14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

2. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the crime of Infanticide.
3. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Colonial Barristers to hold Judicial Offices.
4. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act.
5. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Bill; second reading.
2. Regulation of Elections Bill; second reading.
3. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.
4. Government Railways Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—

This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows:—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500	per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400	''	
Second	''	''	300
Third	''	''	200
Fourth	''	''	150

- (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.

(3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.

(4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Paper:— Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Statements of Account referred to by him, as Minister for Finance and Trade, in the Committee of Ways and Means, on the 20th instant, viz. :—
  - (1.) Balance Sheet shewing the actual Deficit of Revenue on 31st of December, 1856, and the Estimated Deficit on 31st of December, 1857.
  - (2.) Estimated Account Current of Revenue and Expenditure, carried on to 31st December, 1858.
  - (3.) Revenue and Receipts, from January to July, 1857.
  - (4.) Estimated Revenue and Receipts, from August to December, 1857.
  - (5.) Abstract of the probable Revenues of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1858.
  - (6.) Estimates of Revenue, 1858, detailed.
  - (7.) Consolidated Revenue Balance Sheet, from January to December, 1856.
  - (8.) Consolidated Revenue Balance Sheet, from January to June, 1857.
  - (9.) Loans' Account Balance Sheet, from January to June, 1857.
  - (10.) Lodgment Account, from January to December, 1856.
  - (11.) Lodgment Account, from January to June, 1857.
  - (12.) Balances in the Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 31st day of December, 1856.
  - (13.) Balances in the Treasury, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 30th day of June, 1857.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Secondary Punishment :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon, the subject of Secondary Punishment.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lang, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin.
 Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon, the subject of Secondary Punishment,—put and passed.  
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lang, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Martin,—put and passed.
3. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Parker, upon a Question put to him by Mr. Cowper, moved, by consent, without previous notice, That the Order of the Day for the Second reading of the Electoral Bill have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for Wednesday next.  
 Question put and passed.
4. Revenues Receipts and Payments Regulation Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.  
 Mr. Cowper 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."  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put—That the word proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question.  
 The House divided.

Ayes 9.

Mr. Parker,	} Tellers.
Mr. Darvall,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Hargrave,	
Mr. Pye,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. G. Macleay,	

Noes 22.

Mr. Flood,	} Tellers.
Mr. J. Campbell,	
Mr. Wilshire,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. F. T. Rusden,	
Mr. Deniehy,	
Mr. Dalley,	
Mr. Barker,	
Mr. Holroyd,	
Mr. Jamison,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Richardson,	
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	

Question

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.

5. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Barker,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Suttor, } Tellers.  
Mr. Garland, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Byrnes, } Tellers.  
Mr. Martin, }

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the River Murray Customs Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.

(2.) The second reading of the Public Debt Consolidation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.

7. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster 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."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Garland, }

Noes, 21.

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Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
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Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Murray, } Tellers.  
Mr. Cowper, }

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.

8. Ways and Means :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, 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 obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight, reported the following Resolution ;—

(1.) Resolved, That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there shall be taken and levied upon all Opium, and preparations of Opium, imported into the Colony of New South Wales, a Duty at the rate of Ten Shillings per pound Avoirdupois.

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Mr. Donaldson then moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.

Question put and passed.

9. Opium Duty 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 having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the adoption of the report to stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses:—The Message of the Legislative Council, in reference to the transmission of Messages between the two Houses, dated the 12th instant, and received yesterday, having been read at length by the Clerk, on motion of Mr. Parker,—

Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now concur in the Resolution of the Legislative Council, in reference to the transmission of Messages between the two Houses, as communicated by the Message read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Buckley do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly, believing that the Resolution agreed to last Session, in reference to the transmission of Messages, would not require a formal concurrence of the two Houses in any succeeding Session of this present Parliament, has already passed an independent Resolution for the revival and continuance thereof during the present Session;—nevertheless, it begs now to communicate its concurrence in the corresponding Resolution, passed by the Legislative Council, as communicated for that purpose yesterday, by its Message of the 12th instant.

*Speaker.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th August, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

11. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Irving not moving the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.  
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, AUGUST 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity, and price received, for all Lands sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.
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1. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee; consideration in Committee of an Address for £1,000.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, via Panama and New Zealand,—

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

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  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the General Official Business, in Country Districts.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Deniehy.
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6. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Joint Stock Grazing Company, having reference to an offer made by that Company to employ the Trains of the Great Southern Railway, for the purpose of conveying meat to the Sydney market.
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8. MR. DENIEHY 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 cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1858, the sum of £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Mulwarree Ponds, near Thorn's Water-hole, in the County of Argyle.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—

With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

(1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.

(2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.

(3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.

(4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.

(5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.

(6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.

(7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.

(8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.

(9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.

(10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.

(11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.

(12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.

(13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.

(14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

2. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the crime of Infanticide.
3. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Colonial Barristers to hold Judicial Offices.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.
2. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill ; second reading.
3. Government Railways Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Opium Duty Bill Reported ; adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—

This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows:—

- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	... £500	per annum.
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(3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.

(4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Adjournment:—Mr. Parker,—adverting to the votes of yesterday, and to a desire on the part of Ministers to have time to deliberate in consequence,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next.  
Question put and passed;—  
And the House accordingly adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Three o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair. Proposed Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper,—upon an explanation by Mr. Parker, having reference to the Adjournment of Friday last,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

- Ayes, 21. Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Denichy, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Flood, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

- Noes, 22. Mr. Parker, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Barker, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Marks, Mr. Pye, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lee, Mr. Irving, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Lang, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Holt, Mr. Garland, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Hay, Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

2. Papers:— (1.) Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:— 1. Return of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Buildings of the Sydney University in 1856. Ordered to be printed. 2. Statement of John Garbutt, to the effect that, in 1853, he saw Dr. Leichhardt alive at a Settlement in the Interior;—and Papers in reference thereto. (2.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:— 3. Papers in reference to the late Secretary and Accountant to the Railway Commission, forwarded to the Executive Council, by order of the Commissioners, in June, 1856. 4. Captain Pockley's Official Report on the Wreck of the ship "Dunbar";—and Papers connected therewith. Ordered to be printed. (3.) Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:— 5. Accounts of the undermentioned Road Trusts,— Campbelltown, for the half-years ended 31 December, 1856, and 30 June, 1857. Randwick and Coogee, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1857. Parramatta, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1857. Richmond, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1857. Windsor, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1857. South Head, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1857. Ordered to be printed. 6. The Return to the Order in reference to the Bridge over M'Cormack's Creek, near Berrima, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 25th ultimo. 7. The Return to the Order in reference to Tenders for Lines of Railway and Electric Telegraph, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 14th ultimo. 3. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from James Murphy, embodying certain Resolutions in reference to this Bill, passed at a Public Meeting, of which Petitioner was Chairman, and praying the House to take the same into consideration. Petition received. 4. Electoral Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time. Debate ensued. Mr. Darvall moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, September 10 Debate continued.

Question put, on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Thursday, September 10.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Thomson.  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Pyc,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Sandeman,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Lang, } Tellers.  
Mr. W. Macleay, }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Hobroyd,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.  
Mr. Cowper, }

And the numbers being equal, the Speaker, as desiring to proceed with the business of the House, gave his casting vote with the *Noes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Mr. Cowper then 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."

Debate continued.

Mr. Denichy moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.

Question, on the motion of Mr. Denichy, 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.) Mr. Parker postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.

(2.) Mr. Darvall postponed the motions standing in his name second, third, and fourth on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.

(3.) Mr. Hay postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow, with the understanding that it take precedence next after the Electoral Bill.

(4.) The second reading of the Regulation of Elections Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow.

(5.) The second reading of the Lotteries further Restraining Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow.

(6.) The second reading of the Government Railways Bill, postponed on motion of Mr. Hay, until to-morrow.

(7.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.

6. Opium Duty Bill Reported:—Mr. Donaldson moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, be now adopted.

Mr. Parker 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."

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,—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.

7. Postponements:—

(1.) The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House having taken into consideration the correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—

“Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence,”—postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Weekes, until Friday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parker, "That the Electoral " Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, That the word 'now' be omitted, in order to add at the end of the Question the words "this day six months."

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.
2. Mr. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—

(1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	... £500	per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400	"
Second "	300	"
Third "	200	"
Fourth "	150	"

(2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.

(3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.

(4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.

That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

3. Mr. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

(1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.

(2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.

(3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.

(4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.

(5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.

(6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.

(7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.

(8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.

(9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.

(10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.

(11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.

(12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.

(13.)

(13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.

(14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

4. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the crime of Infanticide.
5. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Colonial Barristers to hold Judicial Offices.
6. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Rural Districts Municipal Bill ; second reading.
2. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. River Murray Customs Bill ; second reading.
4. Public Debt Consolidation Bill ; second reading.
5. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.
6. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill ; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill ; second reading.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
9. Opium Duty Bill ; Third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.
2. MR. COWPER to move. That the Petition in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity, and price received, for all Lands sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.
2. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Government and Mr. Michael Boylson, in reference to the destruction, on the 12th June last, of his house, premises, and property, by a fire which the Deputy Returning Officer caused to be lighted in the Polling-place for the South Riding Election.
3. MR. LANG to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep ; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.
5. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Tuesday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
6. MR. WEEKES to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.
  - (2.)

- (2) And this House therefore resolve, That on Tuesday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.
7. Mr. ROBERTSON 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 New Runs in the Pastoral Districts of the Colony, tendered for during the three years last past, including the dates of such Tenders, the dates of their receipt by the Government, and the dates of the Reports of the respective Commissioners of Crown Lands thereon; and specifying those Runs that have been personally inspected by such Commissioners.
  8. Mr. ROBERTSON to move,—
    - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the General Official Business, in Country Districts.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Deniehy.
  9. Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Lease of the Waste Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.
  10. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Joint Stock Grazing Company, having reference to an offer made by that Company to employ the Trains of the Great Southern Railway, for the purpose of conveying meat to the Sydney market.
  11. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence *during the year 1856*, between the Colonial Secretary and the Bench of Magistrates at Wee Waa, and the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Durbin, the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Liverpool Plains; and also, all Correspondence on the same subject *during the present year*, between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Durbin, and between Mr. Durbin and the Wee Waa Bench, in each case, relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aborigines, in the Police District of Wee Waa; also, a copy of the list of distribution of those blankets during the years 1856 and 1857, showing what portion thereof were sent out of the District.
  12. Mr. DENIEHY 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1858, the sum of £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Mulwarree Ponds, near Thorn's Water-hole, in the County of Argyle.
  13. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
    - (1.) A Return containing the names of the Fellows composing the present Senate of the University of Sydney.
    - (2.) A Return of the attendance of the Fellows at the meetings of the Senate for the year ending 30th June, 1857; and of the meetings at which a quorum could not be obtained, so that an adjournment of the business was necessary.
    - (3.) A Return of the names of the Fellows (if any) who never attend, on account of distance, occupation, or otherwise.
  14. Mr. IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the inhabitants of towns in the interior to cut timber on the adjacent Crown Lands, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to cut timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers.
  15. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the late disastrous shipwreck of the "Dunbar," with power to send for persons and papers.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Oxley, and Mr. Scott.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee; consideration in Committee of an Address for £1,000.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.
3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill; second reading.
5. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,—
  - “Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

Questions:—

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1. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any information has been forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate at Maitland, or by any other authority, respecting the injury done to the Long Bridge and Victoria Bridge, at Maitland, by the late flood, and whether, as over these bridges the whole traffic of the Northern Districts passes, the Government intend to take any steps to repair them forthwith?
2. MR. BYRNES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government has received any report upon the imperfect construction of the Dam at the North Rocks, Parramatta; and whether any steps are to be taken to make it available for the purpose for which it was erected?

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for Pilotage in the Harbour of Port Jackson.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Customs Laws 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 next Wednesday week.
2. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table, a series of Returns of Debentures sold by Government under various Notices in the year 1857, with a General Summary of the same.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Floods at Maitland:—Mr. Weckes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Towns and District of Maitland, praying that, at the earliest possible period in the present Session, such measures may be taken as to the House shall seem best calculated to protect Petitioners, their families, and their property, from a recurrence of those disastrous calamities to which they have been subjected by the recent Floods at Maitland.  
Petition received.
4. Electoral Bill:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parker, "That this Bill be '*now*' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, That the word "*now*" be omitted, in order to add at the end of the Question the words "*this day six months,*"—resumed.  
Mr. Arnold moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Three o'clock to-morrow.  
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Three o'clock to-morrow.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Buckley,	
Mr. Lang,	
Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Irving,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Sandeman,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. W. Macleay,	} Tellers.
Mr. Garland,	

Nocs, 36.

Mr. Parker,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. R. Campbell,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Richardson,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Weckes,	
Mr. Dalley,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Hargrave,	
Mr. Pye,	
Mr. Jamison,	
Mr. Faucett,	
Mr. Holroyd,	
Mr. F. T. Rusden,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Oxley,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Sutor,	
Mr. Denichy,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Wilshire,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Marks,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. J. Campbell,	
Mr. Barker,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Darvall,	
Mr. Holt,	} Tellers.
Mr. Cowper,	

Debate continued,—

And

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1857.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parker.  
Mr. Lang.  
Mr. Donaldson.  
Mr. Darvall.  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Garland.  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Holt.  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Faucett.  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Buckley.  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Thomson.  
Mr. Sandeman,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Suttor,

Noes, 26.

Mr. R. Campbell.  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Holroyd.  
Mr. Weckes,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. F. T. Rusden,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.  
Mr. Martin,

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.

Mr. Parker then moved, That this House do now adjourn until three o'clock, p.m., to-day.

Question put and passed;—

And the House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., to-day.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity, and price received, for all Lands sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.
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 With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—

- (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
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- (12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.
- (13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.
- (14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

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- 9. Opium Duty Bill ; Third reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair. Adjournment:—Mr. Parker having announced that, in consequence of the rejection of the Electoral Bill by the House, yesterday, the present Ministry had resigned, and now held Office only until their successors should be appointed—Moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.  
Question put and passed;—  
And the House adjourned accordingly, at twenty minutes after Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock..

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move the following Resolution,—  
(1.) This House having taken into consideration the Immigration Regulations, recently published by the Government, dated 10th ultimo, is of opinion that, so far as regards the deposit to be demanded from persons desirous of introducing Members of their own Families, they are inequitable and calculated to work injuriously; and that the deposit required ought not in any such case to exceed £5 (Five Pounds.)  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
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(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
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2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.

3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill; second reading.
5. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any information has been forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate at Maitland, or by any other authority, respecting the injury done to the Long Bridge and Victoria Bridge, at Maitland, by the late flood, and whether, as over these bridges the whole traffic of the Northern Districts passes, the Government intend to take any steps to repair them forthwith?
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3. MR. BOWMAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken by the Government towards the continuation of Lines of Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and Windsor, and when those Lines of Railway are intended to be commenced?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.
2. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz :—  
This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—
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Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500 per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of		400 "
Second " " "		300 "
Third " " "		200 "
Fourth " " "		150 "
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That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.
3. MR. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz :—  
With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—
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5. Regulation of Elections Bill ; second reading.
6. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill ; second reading.
7. Government Railways Bill ; second reading.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
9. Opium Duty Bill ; Third reading.
10. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,— “Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for Pilotage in the Harbour of Port Jackson.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Vacant Seats:—Mr. Parker having explained the circumstances under which the late Ministry had resigned,—  
 Mr. Flood informed the House, by request of the New Administration, that Charles Cowper, Esquire, James Martin, Esquire, Richard Jones, Esquire, and Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, had made their several acknowledgments on acceptance of Office under the Crown in this Colony, and had thereby vacated their seats in this House;—  
 Mr. Flood then moved,—  
 (1.) That the Seat of Charles Cowper, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Secretary, since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) That the Seat of James Martin, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Attorney General, since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Cook and Westmoreland.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (3.) That the Seat of Richard Jones, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Treasurer, since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the County of Durham.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (4.) That the Seat of Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands and Public Works, since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the Southern Boroughs.  
 Question put and passed.
2. Adjournment:—Mr. Flood moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the "twentieth" day of October next, at three o'clock, and that its Standing and Select Committees have leave to sit during such adjournment.  
 Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "twentieth" in order to insert in its place the word "sixth."  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed;—  
 Whereupon Question, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the twentieth day of October next, at Three o'clock, and that its Standing and Select Committees have leave to sit during such adjournment,—put and passed;—  
 And the House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before Four o'clock, until Tuesday, the 20th day of October next, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move the following Resolution,—  
 (1.) This House having taken into consideration the Immigration Regulations, recently published by the Government, dated 10th ultimo, is of opinion that, so far as regards the deposit to be demanded from persons desirous of introducing Members of their own Families, they are inequitable and calculated to work injuriously; and that the deposit required ought not in any such case to exceed £5 (Five Pounds.)  
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4. MR. LANG to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.
5. 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 these Rivers.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.
6. MR. FLOOD to move, That on Friday next this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000 for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
7. MR. WEEKES to move,—  
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is due to the memory of the late Dr. Leichhardt, and would form an appropriate recognition of the important services rendered by that distinguished traveller to the interests of this Colony, that a public monument should be erected in the Botanical Gardens, bearing a suitable inscription commemorative of his valuable discoveries, and recording his untimely and lamented death.  
 (2.) And this House therefore resolve, That on Friday next it will 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 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of £500, for carrying out the above object.
8. MR. ROBERTSON 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 New Runs in the Pastoral Districts of the Colony, tendered for during the three years last past, including the dates of such Tenders, the dates of their receipt by the Government, and the dates of the Reports of the respective Commissioners of Crown Lands thereon; and specifying those Runs that have been personally inspected by such Commissioners.
9. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the General Official Business, in Country Districts.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and Mr. Deniehy.
10. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Lease of the Waste Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.
11. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Joint Stock Grazing Company, having reference to an offer made by that Company to employ the Trains of the Great Southern Railway, for the purpose of conveying meat to the Sydney market.
12. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence *during the year 1856*, between the Colonial Secretary and the Bench of Magistrates at Wee Waa, and the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Durbin, the Commissioner  
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- of Crown Lands at Liverpool Plains; and also, all Correspondence on the same subject during the present year, between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Durbin, and between Mr. Durbin and the Wee Waa Bench, in each case, relating to the distribution of blankets to the Aborigines, in the Police District of Wee Waa; also, a copy of the list of distribution of those blankets during the years 1856 and 1857, showing what portion thereof were sent out of the District.
13. Mr. DENIHY 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 cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1858, the sum of £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Mulwarree Ponds, near Thorn's Water-hole, in the County of Argyle.
14. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return containing the names of the Fellows composing the present Senate of the University of Sydney.
  - (2.) A Return of the attendance of the Fellows at the meetings of the Senate for the year ending 30th June, 1857; and of the meetings at which a quorum could not be obtained, so that an adjournment of the business was necessary.
  - (3.) A Return of the names of the Fellows (if any) who never attend, on account of distance, occupation, or otherwise.
15. Mr. IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the inhabitants of towns in the interior to cut timber on the adjacent Crown Lands, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to cut timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers.
16. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the late disastrous shipwreck of the "Dunbar," with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Oxley, and Mr. Scott.
17. Mr. WEEKES to move, That the Petition in reference to the floods at Maitland, presented by him on the 3rd September last, be printed.
18. Mr. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.
19. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Petition in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd September last, be printed.
20. Mr. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management and disposal of the Public Lands of the Colony.
21. Mr. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—
- This House having taken into consideration the expediency of revising the system which is at present established for the classification and remuneration of the Clerical Staff of the various Departments of the Public Service, resolves as follows :—
- (1.) That the classification of the Clerical Staff throughout all the Departments of the Public Service should be uniform, and consist of five grades, namely,—
 

Chief Clerks, with salary at the rate of	...	£500	per annum.
First Class Clerks, with salary at the rate of	400	"	"
Second "	300	"	"
Third "	200	"	"
Fourth "	150	"	"
  - (2.) That the promotion from one grade to another should be by merit only.
  - (3.) That those clerks who, under the old system of progressive annual increase, have attained to salaries higher than those which the classification under the new system would entitle them to, should, as a general rule, continue to receive such higher salary while remaining in the same class.
  - (4.) That in all cases candidates for employment in the Clerical Staff of the Public Service should be required to serve in some Department, at such salary as the Head of that Department may suggest, twelve months probation before being classified, at the expiration of which time, having also passed the usual examination, they should enter upon the grades and receive salary accordingly.
- That a Copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.
22. Mr. PARKER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following proposed Resolutions, viz. :—
- With a view to the promotion and encouragement of Primary Education, and as a basis for the establishment of a general system applicable to the whole community, this House is of opinion—
- (1.) That the existing National and Denominational Boards should be incorporated, and form one Board of General Education, with control over all new and existing Schools.
  - (2.) That all property of the existing Boards, real and personal, of a public character, should be vested in the new Board.
  - (3.) That a Normal School for Teachers should be established.
  - (4.) That Inspectors of Schools should be appointed.

(5.) That existing Schools should be endowed as heretofore, and, so long as they receive public aid, be subject to periodical inspection.

(6.) That arrangements should be made for the examination of Teachers, and that no Teacher should be hereafter appointed to any new or existing School, unless certified to be duly qualified to the satisfaction of the Board.

(7.) That upon an application from any District for the establishment of a new School, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Board, that not less than twenty Scholars in remote Districts, or thirty in the more populous Districts, will attend, the Board should appropriate from the public funds in their hands applicable to Education, a sum of not less than £150 per annum for the stipend of the Teacher, exclusive of any fees receivable from the parents or guardians of the Scholars.

(8.) That it should be nevertheless in the discretion of the Board to refuse an Endowment to any additional School in a locality where one already exists.

(9.) That for every School under the control of the Board, sufficient land for a site should be granted where land may be conveniently available, such land to vest in the Board.

(10.) That a sum towards the building, equal to the amount raised by private subscription, should be appropriated from public funds in the hands of the Board.

(11.) That every School receiving public aid should be periodically inspected, and that such aid should be absolutely withdrawn unless the Inspector shall furnish a satisfactory certificate of its condition for the approval of the Board.

(12.) That religious instruction should be in no way interfered with by the Inspectors or the Board, but be left to be imparted according to such rules as the promoters of the School may determine, with the assent in each case of the parents or guardians of the children.

(13.) That a fee of not less than three-pence a week should be paid by the parents or guardians of each Scholar to the Master, but that Scholars should be admitted free of charge, in cases where the parents or guardians are certified by two Justices to be unable to afford the fee.

(14.) That in order to encourage greater emulation and proficiency amongst the Scholars of the Primary Schools, eight Annual Exhibitions to the Sydney Grammar School should be established, at £25 each for three years, to be awarded only after a strict examination of the candidates, and a certificate to the Board that they are respectively well qualified in all respects to obtain the distinction.

That a copy of these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations therein contained.

23. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the crime of Infanticide.
24. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Colonial Barristers to hold Judicial Offices.
25. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act.
26. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.
27. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Rates of Pilotage, and to provide further for Pilotage in the Harbour of Port Jackson.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee; consideration in Committee of an Address for £1,000.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for £431.
3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Impounding Bill; second reading.
5. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.
7. Rural Districts Municipal Bill; second reading.
8. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
10. Public Debt Consolidation Bill; second reading.
11. Regulation of Elections Bill; second reading.
12. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.
13. Government Railways Bill; second reading.
14. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
15. Opium Duty Bill; Third reading.
16. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—  
“Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”
17. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
18. Customs Laws Consolidation Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any information has been forwarded to the Government by the Police Magistrate at Maitland, or by any other authority, respecting the injury done to the Long Bridge and Victoria Bridge, at Maitland, by the late flood, and whether, as over these bridges the whole traffic of the Northern Districts passes, the Government intend to take any steps to repair them forthwith?
2. MR. BYRNES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government has received any report upon the imperfect construction of the Dam at the North Rocks, Parramatta; and whether any steps are to be taken to make it available for the purpose for which it was erected?
3. MR. BOWMAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken by the Government towards the continuation of Lines of Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and Windsor, and when those Lines of Railway are intended to be commenced?

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Resignation:—The Speaker reported that he had received a letter, dated the 10th instant, from Gordon Sandeman, Esquire, resigning his Seat in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, Maranoa, Port Curtis, and Leichhardt.
2. Members Sworn:—
  - (1.) The Honorable Richard Jones, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the County of Durham.
  - (2.) The Honorable Charles Cowper, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.
3. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Buckley moved, That the seat of Gordon Sandeman, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, Maranoa, Port Curtis, and Leichhardt, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Gordon Sandeman, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.
4. Road between East and West Maitland:—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of East Maitland, praying the construction of a Drain through the present road between East and West Maitland, and a Bridge over it.  
Petition received.
5. District Court at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Wagga Wagga, praying the establishment of a District Court at the Town of Wagga Wagga.  
Petition received.
6. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Certificate, under the hands of two of the Members of this House, notifying the death of the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, and then read the same to the House, as follows:—
 

“ We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, do hereby certify that the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, lately serving in the said Assembly as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, died upon the twelfth day of September last.

“ We give you this Notice to the intent that you may acquaint the Assembly therewith, in order to the issue of a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, in room of the said Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire.”

“ Given under our hands at Sydney, this twentieth day of October, 1857.

“ E. C. WEEKES,  
“ SAML. D. GORDON.”

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
&c., &c., &c.

Mr. Weekes then moved, That the Seat of the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, lately serving in this House as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, as certified under the hands of two of the Members of this House in the Notice now communicated to it by the Honorable the Speaker,—

And Mr. Cowper and Mr. Donaldson having severally addressed the House on the loss it had sustained in the death of so valuable a Member,—  
Question put and passed.

7. Electoral Reform:—Mr. Robert Campbell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Colony, praying for Electoral Reform.  
Petition received.
8. Encouragement to Colonial Industry :—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Mr. James Murphy and Mr. William Bell Allen, praying the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the state of the Country in regard to certain Industrial pursuits, with a view to the adoption of measures for the encouragement of the same.  
Petition received.
9. Cutting Timber on Crown Lands:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Builders, Timber Merchants, Cabinetmakers, Carpenters and Joiners, and Surveyors of Sydney, praying the attention of the House to the measures necessary for preventing the Waste which takes place in cutting Timber on Crown Lands under the present Licensing system.  
Petition received.
10. Dam and Roadway across the Bremer River :—Mr. Buckley presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Northern Districts, praying the construction of a Dam and Roadway over the Bremer River, above the Town of Ipswich.  
Petition received.
11. Papers :—
  1. Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
    - (1.) The Blue Book.
    - (2.) Further Paper relative to Steam Postal Service between Southampton and Sydney, *vid* New Zealand and Panama.
    - (3.) The First Annual Report from the Registrar General.
    - (4.) The Second Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School.
    - (5.) The Ninth Report of the Commissioners of National Education.
    - (6.) Report on Vaccination, by the Medical Adviser to the Government.
    - (7.) The Annual Statistics of New South Wales.
    - (8.) Return to the Address in reference to Electoral Statistics, adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, on 25th August last.
    - (9.) Return to the Address in reference to an alleged killing of Station Blacks by Native Police, adopted, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on 27th February last.
    - (10.) Return to the Address in reference to Mr. William Taylor, adopted, on motion of Mr. William Macleay, on 25th August last.
    - (11.) Return to the Address in reference to the Moreton Bay Lands and Land and Immigration Company, adopted, on motion of Mr. Richardson, on 14th August last.
    - (12.) A Letter from the Secretary to the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, reporting that no Rules have been made since 1st March last, and enclosing a list of the Directors of the Society.
    - (13.) Despatches in answer to Resolutions of this House in reference to the Separation of Moreton Bay.  
Ordered to be printed (except the Blue Book).
    - (14.) Copy of a Despatch, dated 18th June, 1857, enclosing to the Governor General a New Warrant appointing certain Officers to administer the Government of this Colony in event of the death or absence of His Excellency,—  
And the Clerk having read the same, by order of the Speaker,—  
Mr. Cowper moved that this Despatch with its enclosure be printed,—  
Debate ensued.
  12. Member Sworn :—The Honorable James Martin, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Cook and Westmoreland.
  13. Despatch enclosing Warrant appointing Administrators of the Government :—The Debate on Mr. Cowper's motion, That these Documents be printed, interrupted by swearing Mr. Martin,—resumed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  14. Paper :—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper :—
    - (15.) A Report from the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the subject of more effectually Lighting the entrance to Port Jackson.  
Ordered to be printed.
  15. Question of Privilege :—The Speaker—referring to the Debate on the Motion for printing Her Majesty's Warrant appointing certain Officers to administer the Government of the Colony, in event of the death or absence of His Excellency the Governor General,—intimated his opinion, that the privileges of the House were to a certain extent invaded by at least one of the appointments which had taken effect under that Warrant, and his wish that some definite action should be taken by the House in consequence,—  
And a Debate arising,—  
Mr. Faucett moved, That this House do now adjourn until Thursday next, at Three o'clock  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
16. Knighthood of the Speaker :—Mr. Cowper and Mr. Donaldson having congratulated the Speaker upon the honor conferred upon himself, and the compliment paid to this House by Her Majesty, during the adjournment,—  
The Speaker expressed his high sense thereof, and of the gratifying manner in which the congratulations of both sides of the House had been conveyed to him.

17. Paper :—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper :—  
 (16.) A Despatch enclosing a copy of a Report from the Master of the Mint on the operations of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint during the year 1856.  
 Ordered to be printed.
18. Motion dropped :—Mr. Flood not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
19. Sale of Crown Lands in the Clarence and adjoining Districts :—Mr. Hargrave moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the quantity of, and price received for all Lands sold in the districts of New England, Clarence, and Richmond, from January 1st, 1854, to June 30th, 1857.  
 Question put and passed.
20. Motion dropped :—Mr. Byrnes not moving the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
21. Postponements :—  
 (1.) Mr. Lang postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.  
 (2.) Mr. George Macleay postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
22. Motion dropped :—Mr. Flood not moving the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
23. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Weekes withdrew the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day.
24. Motions dropped :—  
 (1.) Mr. Robertson not moving the motions standing in his name eighth and ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.  
 (2.) Mr. F. T. Rusden not moving the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
 (3.) Mr. Robertson not moving the motions standing in his name eleventh and twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.  
 (4.) Mr. Deneiby not moving the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to day, it dropped.
25. Senate of the University of Sydney :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A Return containing the names of the Fellows composing the present Senate of the University of Sydney.  
 (2.) A Return of the attendance of the Fellows at the meetings of the Senate for the year ending 30th June, 1857; and of the meetings at which a quorum could not be obtained, so that an adjournment of the business was necessary.  
 (3.) A Return of the names of the Fellows (if any) who attend irregularly, on account of distance, occupation, or otherwise.  
 Question put and passed.
26. Motions dropped :—  
 (1.) Mr. Irving not moving the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
 (2.) Mr. Arnold not moving the motion standing in his name sixteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
27. Floods at Maitland :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the floods at Maitland, presented by him on the 3rd September last, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
28. Postponement :—Mr. Marks, on behalf of Mr. Thomson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Thomson eighteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
29. Electoral Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the Electoral Bill, presented by him on the 2nd September last, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
30. Motions withdrawn :—  
 (1.) Mr. Hay withdrew the motion standing in his name twentieth on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
 (2.) Mr. Parker withdrew the motions standing in his name twenty-first and twenty-second on the Notice Paper for to-day.
31. Motions dropped :—Mr. Darvall not moving the motions standing in his name twenty-third twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
32. Motions withdrawn :—Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motions standing in his name twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day.
33. Bridge over the Cudgegong, at Mudgee :—Mr. Cox moved, That this House do now 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 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858 a sum of money not exceeding £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Cudgegong River, at Mudgee.  
 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 reported that the motion for the proposed Address had been withdrawn in the Committee.
34. Mr. Peter Rawlings:—The Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of an Address for £431 to compensate Mr. Peter Rawlings, discharged from the Paper, on Motion of Mr. Garland.
35. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The second reading of the Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.  
 (2.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Arnold, until this day week  
 (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.  
 (4.) The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next
36. Rural Districts Municipal Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Parker.
37. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, with consent of Mr. Donaldson, until Thursday next.  
 (2.) The second reading of the River Murray Customs' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, with consent of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
38. Public Debt Consolidation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Donaldson.
39. Regulation of Elections Bills:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Parker.
40. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The second reading of the Lotteries Further Restraining Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin,—on behalf of Mr. arvall,—until to-morrow.  
 (2.) The second reading of the Government Railways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, with consent of Mr. Hay, until to-morrow.  
 (3.) The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, with consent of Mr. Donaldson, until Thurseay next
41. Opium Duty Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time"  
 Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "re-committed."  
 Debate ensued.  
 Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn;—  
 Original Motion by leave withdrawn;—  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Jones, with consent of Mr. Donaldson, the third reading of the Bill postponed until to-morrow week
42. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The resumption of the adjourned debate of Mr. Parker's motion in reference to the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Communication between Sydney and Southampton *via* Panama and New Zealand, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, with consent of Mr. Parker, until to morrow week.  
 (2.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, with consent of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
43. Customs Laws Consolidation Bill:—The Order of the day for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the paper, on motion of Donaldson.  
 The House adjourned at ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper, be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper be Members of the Library Committee.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Jones be a Member of the Audit Committee.
4. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a bill for regulating the Sale, Occupation, and General Management of the Crown Lands.
5. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in New South Wales.
6. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
2. Government Railways Bill; second reading.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That Mr. Cowper be a Member of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, for the establishment of a District Court at Wagga Wagga, be printed.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all documents and correspondence relating to the investigations which may have taken place into the Accounts, or intronmissions of the several Gentlemen who have held the office of Treasurer of the Colony of New South Wales, since the introduction of Responsible Government.
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5. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition for the prevention of Waste in Cutting Timber on Crown Lands, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.

## Questions:—

1. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to diminish the number of the Mounted Patrol in the Southern Districts?
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  - (1.) What course the Government intend pursuing with reference to the question of Electoral Reform?
  - (2.) Whether the Government be disposed to prorogue the House, in order to admit of an Electoral Reform Bill being laid before it?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course the Government intend pursuing with reference to the question of Prison Discipline and Secondary Punishments?

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition for Electoral Reform, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to bring under the notice of the Speaker of this House, a Question of Privilege;—to make some remarks in explanation of his own conduct, and of his present position in this House, to afford any other Members the same opportunity of expressing their opinions,—and to move the following specific resolution:—  
“That any Member of this House against whom any infamous charge has been publicly made, has a right to appeal to this House, and to request this House to investigate “into the falsehood or the truth of any such accusation.”
3. MR. WREKES to move, That the Petition for the construction of a Drain and Bridge on the Main Road from East to West Maitland, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
4. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That the Petition for a Dam and Roadway over the Bremer River, above the Town of Ipswich, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
5. MR. DALLEY to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as will admit of the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Australian Agricultural Company to construct a Railway at Newcastle.
6. MR. LANG to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep; and also to Report upon the most effectual means of preventing disease in Sheep and Cattle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr WEEKES 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 to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £3,000, for the purpose of affording relief to the sufferers by the late floods.
2. 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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take any, steps for the Alignment of the Streets of the Towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Opium Duty Bill; third reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,—  
“Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 18.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1857.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barker, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Irving, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lec, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Pye, Mr. T. G. Rusden, 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, OCTOBER 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper, be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper be Members of the Library Committee.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That Mr. Jones be a Member of the Audit Committee.
5. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Sale, Occupation, and General Management of the Crown Lands.
6. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in New South Wales.
7. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. River Murray Customs Bill; second reading.
4. Government Railways Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition for Electoral Reform, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WEEKES 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 to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £3,000, for the purpose of affording relief to the sufferers by the late floods.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take any, steps for the Alignment of the Streets of the Towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Opium Duty Bill; third reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House  
“ having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the  
“ subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion  
“ Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment  
“ of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama  
“ and New Zealand,—  
“ Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that  
“ the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as  
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

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DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 19.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair,—  
 Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported that by a Proclamation in a third Supplement, published on the 20th instant, to the *Government Gazette* of Friday, the 16th instant, it appears that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the Constitution Act Amendment Bill passed in the last Session, 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 their Excellencies HENRY KEANE BLOOMFIELD, Esquire, Colonel in Her Majesty's 11th Regiment of Foot, the Officer next in seniority to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Land Forces in all Her Colonies of Australia; JOHN HUBERT PLUNKETT, Esquire, President of the Legislative Council of the Colony of New South Wales; and CHARLES COWPER, Esquire, Colonial Secretary of the said Colony,—Administrators of the Government thereof.

"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 Twentieth of January, 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 repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly*,' for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon: Now, therefore, We, the Administrators of the Government of the Colony of New South Wales aforesaid, do, by this our Proclamation, signify and declare that the Right Honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has

"has transmitted an Order made by Her Majesty in Council, confirming, ratifying,  
"and finally enacting the said Act, which will take effect accordingly from the date  
"hereof.

"Given under our Hands and Seals, at Sydney, this nineteenth day of  
"October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
"and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Her Majesty's  
"Reign.

"(L.S.) H. K. BLOOMFIELD, Col.  
" (L.S.) J. H. PLUNKETT.  
" (L.S.) CHARLES COWPER.

"By Command of their Excellencies,  
W. ELYARD.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

"At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of July, 1857.

"PRESENT:—

"THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,  
"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CONSORT,  
"LORD PRESIDENT, | "LORD PANMURE,  
"LORD PRIVY SEAL, | "SIR GEORGE GREY, Bt.,  
"LORD CHAMBERLAIN, | "SIR CHARLES WOOD, Bt.,  
"MARQUIS OF ABERCORN, | "MR. BAINES,  
VISCOUNT PALMERSTON.

"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, entitled '*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.*'"

"And whereas, on the 20th of January, 1857, 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, entitled, '*An Act to repeal*  
"*so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities*  
"*of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, in*  
"*the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the*  
"*number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly,*  
"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  
"expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty:

"Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act, 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 Majesty's Privy Council, declare Her assent  
"to the said Bill.

"And the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's  
"Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly."

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) The Amended Immigration Remittance Regulations, dated 16th ultimo.  
(2.) Return to the Order in reference to the Penrith Nepean Bridge, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on 25th August last.  
(3.) A Report on the Internal Communications of New South Wales, with an accompanying Statement.  
(4.) The Accounts of the Commissioners of the Campbelltown Water Works, for the Years ended 31 December, 1855, and 31 December, 1856, and the Half-year ended 30 June, 1857.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Mudgee District Court:—Mr. Cox presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Mudgee, in reference to the wants of the District, in regard to the Administration of Justice, Civil and Criminal, and praying consideration of their Petition.  
Petition received.
4. Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett:—Mr. Lang presented a Petition from Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, of Liverpool Plains, representing that Petitioner having destroyed one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven sheep, and complied with every condition of the law to entitle him to obtain a certificate of such destruction, failed nevertheless to obtain such certificate within the prescribed time only because the Magistrates did not attend the Court of Petty Sessions nearest to his Station on the day appointed for their meeting, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to afford such relief to Petitioner as to the House may seem reasonable.  
Petition received.

5. Coroner for the Macdonald and Lower Hawkesbury :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain landholders, farmers, and other residents on the Macdonald and Lower Hawkesbury, praying the appointment of a local Coroner.  
Petition received.
6. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
7. Standing Orders Committee :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper, be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.  
Question put and passed.
8. Library Committee :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Cowper be Members of the Library Committee.  
Question put and passed.
9. Audit Committee :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Jones be a Member of the Audit Committee.  
Question put and passed.
10. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Sale, Occupation, and General Management of the Crown Lands.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill :—Mr. Jones having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
12. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for regulating the Sale, Occupation, and General Management of the Crown Lands,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, November 11.
13. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing Municipal Institutions in New South Wales.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
14. Main Roads Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for managing and upholding the Main Roads of the Colony.  
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17. Auditor General's Office Definition 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, and with the title amended to stand thus "*A Bill to amend and define the Tenure and Constitution of the Office of Auditor General,*"—the adoption of the report ordered to stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
18. Question of Privilege :—Issue of Writs ;—The Speaker having brought under notice the circumstance that the two Writs issued by him for the Election of Members to supply the vacancies declared by the House, on the 20th instant, and forwarded by him to the Colonial Secretary, in the usual form, to have the Great Seal of the Colony affixed to them, had been this day returned to him with a request that he would substitute the names of the Officers at present administering the Government (two of whom have seats in the other House) as attesting their issue, for the name of His Excellency the Governor General, who is now absent from the Colony,—  
And the House appearing to receive as conclusive an opinion expressed by the Attorney General, (Mr. Martin), that the alteration required was absolutely necessary under the circumstances, and would not interfere with the privileges of the House, the subject dropped.
19. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Jones 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 Wednesday next.
20. River Murray Customs' Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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 ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
21. Government Railways Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.  
The House adjourned at half-past Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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12. MR. IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the interior to Cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to Cut Timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers.
13. MR. COX to move, That the Petition relative to the establishment of a District Court at Mudgee, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
14. MR. LANG to move, That the Petition of Mr. Bartlett, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.
4. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.

## Questions :—

1. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to diminish the number of the Mounted Patrol in the Southern Districts?
2. MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) If any intimation has been received from the Authorities at Brisbane, relative to the fearfully over-crowded state of the Gaol there?  
(2.) What steps are being taken to facilitate the erection of the New Gaol, to remedy the evils complained of?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr WEEKES 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 to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £3,000, for the purpose of affording relief to the sufferers by the late floods.
2. 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 these Rivers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.
3. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move the suspension of the Standing Order No. 59, for the purpose of presenting a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled an Act to authorise the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.
4. Mr. FORSTER to move, That in future, on the invitation or introduction of a Member of this Assembly, Members of the Legislatures of other Australian Colonies shall be free of admission to the Refreshment Room, the Library, or the seats appointed in the body of the House for Members of the Legislative Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Railways Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. Mr. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take any, steps for the Alignment of the Streets of the Towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth?
2. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, in the absence of THE HONORABLE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether it be the intention of the Government to offer for sale the land already surveyed at Eight and Twelve Mile Creeks, near Albury, and if so, when it is intended that it shall be so offered?
3. Mr. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
If it is the intention of Government to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act passed by this House last Session?
4. Mr. PYE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—  
Whether the Government has received any Report upon the construction of the Dam at the North Rocks, Parramatta, and if so, what is the nature of the report, and from whom such report was received?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Opium Duty Bill; third reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House  
“ having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the  
“ subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion  
“ Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment  
“ of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama  
“ and New Zealand,—  
“ Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that  
“ the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as  
“ possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms  
“ and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. River Murray Customs Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. JAMISON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled “ *An Act*  
“ *for repealing so much of an Act, intituled, An Act to continue, until further pro-*  
“ *vision shall be made, certain duties, tolls, rates, fees, and other sums of money, imposed*  
“ *by the Governors of New South Wales, and for other purposes, as relates to the levying*  
“ *tolls in New South Wales, and for raising a fund towards making, repairing, and*  
“ *upholding public roads, bridges, and ferries, and for regulating the collection of*  
“ *tolls thereon.*”

THURSDAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Electoral Reform :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for Electoral Reform, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Explanation :—Mr. T. G. Rusden proceeding to make the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, was stopped by the Speaker, on the ground of irregularity in the notice.
3. Road between East and West Maitland :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for the construction of a Drain and Bridge on the Main Road from East to West Maitland, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Dam and Roadway across the Bremer River :—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for a Dam and Roadway over the Bremer River, above the Town of Ipswich, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as will admit of the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Australian Agricultural Company to construct a Railway at Newcastle.  
Question put and passed,—  
And Mr. Dalley having presented a Petition from Arthur Hodgson, Esquire, General Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company, praying leave to introduce the said Bill,—  
And produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Newcastle Telegraph* Newspapers, containing notice for four consecutive weeks, in the month of August last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
5. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep :—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to amended notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Osborne, and Mr. Donaldson.  
Debate ensued.  
Question (1)—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and Report upon, the working of the existing Acts of Council referring to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep—put and passed.  
Mr. T. G. Rusden then required that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—  
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. Flood, Mr. Cox, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Suttor, and Mr. Osborne.
6. Secondary Punishment Committee :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice That Mr. Cowper be a Member of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment.  
Question put and passed.
7. Postponement :—Mr. William Macleay, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. George Macleay eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

8. Treasury Accounts under Responsible Government :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all documents and correspondence relating to the investigations which may have taken place into the Accounts, or intrusions of the several Gentlemen who have held the office of Treasurer of the Colony of New South Wales, since the introduction of Responsible Government.  
Question put and passed.
9. Encouragement to Colonial Industry :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for encouragement to Colonial Industry, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Cutting Timber on Crown Lands :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for the prevention of Waste in Cutting Timber on Crown Lands, presented by him on the 20th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Crown Timber Cutting Bill :—Mr. Irving moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the interior to Cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands, and to empower Sawyers holding Crown Licenses to Cut Timber in the scrubs and on the banks of navigable rivers.  
Debate ensued,  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Mudgee District Court :—Mr. Cox moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition from Mudgee, praying that the District Courts be invested with Criminal as well as Civil Jurisdiction, presented by him yesterday, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Crown Timber Cutting Bill :—Mr. Irving having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to afford additional facilities for the Cutting of Timber on Crown Lands,*” read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
14. Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett :—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Bartlett, presented by him yesterday, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be “*now*” read a second 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 fortnight.*”  
Debate ensued.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be there added, put and passed.  
Question, That this Bill be read a second time this day fortnight, put and passed.
16. Postponements :—  
(1). The further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.  
(2). The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Wednesday next.  
(3). The second reading of the Lotteries Further Restraining Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until Thursday next.
- The House adjourned at Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WEEKES 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 to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £3,000, for the purpose of affording relief to the sufferers by the late floods.
2. 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 these Rivers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members :—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor.

3. MR. PRIDDINGTON to move the suspension of the Standing Order No. 59, for the purpose of presenting a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled an Act to authorise the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That in future, on the invitation or introduction of a Member of this Assembly, Members of the Legislatures of other Australian Colonies shall be free of admission to the Refreshment Room, the Library, or the seats appointed in the body of the House for Members of the Legislative Council.
5. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Agricultural Company to construct a Railway at Newcastle.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all correspondence and accompanying documents having reference to the settlement of the question relating to the Duties to be collected upon goods river-borne by the Murray, between the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, since the 29th January, 1857, up to which date the correspondence upon this subject was ordered by this House to be printed, upon the 11th August, 1857.
7. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th instant, for the establishment of a District Court at Wagga Wagga, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition 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 considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take any, steps for the Alignment of the Streets of the Towns of East and West Maitland and Morpeth?
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY; in the absence of THE HONORABLE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether it be the intention of the Government to offer for sale the land already surveyed at Eight and Twelve Mile Creeks, near Albany, and if so, when it is intended that it shall be so offered?
3. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
If it is the intention of Government to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act passed by this House last Session?
4. MR. PYE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—  
Whether the Government has received any Report upon the construction of the Dam at the North Rocks, Parramatta, and if so, what is the nature of the report, and from whom such report was received?

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. JONES (*On the Order of the day for the third reading of the Opium Duty Bill being read*) to move that the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the reconsideration of the second clause.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Opium Duty Bill; third reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House  
“ having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the  
“ subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion  
“ Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment  
“ of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama  
“ and New Zealand,—  
“ Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that  
“ the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as  
“ possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms  
“ and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. River Murray Customs Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled “ *An Act for repealing so much of an Act, intituled, An Act to continue, until further provision shall be made, certain duties, tolls, rates, fees, and other sums of money, imposed by the Governors of New South Wales, and for other purposes, as relates to the levying tolls in New South Wales, and for raising a fund towards making, repairing, and upholding public roads, bridges, and ferries, and for regulating the collection of tolls thereon.*”

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Timber Cutting Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Gideon Scott Lang, Esquire, and Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, for the present Session, of which the following is a Copy:—

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

“ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative  
“ Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1851, I do hereby appoint  
“ Gideon Scott Lang, Esquire, and  
“ Elias Carpenter Weekes, 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-seventh day of October,  
“ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and  
“ fifty-seven.*

*“ DANIEL COOPER,  
“ Speaker.”*
2. Papers:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) The Return to the Order in reference to the revision of Treasury Accounts under Responsible Government, made by this House, on the 23rd instant, on motion of Mr. Donaldson.
  - (2.) Copy of a Despatch dated 7th August, 1857, enclosing copy of a Letter from the Master of the Mint, dated 10th July, 1857, reporting on the operations of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint during the first quarter of the present year, with the Master's Eighth Report on the Assay of the Sydney Coins.
  - (3.) Correspondence and Documents in reference to the Duties to be collected on Goods River-borne by the Murray.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Seizure of Gold Dust:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Ayong, Amang, Aheng, and Ackitt, on behalf of themselves and other Chinamen, representing that they had lately embarked on board the “Ethereal,” with about 2,680 ounces of Gold Dust upon which they had not paid the Export Duty, only because they were not aware that the Law required them to do so—that in consequence of such non-payment of Duty their Gold Dust had been seized by the Government,—that they had prayed the Government to restore it to them, in consideration of their ignorance of the law, but without success,—and praying relief.  
Petition received.
4. Relief to Sufferers by the late Floods:—Mr. Weekes 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 cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £3,000, for the purpose of affording relief to the sufferers by the late floods.  
Debate ensued.

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Weekes, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Onkes,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.

5. Navigation of the Murray and its effluents:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to 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 and its effluents, the Murrumbidgee and the Darling, and upon the best mode of clearing the Channels of these Rivers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray and Mr. Suttor.  
Question—(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 these Rivers—put and passed.  
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members:—Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Suttor—put and passed.
6. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the Standing Order No. 59 be suspended, for the purpose of presenting a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "*An Act to authorize the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.*"  
Question put and passed,—  
And Mr. Piddington having presented a Petition from John Alexander, John Croft, and William Fanning, Esquires, Directors of the Newcastle Coal and Copper Company, praying leave to introduce the said Bill,—  
And produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald, Empire*, and *Newcastle Telegraph*, Newspapers, containing notice in the months of August and September last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
7. Members of other Colonial Legislatures:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to amended notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting the following Resolution,—That, in future, on the invitation or introduction of a Member of this Assembly, Members of the Legislatures of other Australian Colonies shall be free of admission to the Refreshment Room and the Library.  
Question put and passed.
8. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australian Agricultural Company to construct a Railway at Newcastle.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill,
9. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the notice paper for to day.
10. District Court at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th instant, for the establishment of a District Court at Wagga Wagga, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
*Ordered* to be printed.
11. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Dalley 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 intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Australian Agricultural Company to construct a Railway at Newcastle, and to employ thereon Steam Locomotive Engines, and for other purposes connected therewith,*" read a first time.
12. Impounding Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Arnold, 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 Friday next.

13. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition 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 in Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
14. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means, postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow week.
15. 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 to-morrow.  
The House adjourned at ten minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. JONES (*On the Order of the day for the third reading of the Opium Duty Bill being read*) to move that the Bill be re-committed, with a view to the reconsideration of the second clause.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Opium Duty Bill; third reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this House “having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the “subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion “Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment “of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama “and New Zealand,—  
“Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that “the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as “possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms “and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence.”
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. River Murray Customs Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. Government Railways Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMISON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled “*An Act “for repealing so much of an Act, intituled, An Act to continue, until further pro- “vision shall be made, certain duties, tolls, rates, fees, and other sums of money, imposed “by the Governors of New South Wales, and for other purposes, as relates to the levying “tolls in New South Wales, and for raising a fund towards making, repairing, and “upholding public roads, bridges, and ferries, and for regulating the collection of “tolls thereon.*”
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be a Call of the House on Wednesday, the 18th of November next.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

*Question :—*

1. MR. DONALDSON to ask THE HONORABLE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—Whether the Government have taken, or intend to take, any steps with the view of remonstrating with the Home Government upon the inefficient performance of the Contract for the delivery of the European Mails in the Australian Colonies by the Steam Company who receive at present an annual subsidy of £185,000 for this service; also, whether it be proposed to alter the Time-table so as to allow of replies being forwarded with certainty by the return Mail from Sydney, which did not happen with respect to the Mails due on the 9th October instant, although the inhabitants of Melbourne were enabled to reply to their letters by that mail?

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 22.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1857.

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.) Withdrawal of Estimates for 1858:—  
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 4.*  
*Governor General.*  
 A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimates for 1858, which accompanied the Governor General's Message No. 2, of 14th August last, His Excellency requests that the same may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates which have been prepared under the advice of the present Administration.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 28 October, 1857.*  
 Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.  
 (2.) Additional Supplementary Estimate for 1857:—  
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 5.*  
*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, an additional Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.  
*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 28 October, 1857.*  
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
 (1.) Proceedings of the Executive Council, on 14th September last, in reference to an Expedition in search of Dr. Leichhardt.  
 (2.) Despatch from the Secretary of State, and Minute of the Executive Council, relating to a proposed modification of the contract for the Mail Service between Great Britain and Australia.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Opium Duty Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."  
 Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, 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 the re-consideration of the second 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 re-consideration of the second 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 a further Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

4. Steam Postal Service *via* Panama:—

The adjourned Debate of Mr. Parker's motion, "That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence laid upon the Table on the subject of a provisional arrangement between the Government and Mr. Champion Wetton, as Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for the establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service, between Southampton and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand,— Resolves, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that the necessary measures be taken for carrying into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement provisionally entered into with Mr. Wetton, upon the terms and according to the stipulations mentioned in the correspondence,"— resumed.

Question put and passed.

## 5. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, reported that the Committee had gone through the several items in the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, and brought up the following Resolutions agreed to in the Committee;—

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £315 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Principal Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £446 12s. 1d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £514 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Postmaster General's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £25 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1857.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £20 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta, for the year 1857.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,430 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Immigration Establishments at Sydney and Brisbane, for the year 1857.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £506 19s. 4d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Sydney Police, for the year 1857.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £654 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Police in Country Districts, for the year 1857.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £250 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Gold Guards, for the year 1857.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £700 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Native Police in the Northern Districts, for the year 1857.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £87 9s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Parramatta Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £165 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1857.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £28 19s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, for the year 1857.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,219 5s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Military Establishment, for the year 1857.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,600 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1857,—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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £400 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Charitable Allowances, for the year 1857,—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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,856 3s. 11d. to defray the Supplementary Charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1857,—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;

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 January, 1854, and which ought to have been paid to the representatives of the late William Wynter, Esq.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £176 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1857.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £248 15s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Customs Establishment for the year 1857.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £185 10s. 8d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, for the year 1857, 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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,472 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £30 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Steam Navigation Board, at Brisbane, for the year 1857.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £164 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Port Master's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £336 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Beacon Light at Newcastle, for the year 1857.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £335 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Floating Light at Moreton Bay, for the Year 1857.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gold Fields Establishment for the year 1857, being to raise the Salary of the Clerk of Petty Sessions of Sofala to that of Sub-Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Commission on Sales of Land, Rents of Offices, and advertising, for the year 1857.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,352 11s. 2d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Works, for the year 1857, 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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £6,987 3s. 3d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Buildings, for the year 1857, 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; £850 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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £18,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1857.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty 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, for the year 1857.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1857, 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.

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

Question put and passed.

6. River Murray Customs Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

7. 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 to-morrow.

8. Motion dropped :—Mr. Jamison not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
9. Call of the House :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be a Call of the House on Wednesday, the 18th of November next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Postponement :—The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.  
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. JONES (on the Order of the day for the consideration of the Governor General's Message, No. 4, requesting the Return of the Estimates for 1858, which accompanied His Excellency's Message, No. 2, of 14 August last, being read), to move, That the request contained in His Excellency the Governor General's Message, No. 4, be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied His Message, No. 2, of 14 August last.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill ; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
4. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 4, requesting return of the Estimates for 1858.
5. Opium Duty Bill ; third reading.
6. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
7. River Murray Customs Bill ; third reading.
8. Government Railways Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30,

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, that on Tuesday next, this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000, for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug, (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
2. MR. FAUCETT to move, That Mr. Murray and Mr. Martin be appointed Members of the Select Committee to consider and report on the St. John's College Bill.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force relating to diseases in Sheep.
4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the following Papers be referred to the Select Committee for investigating the present Laws relating to Scab :—
 

Return relative to Scab in Sheep Act, 1854 ;	printed 21st June, 1855.
"    "    "    "	printed 3rd July, 1855.
"    "    "    "	printed 5th July, 1855.
Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements, 1855 ;	printed 3rd June, 1856.
Sheep Assessment and Compensation Returns ;	printed 11th March, 1857.
"    "    "    "	printed 13th March, 1857.

 with a view of exposing the contradictions contained in these documents, and of ascertaining the inequality of the working of the present Acts.
5. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the conduct of an Honorable Member of this House, The Honorable and Learned Member for the North Riding of Cumberland, Mr. Darvall, in imputing perjury to the Honorable Member for New England and Macleay, in certain legal proceedings at Maitland, was highly improper, and deserves the censure of this House.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition of certain Chinamen, praying relief in the matter of some Gold Dust seized for non-payment of duty, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
7. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Pyrmont Bridge Company to authorize additional works by the Company.
8. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their works beyond the limits of the City of Sydney.

9. 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, a copy of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and Mr. Edward Salamon, with reference to a claim by the latter for compensation, on account of a deficiency in land in Barrack Square, purchased by him from the Government.
10. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to explain and extend the provisions of the Act 1 Will. IV c. 47, intituled "*An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws for facilitating the payment of debts out of Real Estate.*"
11. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the late disastrous shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson, with power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. J. Campbell, Dalley, Cowper, Flood, Gordon, Hargrave, Oxley, Hay, and Scott.
12. MR. PIDDINGTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.*"
13. MR. DALLEY to move,—
  - (1.) That the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Forster.
14. MR. PARKER to move, That no meeting of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment having been called by reason of the change in the Administration since its appointment on 27th August last, the said Committee be now discharged.
15. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names of the overseers and men employed during the Months of June, July, and August last, upon the repair of the Roads at Singleton and its vicinity, under the control of W. C. Collett; and also a Return of the several payments made to the men employed, distinguishing the names of the different persons, the sums paid to them, and the work for which payment has been made.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Timber Cutting Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Submarine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australasia.  
(1.) Mr. Jones moved, without previous notice, that the 17th Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition, partly in writing, and partly in print, which, being from persons residing in London, cannot otherwise be presented in the present Session.  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon 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 for the establishment of a direct independent line of Submarine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and the Australasian Colonies.  
Petition received.
2. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Martin, on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.
4. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Jones 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. Jones, 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.
5. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill Reported:—Mr. Jones moved, That the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. Withdrawal of Estimates for 1858:—The Governor General's Message No. 4 requesting the return of the Estimates for 1858 which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 2 of the 14th August last, having been read, on Motion of Mr. Jones, Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the request contained in His Excellency the Governor General's Message, No. 4, be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied His Message, No. 2, of 14th August last.  
Question put and passed.
7. Opium Duty 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 for granting a Duty of Customs on Opium.*"  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon Mr. Jones 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 granting a Duty of Customs on Opium,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

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8. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Jones 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.
9. River Murray Customs 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 legalize a new arrangement respecting Customs Duties on Goods imported into New South Wales, through South Australia by way of the River Murray.*"  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon, Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—  
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Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th October, 1857.*

- Question put and passed.
10. Government Railways Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next
11. Lotteries Further Restraining Bill:—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the Paper.  
The House adjourned at Two minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move, that on Tuesday next, this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000, for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug, (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.
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7. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Pyrmont Bridge Company to authorize additional works by the Company.
8. MR. DALLEY to move, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their works beyond the limits of the City of Sydney.
9. 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, a copy of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and Mr. Edward Salamon, with reference to a claim by the latter for compensation, on account of a deficiency in land in Barrack Square, purchased by him from the Government.

10. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to explain and extend the provisions of the Act I Will. IV c. 47, intituled "*An Act for consolidating and amending, the Laws for facilitating the payment of debts out of Real Estate.*"
11. MR. ARNOLD to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the late disastrous shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson, with power to send for persons and papers.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. J. Campbell, Dalley, Cowper, Flood, Gordon, Hargrave, Oxley, Hay, and Scott.
12. MR. PIDDINGTON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.*"
13. MR. DALLEY to move,—  
 (1.) That the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Forster.
14. MR. PARKER to move, That no meeting of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment having been called by reason of the change in the Administration since its appointment on 27th August last, the said Committee be now discharged.
15. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names of the overseers and men employed during the Months of June, July, and August last, upon the repair of the Roads at Singleton and its vicinity, under the control of W. C. Collett; and also a Return of the several payments made to the men employed, distinguishing the names of the different persons, the sums paid to them, and the work for which payment has been made.
16. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition in reference to the establishment of a Submarine Line of Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australasia, be printed.
17. MR. HAY to move,—  
 (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.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Flood, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Gordon.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Timber Cutting Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill; third reading.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill; third reading.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- 1 MR. ARNOLD to move,—
    - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
    - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
    - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponement:—Mr. Parker postponed the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
2. Steam Tug for Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday next, this House will 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 place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, a sum not exceeding £12,000, for the purpose of purchasing a powerful Steam Tug, (with all necessary appliances) for the Port of Newcastle. The boat to be constructed upon the latest and most approved principle.  
Mr. Jones moved the Previous Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
3. St. John's College Bill Committee:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Murray and Mr. Martin be appointed Members of the Select Committee to consider and report on the St. John's College Bill.  
Question put and passed.
4. Diseases in Sheep Laws Consolidation Bill:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force relating to diseases in Sheep.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill;—  
And Mr. Rusden having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for better preventing the extension of disease in Sheep*," read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Papers be referred to the Select Committee for investigating the present Laws relating to Scab:—
 

Return relative to Scab in Sheep Act, 1854;	printed 21st June, 1855.
"    "    "	printed 3rd July, 1855.
"    "    "	printed 5th July, 1855.
Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements, 1855;	printed 3rd June, 1856.
Sheep Assessment and Compensation Returns;	printed 11th March, 1857.
"    "    "	printed 13th March, 1857.

 with a view of exposing the contradictions contained in these documents, and of ascertaining the inequality of the working of the present Acts.  
Question put and passed.
6. Question of Order:—Mr. T. G. Rusden offering to make the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, the Speaker said, the motion of which the Honorable Member had given notice could not be entertained otherwise than as it might be found to concern the Privileges or orderly conduct of the Business of the House;—A Question of Privilege he apprehended it could not be considered, inasmuch as it has no reference whatever to any Proceedings in this House, or to the conduct of any Member of this House in relation to any Proceedings in this House, or to the conduct or language of any person not being a Member of this House in connection with any Proceedings in this House;—nor did he apprehend it could be considered a Question of Order, for Questions of Order are those which arise and are determined instantly in the House. He would therefore rule, and probably the House would agree, that the motion the Honorable Gentleman proposed to make is not in order and cannot be entertained,  
And the House acquiescing,—  
The subject dropped.

7. Seizure of Gold Dust:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Chinamen, praying relief in the matter of some Gold Dust seized for non-payment of duty, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Pymont Bridge Company:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Pymont Bridge Company to authorize additional works by the Company.  
Question put and passed;—  
And Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from George Allen, Robert Archibald Alison Morehead, John Taylor, John Fairfax, and Walter Beames, Directors and Proprietors of the said Company, praying leave to introduce the said Bill.
9. Australian Gas Light Company:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Australian Gas Light Company to extend their works beyond the limits of the City of Sydney.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Land in Barrack Square:—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, a copy of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and Mr. Edward Salomon, with reference to a claim by the latter for compensation, on account of a deficiency in land in Barrack Square, purchased by him from the Government.  
Question put and passed.
11. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to explain and extend the provisions of the Act 1 Will. IV c. 47, intituled "*An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws for facilitating the payment of debts out of Real Estate.*"  
Question put and passed; *Ordered* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Late Shipwrecks at the entrance to Port Jackson:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to amended notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the causes of the late disastrous shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson, with power to send for persons and papers, with a view to the prevention of similar disasters in future.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. J. Campbell, Dalley, Jones, Flood, Gordon, Hargrave, Oxley, Hay, and Scott.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the causes of the late disastrous shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson, with power to send for persons and papers, with a view to the prevention of similar disasters in future—put and passed.  
Question (2.)—That such Committee consist of Messrs. J. Campbell, Dalley, Jones, Flood, Gordon, Hargrave, Oxley, Hay, and Scott—put and passed.
13. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 14th year of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the continuation of a Tramroad from Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle.*"  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
14. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice,—  
(1.) That the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Forster.  
Question—(1.) That the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee—put and passed.  
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Weekes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Forster—put and passed.
15. Repair to Roads at Singleton:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names of the overseers and men employed during the Months of June, July, and August last, upon the repair of the Roads at Singleton and its vicinity, under the control of W. C. Collett; and also a Return of the several payments made to the men employed, distinguishing the names of the different persons, the sums paid to them, and the work for which payment has been made.  
Question put and passed.
16. Submarine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and Australasia:—Mr. Donaldson having withdrawn the motion standing in his name sixteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day,—  
Mr. Cowper moved, That all Proceedings in this House yesterday, in reference to the presentation and reception of a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill for establishing a Line of Submarine Electric Telegraph between Great Britain and the Australasian Colonies, be now rescinded, as having been inadvertently taken in contravention of the provisions of the Standing Orders regulating the introduction of Private Bills.  
Question put and passed.

17. Alluvial Lands of the Hunter :—Mr. Hay moved pursuant to 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.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Flood, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Gordon.
- Question—(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—put and passed.
- Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Flood, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Gordon—put and passed.
18. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Piddington 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, intituled, “ *A Bill further to amend an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize the continuation of a Tramroad from ‘Burwood to the Wharf at Newcastle,’* ” read a first time.
19. Postponement :—The second reading of the Crown Timber Cutting Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Irving, until Tuesday next.
20. Impounding Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
21. Postponements :—
- (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Tuesday next.
- (2.) The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Jamison, until Friday next.
22. Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill, on the motion of Mr. Jones, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Jones then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “ *An Act to consolidate certain ‘Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans.’* ”
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Jones 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 consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans,’* ” begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Speaker.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30 October, 1857.*
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON 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 the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.
2. MR. PARKER to move, That no meeting of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment having been called, by reason of the change in the Administration since its appointment on 27th August last, the said Committee be now discharged.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petitions relative to the destruction of sheep under the Scab Acts, (which were ordered to be printed by this House on the 9th and the 23rd of January last), be referred to the Committee on the Scab and Catarrh Acts.
4. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the report of Assistant Surveyor Haeger, relative to the Kimo Road, near Gundagai.
5. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,
  - (1.) That the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Flood, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. T. G. Rusden.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Diseases in Sheep Laws Consolidation Bill ; second reading.
2. Crown Timber Cutting Bill ; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Government Railways Bill ; third reading.

## Questions :—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government took any security for the due performance of the Contract for erecting the Electric Telegraph to Albury, and if so, whether, as the Contractor has failed to carry out the undertaking, they intend taking steps for the recovery of the amount?
2. MR. R. CAMPBELL to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any Despatches have been received by His Excellency the Governor General from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the subject of Pensions payable by this Government, on political grounds or otherwise?
3. MR. COX to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate for the District of Wellington, in accordance with a petition from the Inhabitants of Wellington and Montefiore, and if so, when it is probable the appointment will be made?
4. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1) What steps are being taken by Government towards defining the Provisional Boundary between the Colony of New South Wales and Moreton Bay, referred to in a Despatch bearing date July 13th, 1857, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor General?
  - (2) When the Government will be prepared to show what amount of the existing debt of the whole Colony, will, in their opinion, be properly chargeable to the Moreton Bay District?
5. MR. HAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1) Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce in the New Land Bill, any provision by which the case of lands now under lease for 14 years, but required for Public Sale, will be met?
  - (2) Whether the difficulty which has arisen with respect to the lands surveyed at the Eight Mile and Twelve Mile Creeks, near Albury, will remain for settlement till the passing of a Land Act, or whether the Government propose to remove it by any immediate Legislative or Executive action?

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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published ; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill ; second reading.

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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
    - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
    - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
    - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered,* That there be a Call of the House to-day.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Estimates for 1858, in substitution for those withdrawn:—  
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON,

*Message No. 6.*

*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, Estimates of Expenditure for the Year 1858, in substitution for those submitted with His Excellency's Message of August last, No 2.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 3 November, 1857.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. Steam Postal Service *via* Panama:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General, the Address on the subject of the Steam Postal Service *via* Panama voted by the House on the 28th October last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:—

The Governor General will cause the necessary measures to be taken to carry into effect, with as little delay as possible, the arrangement for the Establishment of a Monthly Steam Postal Service between England and Sydney, *via* Panama and New Zealand.

W. DENISON,

*Govt. House,*

*Novr. 3, 1857.*

THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill:—Mr. Dalley having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to explain and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act for consolidating and amending the laws for facilitating the 'payment of debts out of Real Estate,'*" read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. Road at the Upper Branch of the Macdonald River:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Farmers of that part of the Macdonald River District known as Upper Branch, representing the deplorable state of the road from the Township of St. Alban's, and praying that a new line of road may be surveyed and laid out forthwith. Petition received.
5. Pymont Bridge Company:—Mr. Dalley having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* Newspapers, containing notice for four consecutive weeks in the months of July and August last, of the intention of the Pymont Bridge Company to apply for the Bill prayed for in their Petition presented on 30th October last,—  
Petition received.
6. Australian Gas Light Company:—Mr. Dalley, under suspension of the Standing Orders on the 30th ultimo, presented a Petition from James Mitchell, John Alexander, John Fairfax, and Ralph Mansfield, Directors and Proprietors of the Australian Gas Light Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Sydney Gas Light Company's Act,—  
And Mr. Dalley having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Empire*, Newspapers; containing notice for four consecutive weeks in the months of July and August last, of the intention of the Company to apply for the said Bill,—  
Petition received.

7. Navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers :—Mr. Thomson 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 cause the sum of £4,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, in accordance with a survey and estimate that have already been made under the authority of the Government.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
8. Secondary Punishment Committee :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That no meeting of the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment having been called, by reason of the change in the Administration since its appointment on 27th August last, the said Committee be now discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Darvall,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Lang,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

9. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep :—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petitions relative to the destruction of sheep under the Scab Acts, (which were ordered to be printed by this House on the 9th and the 23rd of January last), be referred to the Committee on the Scab and Catarrh Acts.  
Question put and passed.
10. Kimo Road, near Gundagai :—Mr. W. Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the report of Assistant Surveyor Haegge, relative to the Kimo Road, near Gundagai.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed ;—  
And Mr. Cowper having laid upon the Table the Return to the said Order ;—  
The same was ordered to be printed.
11. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—  
(1.) That the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Flood, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. T. G. Rusden, and Mr. Cowper.  
Question,—(1) That the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee,—put and passed.  
Question,—(2) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Flood, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. T. G. Rusden, and Mr. Cowper,—put and passed.
12. Diseases in Sheep Laws Consolidation Bill :—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, That this Bill be now “ read a second time.”  
Mr. Cox 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 Laws relating to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep.”  
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 now referred to the Select Committee on the Laws relating to Scab and Catarrh in Sheep,—put and passed.
13. Crown Timber Cutting Bill :—Mr. Irving moved, That this Bill be “ now ” read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “ now,” in order to add at the end the words “ this day three weeks.”  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Lang moved, That the Debate be adjourned until this day three weeks.  
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day three weeks,—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 the Bill with amendments, Mr. Arnold moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole be now adopted.
- Mr. Jones 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 re-consideration of Clauses 1, 23, and 24."
- Debate ensued.
- Question—That the words proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question,—put and negated ;—
- And the Amendment being stated, That in lieu of the words omitted, the proposed words be inserted ;—
- Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, That the proposed amendment be amended, by the omission of the word and figures "Clauses 1, 23, and 24," in order to insert in their place the words "all its Clauses."
- Question—That the words proposed to be omitted, stand part of the proposed amendment,—put and passed.
- 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, 23, and 24,—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 Thursday next.
15. **Postponements :**—
- (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until to-morrow.
  - (2.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Martin, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Martin, on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
  - (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
  - (4.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
16. **Government Railways 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 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. Jones 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, Speaker.  
Sydney, 3 November, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at Twenty-two minutes after Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- 1 Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the terms of the Contract for the conveyance of the Australian Mails by the European and Australian Mail Steam Packet Company have not been faithfully performed, and that the said Contract ought to be annulled.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that steps may be taken to give effect to the above Resolution.
3. Mr. G. MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Schedules of Tenders for the conveyance of Mails from Goulburn to Albury, from the 1st October, 1857; and copies of all Correspondence that has passed on the subject between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Board for opening Mail Tenders—the Colonial Secretary and the Postmaster General—the Colonial Secretary and the Sureties of the late Contractors—and the Colonial Secretary and the present Contractors;—with Copies of all other Papers connected with the subject.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.
2. Mr. DARVALL 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON,  
*Governor General.*

*Message No. 7.*

The Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State, in reply to the Despatches forwarding the Addresses from the Legislative Assembly of 30th December 1856 and 20th January 1857, on the subject of Government House and Domain at Parramatta.

It will be seen from this Despatch, that the Governor General understood the Instructions of the Secretary of State on the subject of the appropriation of the House and Domain in question, in the same manner in which they were understood by the authority from which they emanated; and that he was therefore justified in considering himself entitled to the same use and enjoyment of this property as had been accorded to his predecessors.

As, however, the Governor General stated in his reply to the Address of the Legislative Assembly of 30th December, 1856, that he was not only willing but desirous to waive all considerations of personal interest in this matter, so now, without acquiescing in any way in the view taken by the Legislative Assembly, that the rents and proceeds derived from the letting of the Government House and Domain at Parramatta are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, His Excellency is in no way desirous to agitate the question further.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 4 November 1857.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

2. Paper:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Statements of Account, having reference to the Ways and Means for the Year 1857–8:—
- (1.) Balance Sheet showing actual and estimated deficit of Revenue on 31 December, 1856, and 31 December, 1857, respectively.
  - (2.) Estimated Account Current of Revenue and Expenditure, carried on to 31 December, 1858.
  - (3.) Revenue and Receipts, from 1st January to 30 September, 1857.
  - (4.) Estimated Revenue and Receipts, from 1 October to 31 December, 1857.
  - (5.) Abstract of the Probable Revenues of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1858, with the same Estimate in detail annexed.
  - (6.) Loans Account—Balance Sheet from January to September, 1857.
  - (7.) Statement shewing the Total Debt of the Colony; the sums authorized to be raised by Loan under certain Acts; and the amounts raised under each of these Acts, on 31 October, 1857.
  - (8.) Statement of Estimated Revenue derivable from Land and Rents, and of the Estimated Expenses chargeable thereon for 1858.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. Papers:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board on the Pilot Service, with Minutes of Evidence.
  - (2.) Return to the Order in reference to the sale of Crown Lands in the Clarence and adjoining Districts, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Hargrave, on the 20th October last.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. Seizure of Gold Dust:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from A-on and A-Po, natives of China, residing in this Colony, representing that certain gold dust belonging to Petitioners and others, their countrymen, had been seized for non-payment of a duty which they were not aware the law required to be paid on gold exported, and praying relief.
- Petition received.

5. Postponement :—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Martin on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
6. Grant for Denominational and National Education :—Mr. Hay presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Parish of Sofala, praying that whatever grant may be made for Education in future, may be divided between the Denominational and National Boards, in proportion to the number of Children attending the Schools respectively under their control.  
Petition received.
7. Ways and means :—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 reported that the Committee had agreed to a Resolution, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
8. Members of other Colonial Legislatures :—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the proposed Resolution respecting the admission to the Refreshment Room and the Library of Members of other Colonial Legislatures, which was referred to them on 27th October last.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Postponements :—
  - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
  - (2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
  - (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cox, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
 The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill ; second reading.
2. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What the Government intend to do with respect to the erection of a Bridge over the Murray at Albury, as no sum has been placed on the Estimates for that purpose?
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to appoint a Police Magistrate at Wagga Wagga?
3. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intends to proceed with the erection of the Bridge, at Jugiong, as the further sum of £2,000, necessary for the completion of the work, has been withdrawn from the Estimates?
4. MR. WILSHIRE to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it be the intention of the Government, in adjusting the Public Debt properly chargeable to the Moreton Bay District, to require that district to pay any portion of the Political Pensions provided for in the Constitution Act, and the probable amount of Pensions provided for in the same Act on the retirement of the present Judges from office?

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published ; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.

2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—  
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House, the terms of the Contract for the conveyance of the Australian Mails by the European and Australian Mail Steam Packet Company have not been faithfully performed, and that the said Contract ought to be annulled.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that steps may be taken to give effect to the above Resolution.
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4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the letter on the *Acarus Scabiei* by Mr. C. Hilt-house, published in the *Lancet* of 11th July, 1857, together with the letter by Mr T. G. Rusden, suggesting that certain queries should be sent round to scientific men, with a request that they may report upon the same, be referred to the Select Committee on the Scab and Catarrh Acts.
5. MR. DALLEY to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Pyrmont Bridge Company to authorize additional Works by the Company.
6. MR. DALLEY to move, for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Australian Gas Light Company, to extend their Works beyond the limits of the City of Sydney.
7. MR. LANG to move, That the Petition of Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, praying compensation for Sheep destroyed under the provisions of the Scab Act, 18 Victoria, No. 26, and ordered to be printed on the 23rd October, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the working of that Act.
8. MR. ROBERTSON 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 between the Attorney General and the Muswellbrook Bench of Magistrates, relating to the question as to whether or not Mr. John Woodwood Bowman, J.P., sat as a Magistrate in a case between Mr. George Pearce Bowman, on behalf of his father Mr. George Bowman, and a hired servant in the employ of the last named gentleman.
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10. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain Chinamen, respecting the seizure of their Gold Dust for non-payment of the Export Duty, and praying relief, be printed.
11. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain residents at Sofala, praying that the Grant for Education may be distributed between the Denominational and National Boards, in proportion to the Scholars attending the Schools respectively under their control, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. BYRNES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to instruct the Colonial Architect to examine and Report upon the efficiency or non-efficiency of the Parramatta Dam, which has been constructed at so large an expense to the country; and whether it is their intention to place any amount of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of conveying the Water into the Town?
2. MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Voltaic Battery, lately imported, for deepening the Bar at the mouth of the Brisbane River, is likely to be devoted to that work; if not, if it be the intention of the Government to purchase the Dredging Machine and Punts, for which the sum of £10,450 was voted during the last Session of the late Council, for the purpose of performing the work in question?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.
2. MR. DARVALL 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- I MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 27.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1857.

There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Barker, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker, Mr. Pyc, Mr. Richardson, Mr. T. G. Rusden, 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.
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4. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to appoint a Police Magistrate at Wagga Wagga?
5. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intends to proceed with the erection of the Bridge, at Jugiong, as the further sum of £2,000, necessary for the completion of the work, has been withdrawn from the Estimates?
6. MR. WILSHIRE to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it be the intention of the Government, in adjusting the Public Debt properly chargeable to the Morceton Bay District, to require that district to pay any portion of the Political Pensions provided for in the Constitution Act, and the probable amount of Pensions provided for in the same Act on the retirement of the present Judges from office?

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.
2. MR. DARVAILL 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1 Mr. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Rocky River Gold Fields:—Mr. T. G. Rusden presented a Petition from certain Residents on the Rocky River Gold Fields, referring to the Electoral Franchise—the Duty on Gold—the Miner's Right—Chinese Immigration—the situation of the Court House—the necessity for the establishment of a National School—the place for Sale of Crown Lands—the Business Licenses,—and other matters in which they conceive themselves aggrieved, and praying that their representations may be taken into favorable consideration.  
Petition received.
2. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, certain Rules of Court made by His Honor the Resident Judge at Moreton Bay, dated 26th October, 1857.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement:—Mr. Buckley postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
4. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Return to the Order in reference to Repairs to Roads at Singleton, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on the 30th October last.
  - (2.) Correspondence respecting Main Thoroughfares.
  - (3.) Papers in completion of the Return to the Address in reference to the Reclamation of Land at the Head of Woolloomooloo Bay, adopted, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, on 28 November, 1856.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Breach of the Contract for the Conveyance of the Australian Mails:—Mr Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice,—
  - (1.) "That" in the opinion of this House, the terms of the Contract for the conveyance of the Australian Mails by the European and Australian Mail Steam Packet Company have not been faithfully performed, and that the said Contract ought to be annulled.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that steps may be taken to give effect to the above Resolution.
 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 following:—  
 "As the Postal Contract entered into by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company has hitherto been carried out in a very irregular and unsatisfactory manner, this House is of opinion that all the penalties should be strictly enforced."  
 (2.) That unless the Imperial Government can be thoroughly satisfied that in future the terms of the Contract will be faithfully and uniformly observed, this House is further of opinion that the Contract ought forthwith to be annulled.  
 (3.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that steps may be taken to give effect to these Resolutions."  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.  
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Lang,  
\*Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Thomson.  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. W. Macleay  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
\*Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 3.

Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.

\*So in Tellers' List.

Whereupon Question,—

(1.) That, as the Postal Contract entered into by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company has hitherto been carried out in a very irregular and unsatisfactory manner, this House is of opinion that all the penalties should be strictly enforced;—

(2.) That, unless the Imperial Government can be thoroughly satisfied that in future the terms of the Contract will be faithfully and uniformly observed, this House is further of opinion that the Contract ought forthwith to be annulled;—

(3.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that steps may be taken to give effect to these Resolutions;—put and passed.

6. Tenders for Conveyance of Mails from Yass to Albury:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Schedules of Tenders for the conveyance of Mails from Yass to Albury, from the 1st October, 1857; and copies of all Correspondence that has passed on the subject between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Board for opening Mail Tenders—the Colonial Secretary and the Postmaster General—the Colonial Secretary and the Sureties of the late Contractors—and the Colonial Secretary and the present Contractors;—with Copies of all other Papers connected with the subject.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. T. G. Rusden withdrew the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, That during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Messages from the Legislative Council were received:—
- (1.) Opium Duty Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for granting a Duty of Customs on Opium,*" without any Amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-2, *Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5 November, 1857.*

(2.) Trust Funds Security Bill:—

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

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-3, *Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5 November, 1857.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

9. Pymont Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Pymont Bridge Company to authorize additional Works by the Company.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered,* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of enabling the Directors of the Australian Gas Light Company, to extend their Works beyond the limits of the City of Sydney.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered,* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

11. **Pymont Bridge Company's Bill:**—Mr. Dalley 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 authorise additional Works by the Pymont Bridge Company, and to amend their Act of Incorporation,*" read a first time.
12. **Australian Gas Light Company's Bill:**—Mr. Dalley 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 amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act for Lighting with Gas the Town of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to enable certain persons Associated under the name, style, and firm of the Australian Gas Light Company, to sue and be sued in the name of the Secretary for the time being, of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' and for enabling the said Company to extend their Works into the Suburbs and Hamlets, beyond the Boundaries and Limits of the City of Sydney,*" read a first time.
13. **Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett:**—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Arthur Charles Bartlett, praying compensation for Sheep destroyed under the provisions of the Seab Act, 18 Victoria, No. 26, and ordered to be printed on the 23rd October, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the working of that Act.  
Question put and passed.
14. **John Woodwood Bowman, Esq., J.P.:**—Mr. Robertson 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 all correspondence between the Attorney General and the Muswellbrook Bench of Magistrates, relating to the question as to whether or not Mr. John Woodwood Bowman, J.P., sat as a Magistrate in a case between Mr. George Pearce Bowman, on behalf of his father Mr. George Bowman, and a hired servant in the employ of the last named gentleman.  
Question put and passed.
15. **Motion withdrawn:**—Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. **Seizure of Gold Dust:**—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain Chinamen, respecting the seizure of their Gold Dust for non-payment of the Export Duty, and praying relief, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
17. **Grant for Denominational and National Education:**—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain residents at Sofala, praying that the Grant for Education may be distributed between the Denominational and National Boards, in proportion to the Scholars attending the Schools respectively under their control, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
18. **Postponements:**—  
(1.) The second reading of the Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.  
(2.) The second reading of the Chinese Immigration Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Jamison, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
19. **Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition 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 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 six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That in the opinion of this House the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests.
2. **MR. DARVALL** 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.
3. **MR. T. G. RUSDEN** to move, That the petition from the Residents on the Rocky River Gold Fields, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
4. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That the Correspondence upon Prison Discipline, ordered to be printed on 16th December, 1856, and the Papers relating to Secondary Punishment, ordered to be printed on 11th August, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment now sitting.

5. MR. COWPER to move, That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the proposed Resolution in reference to admission to the Refreshment Room, and the Library, be now adopted by this House.
6. MR. ARNOLD to move, That the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, in reference to the necessity for further lights at the entrance to the harbour of Port Jackson, together with the Evidence taken thereon; also, the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, together with the Evidence taken thereon; also, the Report of Captain Pockley, on the Wreck of the "Dunbar," be referred to the Committee now sitting, to inquire into the causes of the late Shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of T. G. Rusden presented by Mr. Bowman on the 23rd November, 1855, and the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented by Mr. Rusden on the 4th December, 1855, in each case relative to the destruction of Sheep under the Scab Acts, be printed.
8. 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. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes.
9. 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 Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Impounding Bill; third reading.
4. Chinese Immigration Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. COWPER,—If it be the intention of the Government to continue the Line of Railway from Parramatta to Windsor or Richmond, simultaneously with the proposed branches of Railways to Penrith and Menangle?
2. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. COWPER,—If it be the intention of the Government to put up for sale the unreserved land of the Parramatta Domain, and, if so, when?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move (upon the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read) "That it be an instruction to the Committee not to enter into consideration of any item of expenditure proposed in the Estimates to cover Deficiencies caused by the Illegal Abstraction of Public Moneys from the Colonial Treasury, prior to the introduction of Responsible Government."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants Act of 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Despatches received by His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy during the year 1850, from the then Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Exiles landed at Moreton Bay during that year, from the ships "Mount Stuart Elphinstone" and "Bangalore."
2. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.

Question :

*Question:—*

1. MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any intention of giving effect to the Votes of this House, relative to the erection of a Court and Watch House at West Maitland, as the first vote for this object was passed in 1851, the second in 1852, and the third in 1856, while; up to the present period, no steps have been taken to carry the same into effect.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD *to move*,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Breach of the Contract for the Conveyance of the Australian Mails:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address in reference to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Contract for the Conveyance of the Australian Mails is carried out by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

In accordance with the request contained in the Address which has just been presented, I will communicate to the Secretary of State the Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on the 6th instant, with reference to the irregular and unsatisfactory fulfilment of the Postal Contract by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company.

W. DENISON.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 9 November, 1857.*

2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers:—  
(1.) Despatch transmitting Correspondence on the establishment of Institutions of a Federal character for the Colonies.  
(2.) Letter from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Victoria, transmitting certain Resolutions, together with the Report of a Select Committee, of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, on the subject of a federal union of the Colonies.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Member Sworn:—James Dickson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Northumberland Boroughs
4. Paper:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, in reference to additional Light Houses for Port Jackson.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Position of the Judges in the Legislature:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council is calculated to have an injurious effect upon the public interests. Mr. Martin moved the Previous Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Previous Question put, Shall this Question be now put?  
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.  
Mr. Forster,

Noes, 18.

Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. W. Macleay  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.  
Mr. Hay,

6. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Darvall not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
7. Burwood Tramroad continuation Act amendment Bill, and Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from J. E. Stacy, Warden of Newcastle, on behalf of himself and certain Inhabitants of the City of

- of Newcastle, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that sufficient provision be made in these Bills for the protection of the public convenience as regards the Maitland Road and the Lake Macquarie Road, before they be allowed to pass into Law. Petition received, and referred to the Select Committees on these Bills.
8. Rocky River Gold Fields:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the petition from the Residents on the Rocky River Gold Fields, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Prison Discipline and Secondary Punishment:—Mr Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Correspondence upon Prison Discipline, ordered to be printed on 16th December, 1856, and the Papers relating to Secondary Punishment, ordered to be printed on 11th August, 1857, be referred to the Select Committee on Secondary Punishment now sitting.  
Question put and passed.
10. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Flood withdrew the *Contingent* Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow—The Speaker observing, as he did so, That it could not have been entertained because of its irregularity.
11. Members of other Colonial Legislatures:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the proposed Resolution in reference to admission to the Refreshment Room, and the Library, be now adopted by this House.  
Question put and passed.
12. Late Shipwrecks, Port Jackson:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, in reference to the necessity for further lights at the entrance to the harbour of Port Jackson, together with the Evidence taken thereon; also, the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, together with the Evidence taken thereon; also, the Report of Captain Pockley, on the Wreck of the "Dunbar," be referred to the Committee now sitting, to inquire into the causes of the late Shipwrecks at the entrance to the Harbour of Port Jackson.  
Question put and passed.
13. Destruction of Sheep under Scab Acts:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of T. G. Rusden presented by Mr. Bowman on the 23rd November, 1855, and the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented by Mr. Rusden on the 4th December, 1855, in each case relative to the destruction of Sheep under the Scab Acts, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. Postponements:—  
(1.) Mr. Jamison, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Dalley eighth and ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.  
(2.) The second reading of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
15. Church of England Temporalities 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 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, on motion of Mr. Arnold, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Arnold then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Impounding of Cattle.*"  
Question put and passed,—  
Whereupon Mr. Arnold 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.
- Speaker.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th November, 1857.*
- Question put and passed.
17. St. John's College Bill:—  
(1.) Mr. Faucett, 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 26th August last.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Faucett then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.
18. Chinese Immigration Bill:—Mr. Jamison moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.  
Mr. Weekes 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."  
Debate ensued.  
Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn.  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Jamison, discharged from the Paper.  
The House adjourned at a quarter after Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Masters' and Servants Act of 1857.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

## Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Whether the Government have under consideration a practicable mode of reducing, on any extensive scale, the enormous Departmental Expenditure of the Colony, and of instituting thorough and systematic reform in every branch of the Public Service?

(2.) Whether in such case the necessary inquiry is intended to be carried on by means of a Commission, or Select Committee of this House, and when such inquiry is likely to be commenced?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

## Question:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session, to move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the various Departments of the Government, in order that the result of their investigation may assist this House in dealing with the Estimates of 1859?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Despatches received by His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy during the year 1850, from the then Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Exiles landed at Moreton Bay during that year, from the ships "Mount Stuart Elphinstone" and "Bangalore."
2. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.
3. MR. DALLEY to move,—
  - (1.) That the Pymont Bridge Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes.
4. 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 Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
4. St. John's College Bill; second reading.

## Question:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any intention of giving effect to the Votes of this House, relative to the erection of a Court and Watch House at West Maitland, as the first vote for this object was passed in 1851, the second in 1852, and the third in 1856, while, up to the present period, no steps have been taken to carry the same into effect?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
2. 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 Treasury, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, on the 6th August, 1853, and a Report upon the said Accounts, ordered to be printed on the 13th March, 1857, with power to call for, and examine Books and Papers on the subject.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Piddington.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
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;—  
And Mr. Martin having presented the Bill, 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 on Tuesday next.
2. Postponements:—  
(1.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until this day week.  
(2.) The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.  
(3.) The third and fourth Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until the fifth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
3. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Jones 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 Friday next.
4. Postponement:—The Orders which stand three and four on the Paper for to-day, further postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.  
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

*Question:—*

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session, to move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the various Departments of the Government, in order that the result of their investigation may assist this House in dealing with the Estimates of 1859?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Despatches received by His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy during the year 1850, from the then Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Exiles landed at Moreton Bay during that year, from the ships "Mount Stuart Elphinstone" and "Bangalore."
2. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.

3. 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. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes.
4. 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 Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks.
5. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL 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 and Correspondence with reference to the case of A. I. Ormsby now undergoing sentence passed upon him at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in Sydney, addressed to the Executive Government, for a remission of punishment.
6. MR. DALLEY to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand as an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That Mr. Arnold and Mr. Robertson be appointed Members of the Select Committee, now sitting on Secondary Punishment and Prison Discipline, in room of Mr. Martin and Mr. Jones, whose seats in the House became vacant by acceptance of Office.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
4. St. John's College Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any intention of giving effect to the Votes of this House, relative to the erection of a Court and Watch House at West Maitland, as the first vote for this object was passed in 1851, the second in 1852, and the third in 1856, while, up to the present period, no steps have been taken to carry the same into effect?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
2. 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 Treasury, 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, and examine Books and Papers on the subject.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Piddington.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Grant for Education :—  
(1.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of Avisford, praying that any Grant for Educational purposes may be divided between the Denominational and National Boards in proportion to the number of Children attending the Schools respectively under their control.  
Petition received.  
(2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from certain members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of Tambaroora, with a similar prayer.  
Petition received.  
(3.) Mr. Suttor presented another Petition from certain members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of Taubaroora, with a similar prayer.  
Petition received.
2. Salaries of Clerks in the Public Service :—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Clerks in the Government Service of New South Wales, representing the insufficiency of their Salaries, and the injurious effects which have resulted from the annual unsettlement to which they have been of late years subjected, and praying the House to adopt such steps in redress as to them may seem meet.  
Petition received.
3. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
(1.) Return to the Order in reference to the Senate of the University of Sydney, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 20th ultimo.  
(2.) Return shewing the number of Acres of Land sold throughout the Colony since the introduction of the principle of sale.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Ways and Means :—On motion of Mr. Jones 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 obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next, brought up the following Resolution as agreed to in the Committee on the 4th instant :—  
(2.) Resolved that towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the Supplementary Service of the year 1857, the sum of £49,894 17s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
Mr. Jones moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.  
Question put and passed.
5. Main Roads 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 considered in Committee to-morrow.
6. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.  
The House adjourned at Ten minutes before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Despatches received by His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy during the year 1850, from the then Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Exiles landed at Moreton Bay during that year, from the ships "Mount Stuart Blphinstone" and "Bangalore."
2. 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 Despatches received by his Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 176, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.
3. 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. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes.
4. 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 Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks.
5. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL 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 and Correspondence with reference to the case of A. I. Ormsby now undergoing sentence passed upon him at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in Sydney, addressed to the Executive Government, for a remission of punishment.
6. MR. DALLEY to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Capital Punishment for Rape Abolition Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand as an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That Mr. Arnold and Mr. Robertson be appointed Members of the Select Committee, now sitting on Secondary Punishment and Prison Discipline, in room of Mr. Martin and Mr. Jones, whose seats in the House became vacant by acceptance of Office.
8. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday from the Clerks in the Public Service, representing the insufficiency of their Salaries, and the injurious effects which have resulted from the annual unsettlement to which they have been subjected, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; second reading.
3. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
4. St. John's College Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## Question:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any intention of giving effect to the Votes of this House, relative to the erection of a Court and Watch House at West Maitland, as the first vote for this object was passed in 1851, the second in 1852, and the third in 1856, while, up to the present period, no steps have been taken to carry the same into effect?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

2. 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 Treasury, 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, and examine Books and Papers on the subject.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Piddington.
3. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report, on Drainage, of Mr. Adams, a Surveyor; and also the Hunter River Flood Map,—in each case, of the present year.
4. Mr. DARVALL 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. Mr. BARKER to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any and what steps will be taken by the Government to remove the sand and drift recently accumulated in the navigable portion of the Hunter River?

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paper:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table, the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Board, on the loss of the ship "Catherine Adamson," within the Heads of Port Jackson.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Central Police Office Clerks; Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Clerks in the Department of the Central Police Office, in the City of Sydney, representing the disproportionate salaries given and proposed to be given to them as contrasted with the salaries given and proposed to be given to Clerks of lower grades in other Departments, and praying inquiry.  
Petition received.
3. Exiles Landed at Moreton Bay:—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Despatches received by His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy during the year 1850, from the then Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Exiles landed at Moreton Bay during that year, from the ships "Mount Stuart Elphinstone" and "Bangalore."  
Question put and passed.
4. Separation of Moreton Bay:—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 Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, from the 21st July, 1856, down to the present time—excepting Nos. 88 and 89, bearing date July 13th, 1857, respectively, already published; together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the same subject, and during the same period, excepting No. 170, bearing date November 11th, 1856, and No. 25, dated February 5th, 1857, already printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
5. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice,—  
(1.) That the Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes.  
Question—(1.) That the Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee—put and passed.  
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Weekes—put and passed.
6. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice,—  
(1.) That the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks.  
Question—(1.) That the Australian Gas Light Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee—put and passed.  
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Marks—put and passed.
7. A. I. Ormsby:—Mr. John Campbell 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 and Correspondence with reference to the case of A. I. Ormsby now undergoing sentence passed upon him at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in Sydney, addressed to the Executive Government, for a remission of punishment.  
Question put and passed.

8. Mr. Dalley withdrew the motion standing in his name, sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill, and Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill :—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from certain owners of property and residents in or near the City of Newcastle, representing the necessity for provision for protecting Petitioners' interests and the Public convenience, as respects the intersections of streets and roads contemplated under these Bills, and praying the House to take the premises into favorable consideration.  
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committees on these Bills.
10. Secondary Punishment Committee :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Arnold and Mr. Robertson be appointed Members of the Select Committee now sitting on Secondary Punishment and Prison Discipline, in room of Mr. Martin and Mr. Jones, whose seats in the House became vacant by acceptance of Office.  
Question put and passed.
11. Salaries of Clerks in the Public Service :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him yesterday from the Clerks in the Public Service, representing the insufficiency of their Salaries, and the injurious effects which have resulted from the annual unsettlement to which they have been subjected, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Postponement :—The second reading of the Trust Funds' Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.
13. 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 reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
14. Church of England Temporalities 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 an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of Eng and and Ireland, in New South Wales.'*"  
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 an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the the United Church of England and Ireland, in New South Wales,'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13 November, 1857.*
- Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
15. St. John's College 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 with an amendment,—  
Mr. Faucett moved, "That" the Report of this Bill, from the Committee of the whole, be now adopted.  
Mr. Dalley 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 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 re-committed, with a view to the further 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 on Tuesday next.
16. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported That whilst the House was in Committee on the St. John's College Bill, the following Messages from the Legislative Council were received :—  
(1.) River Murray Customs Bill :—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to legalize a new arrangement respecting Customs Duties on Goods imported into New South Wales through South Australia, by way of the River Murray,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-4.—*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 11 November, 1857.*

## (2.) Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "An Act to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans," without any Amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-5.—*Legislative Council Office,  
Sydney, 11 November, 1857.*

## (3.) Australian Federation —

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed certain Resolutions adopting the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Committee on Australian Federation, begs to transmit a copy of the said Resolutions to the Legislative Assembly, and invites its concurrence therein.

The Council also requests a conference with the Legislative Assembly, in order that the form of a joint Address to the Governor General, which has been agreed upon by the Legislative Council, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt the necessary measures for giving effect to the recommendations contained in the said Resolutions, may be communicated to the Assembly, and its concurrence therein obtained.

The following members have been appointed to be the Managers of the Conference on behalf of the Council, viz :—Sir William Westbrooke Burton, Knight, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lutwyche, and Mr. Deas Thomson, C.B.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-6.—*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13 November, 1857.*

17. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next, reported that the Committee had gone through the several items in the Additional Supplementary Estimate for 1857, and brought up the following Resolutions as agreed to in the Committee :—

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of an addition to the salaries of their Honors the Judges, for the year 1857.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £100 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1857.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £20 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Police in Country Districts, for the year 1857.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,500 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Government Printing and Bookbinding Department, for the year 1857.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £1,034 7s. 4d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Military Establishment, for the year 1857.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £1,500 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1857,—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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £5,300 to defray the Charge of Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1857,—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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,000 to defray the Supplementary Charge of Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1857.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £27 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Moreton Bay Court, for the year 1857.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £600 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Sheriff's Establishment, for the year 1857.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,800 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1857.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £6 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1857,—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.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £150 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, for the year 1857,—being Rent of Brig "Lady Mary," employed as a Temporary Floating Magazine from 1st July to 31st December.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £610 9s. 3d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board Establishment, for the year 1857.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £13,842 Ss. to defray the Supplementary Charge of Public Works and Buildings for the year 1857,—being £2,300 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.

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

Question put and passed.

18. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Main Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Tuesday next.

19. 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 reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on 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, NOVEMBER 17.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—

(1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.

(2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.

(3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

2. 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 Treasury, 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, and examine Books and Papers on the subject.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Piddington.

3. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report, on Drainage, of Mr. Adams, a Surveyor; and also the Hunter River Flood Map,—in each case, of the present year.

4. Mr. DARVALL 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.

5. Mr. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th instant from certain clerks in the Central Police Office, be printed.

6. Mr. ARNOLD to move, That the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the circumstances attending the wreck of the "Catherine Adamson," together with the evidence taken thereon, be referred to the Committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the late wrecks at the entrance to the harbour of Port Jackson.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. St. John's College Bill; third reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Main Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BARKER *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any and what steps will be taken by the Government to remove the sand and drift recently accumulated in the navigable portion of the Hunter River?

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Road between Wiseman's Ferry and Wollombi:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain residents in the Wollombi District, representing the obstruction to the traffic on the road between Wiseman's Ferry and Wollombi, occasioned by the number of trees which have fallen across the road during the recent gales, and praying the removal of such obstruction.  
Petition received.
2. Grant for Education:—Mr. Oxley presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the District of Berrima, praying that any Grant for Educational purposes may be divided between the Denominational and National Boards, in proportion to the number of Children attending the Schools respectively under their control.  
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table certain Papers, from the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, relating to Light, Pilot, and Harbour Dues.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Arnold postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
5. 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 Treasury, 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, and Mr. Richardson.  
Debate ensued.  
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 Treasury, 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,—put and passed.  
Question—(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, and Mr. Richardson,—put and passed.
6. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, that during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Messages from the Legislative Council were received:—  
(1.) Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enlarge the Council of St. Paul's College,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-7—*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13 November, 1857.*

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

(2.) Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable Charles Boydell, or the Trustees or Trustee for the time-being, under a certain Indenture of Settlement bearing date the second day of January, one thousand*"  
"eight."

"eight hundred and thirty-eight, made between James Mitchell and Georgina Hely of the first part, Gothe Kerr Mann of the second part, and Mary Hely of the third part, and Robert Scott and Charles Boydell of the fourth part, to sell and dispose of certain lands mentioned and referred to in the said Settlement, and to invest the money to arise from such sale in Government or real Securities, upon the Trusts of the said Settlement," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-8—Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13 November, 1857.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Parker, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

7. John Baxter, late Principal Messenger:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, representing his services and his supersession without notice, and without provision, and submitting himself to the House.  
Petition received.
8. Floods and Drainage—Hunter River:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report, on Drainage, of Mr. Adams, a Surveyor; and also the Hunter River Flood Map,—in each case, of the present year.  
Question put and passed.
9. Administrators of the Government:—Mr. Darvall 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 Despatch 178, of 17th November, 1856, from the Governor General to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of all other Despatches relative to the vesting of the power of the Governor General, during his absence, in three Administrators.  
Question put and passed.
10. Central Police Office Clerks:—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th instant from certain clerks in the Central Police Office, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Wreck of the "Catherine Adamson":—Mr. Arnold moved pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the circumstances attending the wreck of the "Catherine Adamson," together with the evidence taken thereon, be referred to the Committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the late wrecks at the entrance to the harbour of Port Jackson.  
Question put and passed.
12. Trust Funds Security Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
13. St. John's College Bill, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Faucett, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Dalley then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to incorporate Saint John's College as a College 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 incorporate Saint John's College as a College within the University of Sydney,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 17 November, 1857.*  
Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
14. Postponement:—The second reading of the Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
15. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. Jones 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 reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
16. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
17. Main Roads 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 ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
18. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.  
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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House to-day.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the consideration of the Message received from the Legislative Council, on the 13th instant, requesting a Conference to agree to a Joint Address on the subject of Australian Federation, stand an Order of the Day for the 24th instant.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) If any official intimation has been received of the Murder of the Frazer family, and others, by the Blacks in the Upper Dawson District?
  - (2.) If it is the intention of the Government to institute any inquiry into the causes which have led to this sacrifice of life, and also to ascertain where the Division of the Native Police for the protection of this District was at the time these murders were committed?
2. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Why the Resident Judge at Moreton Bay has been withdrawn?
  - (2.) If any steps have been taken by Government to fill the vacancy occasioned by His Honor Mr. Justice Milford being removed from that District?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DALLEY to move,—
  - (1.) That the Petition of John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
  - (2.) That it be an Instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report what provision ought to be made for Petitioner on his superannuation.
2. 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 all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Police Magistrate at the Central Police Office, Sydney, and between the Colonial Secretary and any Clerks of the said Police Department, relative to the promotion or advancement of Clerks in that Department for the last three years.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, praying the removal of obstructions on the Great Northern Road from Wiseman's Ferry to Wollombi, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether a Surveyor has been appointed for the Districts of Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, and Merriwa, in the room of Mr. Debenham, whose resignation was accepted by the Government some months since; or, whether any other steps have been taken to ensure the survey of the numerous parcels of the public land that have been applied for in those Districts?
2. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether, when recently letting the building called the "Government Stockade," at Newcastle, the provision for competition laid down in the Message of His Excellency the Governor General to the late Legislative Council, of date the 4th July, 1855, was carried out?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1 MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1857.

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 John Woodwood Bowman, Esquire, J. P., adopted, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on the 6th instant.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City and Suburbs of Newcastle, praying that this Bill may be allowed to pass into Law.

Petition received.

3. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Forster, as Chairman, brought up a Progress 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 ultimo.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Henry Parkes, of the City of Sydney, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain of the Citizens, held on the 16th instant, representing the principles on which a Land Bill should be based to satisfy the wants and wishes of the people, and praying the House to take the same into consideration.

Petition received.

5. Call of the House:—The Speaker having reported that he had received a letter from the Honorable Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, accompanied by a Medical Certificate, excusing his attendance upon the Call of the House ordered for to-day, on the ground of serious illness in a member of his family, and a letter from Francis Townsend Rusden, Esquire, excusing his attendance upon the same occasion, on the grounds of illness and unavoidable private business, and a letter from Gideon S. Lang, Esquire, excusing his attendance upon the same occasion, on the ground of illness,—

The Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, and pursuant to the order in that behalf made on the 28th ultimo, called over the names of the Members of the Assembly,— And all the Members having answered in their places, except the Honorable Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, Francis Townsend Rusden, Esquire, and Gideon S. Lang, Esquire, who had severally offered their excuses by letter to the Speaker,—

And the Honorable Robert Campbell, Esquire, Peter Faucett, Esquire, and Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, who had offered no excuse,—

*Ordered*, That the names of the Members absent without excuse offered be again called over at a later hour of the Day.

6. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Weckes,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Pyc,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Lec,  
Mr. W. Macleay  
Mr. Scott.  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Deniehy,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.  
Mr. Byrnes, }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Arnold,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Thomson, } Tell rs.  
Mr. Garland, }

Bill read a second time.

7. Call of the House :—The Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, called over the names of the Members who were absent without excuse offered when the names of the Members of the Assembly were called over earlier to-day, and those Members, viz. :—The Honorable Robert Campbell, Esquire, Peter Faucett, Esquire, and Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, having severally answered in their places,—  
Mr. Martin moved, That the excuses severally offered by the Honorable Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, Francis Townsend Rusden, Esquire, and Gideon S. Lang, Esquire, be accepted by this House.

Question put and passed

8. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That the Committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for "this day week."  
Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "this day week" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "at a later hour to-day."  
Debate ensued.  
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn ;  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Committal of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. St. John's College Bill :—The Speaker reported that during the Debate of the motion for the second reading of the Crown Lands Bill, the following Message from the Legislative Council was received :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council requests that a printed Copy of the Report of the Select Committee on St. John's College Bill be forwarded to the Council together with a copy of the Evidence taken by the Committee.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-9—*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18 November, 1857.*

Whereupon Mr. Dalley moved, That a Copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of this House on the St. John's College Bill, be communicated with the following Message 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 "*A Bill to incorporate St. John's College as a College within the University of Sydney,*" as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 18th instant.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18 November, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

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

11. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
12. 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 reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
13. Australian Federation :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the consideration of the Message received from the Legislative Council, on the 13th instant, requesting a Conference to agree to a Joint Address on the subject of Australian Federation, stand an Order of the Day for the 24th instant.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Crown Lands Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—  
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be now adopted by this House.  
(2.) That that Committee be now discharged, and its duties and powers in regard to the said Bill transferred to the Select Committee on the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill,—together with the Bill itself, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before, and the documents referred to, the original Committee.
2. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.

### Questions :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) If any official intimation has been received of the Murder of the Frazer family, and others, by the Blacks in the Upper Dawson District?  
(2.) If it is the intention of the Government to institute any inquiry into the causes which have led to this sacrifice of life, and also to ascertain where the Division of the Native Police for the protection of this District was at the time these murders were committed?
2. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Why the Resident Judge at Moreton Bay has been withdrawn?  
(2.) If any steps have been taken by Government to fill the vacancy occasioned by His Honor Mr. Justice Milford being removed from that District?

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DALLEY to move,—  
(1.) That the Petition of John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.  
(2.) That it be an Instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report what provision ought to be made for Petitioner on his superannuation.
2. 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 all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Police Magistrate at the Central Police Office, Sydney, and between the Colonial Secretary and any Clerks of the said Police Department, relative to the promotion or advancement of Clerks in that Department for the last three years.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant praying the removal of obstructions on the Great Northern Road from Wiseman's Ferry to Wollombi, be printed.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the petition presented by him on the 18th instant, praying the passing of the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on that Bill.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether a Surveyor has been appointed for the Districts of Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, and Merriwa, in the room of Mr. Debenham, whose resignation was accepted by the Government some months since; or, whether any other steps have been taken to ensure the survey of the numerous parcels of the public land that have been applied for in those Districts?
2. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether, when recently letting the building called the "Government Stockade," at Newcastle, the provision for competition laid down in the Message of His Excellency the Governor General to the late Legislative Council, of date the 4th July, 1855, was carried out?
3. MR. LORD *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the crossing place on the Macquarie River, known as Butler's Falls, has been declared a public crossing place, if not, why not?

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill; second reading.
3. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD *to move*,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Laws affecting Freed Convicts:—Mr. Darvall presented a Petition from Matthew Rieley, of Hobart Town, in Tasmania, formerly called Van Diemen's Land, praying the House to address Her Majesty, for the repeal of those laws passed by the Imperial Parliament, and by the Legislature of the Colony of Victoria, which injuriously affect the personal liberty of the freed subjects of Her Majesty in these Colonies.  
Petition received.
2. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Tuesday next.
3. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Martin 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. Forster moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Orders on the Paper for that day.  
Debate continued.  
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Orders on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.
4. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
5. 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 reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—  
(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be now adopted by this House.  
(2.) That that Committee be now discharged, and its duties and powers in regard to the said Bill transferred to the Select Committee on the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill,—together with the Bill itself, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before, and the documents referred to, the former Committee.  
Question,—(1.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill be now adopted by this House,—put and passed.  
Question,—(2.) That that Committee be now discharged, and its duties and powers in regard to the said Bill transferred to the Select Committee on the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill,—together with the Bill itself, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before, and the documents referred to, the former Committee,—put and passed.
7. Motion dropped:—Mr. Dalley not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
The House adjourned at Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DALLEY to move,—  
(1.) That the Petition of John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.  
(2.) That it be an Instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report what provision ought to be made for Petitioner on his superannuation.
2. 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 all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Police Magistrate at the Central Police Office, Sydney, and between the Colonial Secretary and any Clerks of the said Police Department, relative to the promotion or advancement of Clerks in that Department for the last three years.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant praying the removal of obstructions on the Great Northern Road from Wiseman's Ferry to Wollombi, be printed.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the petition presented by him on the 18th instant, praying the passing of the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on that Bill.
5. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That it is desirable, for the purpose of saving time and of expediting business, and to afford the different constituencies an opportunity of knowing in what manner their respective representatives treated the important question of the management of the Public Lands, that this House should arrive at a distinct declaration of its opinion, and should come to a separate division on each of the following propositions or principles :—
  1. On the propriety, or impossibility, of obtaining any just classification of the Public Lands.
  2. On the propriety or expediency of lowering the price of Land to 5s., or to any other particular sum.
  3. On the Auction system, and the propriety of continuing it without any modification.
  4. On the justice or propriety of placing any, and what, Assessment on Stock.
  5. On the Pre-emptive Right, particularly on that said to belong to the Squatters.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, " That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, " for consideration of the Crown Lands Bill."

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill ; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
2. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether a Surveyor has been appointed for the Districts of Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, and Merriwa, in the room of Mr. Debenham, whose resignation was accepted by the Government some months since ; or, whether any other steps have been taken to ensure the survey of the numerous parcels of the public land that have been applied for in those Districts ?
2. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether, when recently letting the building called the " Government Stockade," at Newcastle, the provision for competition laid down in the Message of His Excellency the Governor General to the late Legislative Council, of date the 4th July, 1855, was carried out ?
3. MR. LORD to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the crossing place on the Macquarie River, known as Butler's Falls, has been declared a public crossing place, if not, why not ?
4. MR. BUCKLEY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Why the Resident Judge at Moreton Bay has been withdrawn ?  
(2.) If any steps have been taken by Government to fill the vacancy occasioned by His Honor Mr. Justice Milford being removed from that District ?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DARVALL to move, That the Petition of Matthew Riely, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying the House to address the Queen for the repeal of those Imperial and Colonial Laws which injuriously affect the personal liberty of Her Majesty's freed subjects, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill; second reading.
3. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Assent to Opium Duty Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—  

W. DENISON,  
*Governor General.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act for granting a Duty of Customs on Opium,*" 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, 20 November, 1857.*

*Message No. 8.*
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers;—
  - (1) The Postmaster General's Report for the year 1856.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Further Return to the Order, in reference to Tenders for Lines of Railway and Electric Telegraph, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on 14th August last.
3. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from certain landed proprietors, householders, and residents of the District of Raymond Terrace, praying the House not to assent to the principles of this Bill.  
Petition received.
4. Motions Dropped:—Mr. Dalley not moving the motions standing in his name first and second on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
5. Road between Wiseman's Ferry and Wollombi:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, praying the removal of obstructions on the Great Northern Road from Wiseman's Ferry to Wollombi, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the petition presented by him on the 18th instant, praying the passing of the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on that Bill.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. T. G. Rusden withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Grant for Education:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, praying that no change may be made in the mode of distributing State Grants for Educational purposes until a general system be established.  
Petition received.
9. Crown Lands Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill,—resumed.  
Mr. Hay moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.  
Question,—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day,—put and passed.  
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes to Eleven o'clock, until, Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, "for consideration of the Crown Lands Bill."

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DARVALL to move, That the Petition of Matthew Riely, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying the House to address the Queen for the repeal of those Imperial and Colonial Laws which injuriously affect the personal liberty of Her Majesty's freed subjects, be printed.
2. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th instant, from certain Residents at Raymond Terrace, praying the House not to pass the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
3. MR. SCOTT to move, That Mr. Forster's name be added to the Select Committee on the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill.
4. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, presented by him on the 20th instant, praying that no change may be made in the distribution of the Grant in aid of Education until a general system be established, be printed.
5. MR. DALLEY to move,—
  - (1.) That the Petition of John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.
  - (2.) That it be an Instruction to the Standing Orders' Committee to consider and report what provision ought to be made for Petitioner on his superannuation.
6. 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 all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Police Magistrate at the Central Police Office, Sydney, and between the Colonial Secretary and any Clerks of the said Police Department, relative to the promotion or advancement of Clerks in that Department for the last three years.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill; second reading.
3. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.
4. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; second reading.
6. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Main Roads Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 37.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1857.

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. Assent to Bills :—

(1.) River Murray Customs Bill :—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 9.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to legalize a new arrangement respecting Customs' Duties on Goods imported into New South Wales through South Australia by way of the River Murray,*" 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, 1857.*

(2.) Public Loans Acts Consolidation Bill :—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 10.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate certain Acts for the raising and application of Public Loans,*" 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, 1857.*

2. Treasury Bills :—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 11.*

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding Four hundred thousand pounds, for carrying on Public Works already sanctioned by the Legislature, and for paying off Debentures falling due next year; and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor General submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision may be made accordingly.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 24 November, 1857.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Jones, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

2. Paper :—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table a Statement of Expenditure chargeable upon Loans.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Member Sworn :—Patrick Leslie, Esquire, having taken the oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, Maranoa, Port Curtis, and Leichhardt.
4. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from W. M. Liny, on behalf of the Morpeth Working Men's Political Association, representing that the evils of the present management of the Crown Lands of the Colony will not be remedied by the Bill now before the House, and setting forth the principles Petitioner would wish embodied in any Land Bill which should pass into Law, and praying that the same may be taken into consideration.  
Petition received.
5. Albury Grievances :—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury, representing certain grievances in the matter of a Bridge across the Murray, for the erection of which they state they have prayed in vain, and in regard to the sale of land in the immediate neighbourhood of Albury, for which they state they have also prayed in vain, and once more praying that these matters may receive due consideration.  
Petition received.
6. Grant for Education :—Mr. Cox presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of Mudgee, 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.
7. Crown Lands Bill :—
  - (1.) Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from Henry Parkes, of the City of Sydney, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain of the Citizens, held on the 23rd instant, embodying certain Resolutions passed at such meeting in regard to this Bill, and praying that the same may be taken into consideration.  
Petition received.
  - (2.) Mr. Hargrave presented a Petition from certain Graziers holding Squatting Licenses, in the Macleay River District, praying that the Assessment on Stock contemplated under this Bill, may not be imposed as regards Stock in the Macleay District.  
Petition received.
  - (3.) Mr. Darvall presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Land Proprietors, and Occupiers of Crown Lands, embodying certain Resolutions in relation to Crown Lands, adopted at a Public Meeting held at Sydney, on the 16th instant, and praying that the same be embodied in the Crown Lands Bill now before the House.  
Petition received.
8. Allowance to Jurors :—Mr. Deniehy presented a Petition from certain persons liable to serve on Common Juries at Circuit Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions held at Goulburn, praying increased remuneration to Jurors.  
Petition received.
9. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 6 August, 1857, No. 99, on the subject of Cotton produced in the Islands of the South Pacific.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Crown Lands Bill :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill,—resumed.  
Motion made by Mr. Cox, and Question—That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day—put and passed.
11. Motion dropped :—Mr. Darvall not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th instant, from certain Residents at Raymond Terrace, praying the House not to pass the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Forster's name be added to the Select Committee on the Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill.  
Question put and passed.
14. Grant for Education :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, presented by him on the 20th instant, praying that no change may be made in the distribution of the Grant in aid of Education until a general system be established, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. John Baxter, late Principal Messenger :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice,—
  - (1.) That the Petition of John Baxter, late Principal Messenger to this House, presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) That it be an Instruction to the Standing Orders' Committee to consider and report what provision ought to be made for Petitioner on his superannuation.  
Question put and passed.

16. 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 all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Police Magistrate at the Central Police Office, Sydney, and between the Colonial Secretary and any Clerks of the said Police Department, relative to the promotion or advancement of Clerks in that Department for the last three years.  
Question put and passed.
17. Crown Timber Cutting Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, that the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Irving, that this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks,"—be "discharged from the Paper."  
Mr. Gordon moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "discharged from the Paper," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "postponed until this day week."  
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 the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks,"—be postponed until this day week,—put and passed.
18. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Parker, 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.
19. Postponements :—  
(1.) The consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council requesting a conference on Australian Federation postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until this day week.  
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.
20. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College 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 Tuesday next.
21. Postponements :—  
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Thursday next.  
(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
22. Main Roads Bill Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.
23. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.  
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Crown Lands Bill."

### NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*) the following Resolutions :—  
(1.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted or to be granted to Her Majesty for services to be defrayed by means of any Loan or Loans already authorized, or which in the present Session may be authorized to be raised for that purpose under any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Colony, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury, for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £400,000.

(2.)

(2.) Resolved, That the principal sum or sums of money to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of equivalent or larger amounts raised by way of Loan under authority of any or either of the Acts aforesaid, or out of any grant or grants in that behalf made or to be made in the present or next succeeding Session; and that the Interest on such principal sum or sums of money, which shall not exceed the rate of fourpence per centum per diem, shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of money which shall be or come to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, in the year 1858 or in the next succeeding year.

(3.) Resolved, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be paid to the credit and form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

(4.) Resolved, That at any time after Twelve Calendar Months from their respective dates such Treasury Bills, or so many of them as may from time to time remain undischarged and uncancelled, shall be taken and pass and be current for the principal sum and Interest they respectively contain and represent in all payments whatsoever required to be made to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HELY 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 His Excellency to place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, the sum of £150 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate Mr. David Cross for the loss of Buildings formerly erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry, on the Hawkesbury River.
2. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
3. MR. DENIEHY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, praying increased remuneration to Jurors, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill; third reading.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, relative to the building of a Bridge over the Murray, and the sale of Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Albury, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
  - (1.) That it is essential to the welfare and true advancement of the Colony, that in any law for the administration of the Public Lands, provision should be made to facilitate the immediate occupation thereof, without delay for survey or otherwise.
  - (2.) That, to carry out the same, it is desirable that, irrespective of any other modes of sale of such lands, one should be established warranting the sale thereof, without competition, but with conditions for residence on and improvement of the lands, and for partially deferred payments of the purchase money thereof.
3. MR. HAKGRAVE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Assessment on Stock contemplated under the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
5. MR. DARVAL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY 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 the sum of £3,420 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of making a road under Kimo Hill, near Gundagai.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.
3. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; third reading.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 38.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member sworn :--The Honorable 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. Paper :--Mr. Jones laid upon the Table Copy of a Despatch transmitting Copy of a Report from the Master of the Mint, in London, on the Weight and Fineness of the Gold Coined at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Crown Lands Bill :--The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill,—resumed.  
Mr. Scott moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.  
Debate continued,—  
Motion for adjournment of the Debate by leave withdrawn.  
Debate continued,—  
Motion made by Mr. Byrnes, and Question put,—That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Denchey,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.  
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. W. Macleay  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Faucett, } Tellers.  
Mr. Leslie, }

## 4. Postponements :--

- (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.
- (2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow, with his notice of motion to be moved in the Committee.
- (3.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

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5. 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 reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Postponements:—  
(1.) Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Hely, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hely first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.  
(2.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Dalley second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.  
(3.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Denichy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Denichy third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
7. Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Parker, read a third time, and *passed*;
- Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable Charles Boydell or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being under a certain indenture of settlement bearing date the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight made between James Mitchell and Georgina Hely of the first part Gother Kerr Mann of the second part and Mary Hely of the third part and Robert Scott and Charles Boydell of the fourth part to sell and dispose of certain lands mentioned and referred to in the said settlement and to invest the money to arise from such sale in Government or real securities upon the trusts of the said settlement.*"
- Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon, Mr. Donaldson moved that this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence in the Amendment made therein;—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable Charles Boydell or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being under a certain indenture of settlement bearing date the second day of January one thousand eight and thirty-eight made between James Mitchell and Georgina Hely of the first part Gother Kerr Mann of the second part and Mary Hely of the third part and Robert Scott and Charles Boydell of the fourth part to sell and dispose of certain lands mentioned and referred to in the said Settlement and to invest the money to arise from such sale in Government or real securities upon the trusts of the said Settlement,*" with the following amendment, to which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—

Preamble, line 9, *omit* "his said Wife," and substitute "Georgina Hely his Wife."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 25 November, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JONES to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*) the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted or to be granted to Her Majesty for services to be defrayed by means of any Loan or Loans already authorized, or which in the present Session may be authorized to be raised for that purpose under any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Colony, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury, for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £400,000.  
(2.) Resolved, That the principal sum or sums of money to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of equivalent or larger amounts raised by way of Loan under authority of any or either of the Acts aforesaid, or out of any grant or grants in that behalf made or to be made in the present or next succeeding Session; and that the Interest on such principal sum or sums of money, which shall not exceed the rate of fourpence per centum per diem, shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of money which shall be or come to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, in the year 1858 or in the next succeeding year.  
(3.) Resolved, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be paid to the credit and form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.  
(4.) Resolved, That at any time after Twelve Calendar Months from their respective dates such Treasury Bills, or so many of them as may from time to time remain undischarged and uncanceled, shall be taken and pass and be current for the principal sum and Interest they respectively contain and represent in all payments whatsoever required to be made to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

ORDERS

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1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, "for consideration of the Crown Lands Bill."
2. Main Roads Bill; third reading.
3. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HEVY 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 His Excellency to place upon the Estimates for the year 1858, the sum of £150 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate Mr. David Cross for the loss of Buildings formerly erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry, on the Hawkesbury River.
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## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

## Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Whether it is intended by the Government fully to enforce the forfeiture of Gold Dust and Sovereigns seized, or understood to have been seized, on board the "Ethereal," on Oct. 16, 1857, from certain Chinamen?
  - (2.) What has been done with the Gold understood to have been so seized and forfeited?
  - (3.) Whether half the value of the forfeiture referred to has been paid, or is intended to be paid to the Collector of Customs, or any other officer or officers of the Government, as seizing officer or officers in contemplation of law, and in the latter case, to whom?

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, relative to the building of a Bridge over the Murray, and the sale of Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Albury, be printed.
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  - (2.) That, to carry out the same, it is desirable that, irrespective of any other modes of sale of such lands, one should be established warranting the sale thereof, without competition, but with conditions for residence on and improvement of the lands, and for partially deferred payments of the purchase money thereof.
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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

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  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
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2. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.
3. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; third reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Claims against Government Bill:—The Speaker reported that, by a Proclamation in a Supplement published on Tuesday the 24th instant, to the *Government Gazette* of the same date, it appears that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the Claims against Government Bill, passed in the last Session 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 Twelfth day of February, 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 give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales,*’ 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 HENRY LABOUCHERE, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has transmitted an Order made by Her Majesty in Council, confirming, 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 twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, 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!”

" At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of August, 1857.

" PRESENT:—

" THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,  
" HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CONSORT,

" LORD CHANCELLOR,  
" LORD PRESIDENT,  
" LORD PRIVY SEAL,  
" DUKE OF WELLINGTON,  
" EARL OF CLARENDON,  
" VISCOUNT PALMERSTON,  
" LORD PANMURE,

" MR. LABOUCHERE,  
" SIR GEORGE GREY, Bt.,  
" MR. VERNON SMITH,  
" SIR CHARLES WOOD, Bt.,  
" MR. BAINES,  
" MR. CHANCELLOR OF THE  
" EXCHEQUER.

" 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 of 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 12th of February, 1857, 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 give relief to persons having*  
" '*claims against the Government of New South Wales;*' 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 expedient that the said Bill  
" should be assented to by Her Majesty: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance  
" of the said Act, 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 Majesty's  
" Privy Council, declare Her assent to the said Bill.

" And the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's Principal  
" Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

" WM. L. BATHURST."

2. Papers:—

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

(1.) Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 11 September, 1857, No. 113, having reference to the Claims against Government Bill.

(2.) The Denominational School Board's Report for 1856.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—

(3.) A Report from the Light, Pilot, and Navigation Board, on the establishment of a Steam Tug at the Port of Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Crown Lands Bill:—The adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill,—resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Byrnes, } Tellers.  
Mr. Dalley. }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Pyc,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson. }

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.

4. Postponements :—

(1.) The third reading of the Main Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow—with his notice of motion to be moved in the Committee.

(3.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

(4.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

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(7.) Mr. Martin, 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 to-morrow.

(8.) The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds' Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at Six Minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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  - (1.) That it is essential to the welfare and true advancement of the Colony, that in any law for the administration of the Public Lands, provision should be made to facilitate the immediate occupation thereof, without delay for survey or otherwise.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*) the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted or to be granted to Her Majesty for services to be defrayed by means of any Loan or Loans already authorized, or which in the present Session may be authorized to be raised for that purpose under any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Colony, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury, for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £400,000.
  - (2.) Resolved, That the principal sum or sums of money to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of equivalent

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or larger amounts raised by way of Loan under authority of any or either of the Acts aforesaid, or out of any grant or grants in that behalf made or to be made in the present or next succeeding Session; and that the Interest on such principal sum or sums of money, which shall not exceed the rate of fourpence per centum per diem, shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of money which shall be or come to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, in the year 1858 or in the next succeeding year.

(3.) Resolved, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be paid to the credit and form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

(4.) Resolved, That at any time after Twelve Calendar Months from their respective dates such Treasury Bills, or so many of them as may from time to time remain undischarged and uncanceled, shall be taken and pass and be current for the principal sum and Interest they respectively contain and represent in all payments whatsoever required to be made to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY 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 the sum of £3,420 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of making a road under Kimo Hill, near Gundagai.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."
2. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.
3. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Vacant Seat :—The Speaker having reported that he had received from the Honorable John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, the following letter, in which he resigns his Seat in this House :—  

*Sydney, 26 November, 1857.*

THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Sir,  
 I have the honor to resign my Seat in the Legislative Assembly, and remain,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. B. DARVALL.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of John Bayley Darvall, 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 John Bayley Darvall, Esquire.  
 Question put and passed.
2. Postponement :—Mr. Hay, on behalf of Mr. George Maclcay, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Maclcay first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Question of Order :—The Speaker, referring to the motion standing in the name of Mr. Robertson second on the Notice Paper for to-day, informed that Honorable Member that as his motion contained no principle not within the scope of the Crown Lands Bill already referred to a Committee of the whole House, it was one which the House could not regularly entertain ;—the matter of it was rather for consideration of the Committee on the Bill,—the Speaker then proceeded to the next motion.
4. Crown Lands Bill :—  
 (1.) Mr. Hargrave moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Assessment on Stock contemplated under the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Weckes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Lapsed :—In consequence of Mr. Darvall's resignation, the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, lapsed.
6. 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.
7. Motion dropped :—Mr. Hely not moving the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
8. Crown Lands Bill :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
9. Allowance to Jurors :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, praying increased remuneration to Jurors, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.

10. *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 Tuesday next.
11. *Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension 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.
12. *Main Roads Bill*:—Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.  
Mr. Donaldson 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 the further consideration of the Schedule."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Flood, } Tellers  
Mr. Byrnes, }

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Jamison,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Weckes,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Flood, } Tellers  
• Mr. Byrnes, }

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Jones 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. Jones 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,**Sydney, 27th November, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. *Ways and Means*:—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next, brought up the following Resolution, as agreed to in the Committee on the 17th instant:—  
(3.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, for the Supplementary Service of the year 1857, the further sum of £30,590 4s. 7d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
Mr. Jones moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.  
Question put and passed.

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Noes, 13.

Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson, }

The Chairman also brought up the following Resolutions, as agreed to in the Committee to-day;—

(4.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted or to be granted to Her Majesty for services to be defrayed by means of any Loan or Loans already authorized, or which in the present Session may be authorized to be raised for that purpose under any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Colony, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury, for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £400,000.

(5.) Resolved, That the principal sum or sums of money to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of equivalent or larger amounts raised by way of Loan under authority of any or either of the Acts aforesaid, or out of any grant or grants in that behalf made or to be made in the present or next succeeding Session; and that the Interest on such principal sum or sums of money, which shall not exceed the rate of fourpence per centum per diem, shall be chargeable upon and paid out of any sum or sums of money which shall be or come to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, in the year 1858 or in the next succeeding year.

(6.) Resolved, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be paid to the credit and form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

(7.) Resolved, That at any time after Twelve Calendar Months from their respective dates such Treasury Bills, or so many of them as may from time to time remain undischarged and uncanceled, shall be taken and pass and be current for the principal sum and Interest they respectively contain and represent in all payments whatsoever required to be made to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.

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

Question put and passed.

Mr. Jones then moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issue of such Treasury Bills.

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

14. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Tuesday next.
15. Treasury Bills Bill:—Mr. Jones having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
16. 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 there was not a Quorum of Members 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 Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.
2. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY 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 the sum of £3,420 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of making a road under Kimo Hill, near Gundagai.
3. MR. G. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, relative to the building of a Bridge over the Murray, and the sale of Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Albury, be printed.
4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the two Petitions ordered to be printed by this House on the 10th November, 1857, relative to the destruction of Sheep, be referred to the Select Committee on the Scab and Catarrh Acts.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Standing Orders be re-committed, with a view to their reconsideration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That the Crown Timber Cutting Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks."

2. Consideration of Message from Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation.
3. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill; third reading.
4. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. BYRNES *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, What provision he intends making for the superintendence and management of the Invalid Convicts removed from the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, to the Government buildings in Macquarie-street?
2. MR. HOLROYD *to ask* MR. MURRAY—Why, in the Return ordered on the 25th of August last, and in obedience to which Order certain documents were laid upon the Table of this House on the 22nd of October, no mention is made of a Report of the then Surveyor General, Sir Thomas Mitchell, dated on or about June 2, 1832, in reference to the site of a township at Emu; and whether there is any objection to place the said document on the Table of this House as a supplement to the said Return?

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.

Question:—

1. MR. GORDON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to introduce an Act to amend the Law of Evidence in cases of Bigamy, and other cases regarding Marriage, so as to render duly accredited Certificates from the Mother Country, and elsewhere, valid evidence in the Courts of Justice in this Colony, and if so, when?

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question of Privilege:—Mr. Forster having drawn the attention of the House to the circumstance that a Notice of Motion in reference to the Shorthand Writers' Department which he had given on Friday last for the Tuesday following did not appear upon the Notice Paper for to-day, the Speaker said, the Honorable Gentleman complains of my having declined to receive his Notice of Motion in reference to the Shorthand Writers' Branch of the Official Department of the Assembly. I intercepted an irregularity on that occasion, and I am persuaded it is quite as much my duty to intercept or prevent as to suppress irregularity;—and I have not the slightest doubt that the Honorable Gentleman's Notice of Motion was quite as irregular, under the circumstances, as would have been any Notice of Motion which should be offered subsequently to the appointment of a Committee to instruct that Committee to inquire into and report upon matters clearly within the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by the terms of its original appointment.  
Mr Forster then gave notice of a motion for Friday next, to ascertain the opinion of the House in regard to his rejected notice.
2. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table a copy of the Opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General, dated 16 July, 1851, respecting the commencement of the respective terms of the Eight and Fourteen Years Leases under the Orders in Council of 9th March, 1847.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from J. E. Owen, M.D., as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain of the Inhabitants of Albury and its vicinity, against selling the Public Lands by Auction as contemplated by this Bill.  
Petition received.
4. Paper:—Mr. Murray, in answer to a question put to him by Mr. Holroyd, laid upon the Table the copy of a Report on the Site for a Township at Emu, behind the present Agricultural Establishment there, in continuation of the Return to the Order in reference to the Penrith Nepean Bridge, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 25th August last.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Arnold, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Arnold first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until this day fortnight.
6. Kimo Road, near Gundagai:—Mr. William Macleay 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 cause the sum of £3,420 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, for the purpose of making a road under Kimo Hill, near Gundagai.  
Mr. Murray moved the Previous Question.  
Debate ensued  
Previous Question—"Shall this Question be now put?"—put and negatived.
7. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, relative to the building of a Bridge over the Murray, and the sale of Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Albury, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Acts:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the two Petitions ordered to be printed by this House on the 10th November, 1857, relative to the destruction of Sheep, be referred to the Select Committee on the Scab and Catarrh Acts.  
Question put and passed.
9. Question of Order:—The Speaker referring to the motion for recommitment of the Standing Orders, standing in the name of Mr. Forster fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, informed that Honorable Gentleman that the House could not entertain his motion, because the Standing Orders prepared, adopted, and approved, under the 35th Section of the Constitution, have, as regards the Assembly and the Governor, so far as they are respectively concerned in them, precisely the same force and permanence as they would have had had they been embodied in an  
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Act of the Local Parliament ;—and further informed the Honorable Gentleman that if he desired in any way to amend the Standing Orders, he must take some other course, for he certainly could not have them recommitted any more than he could have recommitted any Act of the Legislature now in full force and operation of Law.

10. Crown Timber Cutting Bill :—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Irving, That this Bill be “now” read a second time,—upon which Mr. Piddington 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 three weeks,”—discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Cowper ;—Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, Bill discharged from the Paper.
11. Australian Federation :—Upon the Order of the Day being read for consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council, requesting a Conference on Australian Federation,—

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

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the conference, in relation to Australian Federation, demanded of it by the Legislative Council, in its Message of the 13th ultimo, and appoints that the same be held in No. 1 of its Committee Rooms, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the ninth day of December instant.

The Legislative Assembly appoints the following of its Members to manage such conference on its behalf :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, and Mr. Parker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st December, 1857.*

Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Macarthur,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.  
Mr. Suttor, }

Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.  
Mr. Piddington, }

12. Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College 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 enlarge the Council of St. Paul's College.*”

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 enlarge the Council of St. Paul's College,*” begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1st December, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that while the House was in Debate on the Question of a conference on the subject of Australian Federation, the following Messages from the Legislative Council were received.

(1.) Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day concurred in the Amendment proposed by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill intituled, “*An Act to enable Charles Boydell or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being under a certain Indenture of Settlement bearing date the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, made between James Mitchell and Georgina Hely of the first part and Gother Kerr Mann of the second part and Mary Hely of the third part and Robert Scott and Charles Boydell of the fourth part to sell and dispose of certain lands mentioned and referred to in the said settlement and to invest the money to arise from such sale in Government or Real Securities upon the Trusts of the said Settlement,*” as indicated in the Message which accompanied it.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

No. 57-10.—*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 November, 1857.*

(2.) Titles to Land Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council 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 Assembly for its concurrence.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-11, *Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 27th November, 1857.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Faucett, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

(3.) St. John's College Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate St. John's College as a College within the University of Sydney,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-12—*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 1st December, 1857.*

(4.) Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales,'*" with an amendment, viz.,—page 2, clause 6, line 61, after the word "received" insert "or receivable,"—to which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-13—*Legislative Council Chamber,*

*Sydney, 1 December, 1857*

The said Amendment, on motion of Mr. Cowper, ordered to be considered in Committee on Friday next.

14. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Dalley 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. 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 with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

15. Postponements :—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.

(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Friday next.

16. Crown Lands Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved 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. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for determining the portions of the Public Debt of this Colony to be borne by the Colony of Moreton Bay when constituted.
2. MR. JONES to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 27th ultimo, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow;

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That Mr. Arnold and Mr. Robertson be Members of the Standing Orders Committee
2. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON 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 the Waste Lands of the Crown held under lease or license beyond the Settled Districts of the Colony, from the date of the Proclamation of the Orders in Council on 7th October, 1847, to the present time, shewing in alphabetical order—the names of all the applicants for leases or licenses in each year—the names of all the runs—the district in which the run is situated—the supposed extent of the run—the total number respectively of sheep and cattle assessed thereon by the Commissioner—the amount of assessment money received from each run since the enactment 20th Vict., No. 39—the amount of annual rent payable on each run at the present time.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Affiliated Colleges Partial Endowment Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

## Questions:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the expected Report from Mr. Surveyor Haege, respecting the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray at Albury, has been received; and, if received, what action the Government intend to take in the matter?
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What the Government propose to do in the case of Mr. William Moore Carter, of Red Bank, Deniliquin?
3. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has not a plan of the proposed Bridge at Gunning, accompanied with an estimate of the probable expense, coming within the sum of £4,000 voted by Parliament, been received and approved by the Government several months ago?
  - (2.) The late Government having announced that it had been arranged to carry on the construction of the Bridges at Queanbeyan, Jugiong, and Gunning, at the same time,—have not the Bridges of Queanbeyan and Jugiong been commenced according to that arrangement; and if so, why has not the Bridge of Gunning been commenced according to the same arrangement?
  - (3.) Will the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works be good enough to say, whether the Government really intend to carry out this work in accordance with the expectation that has been so long held out to the inhabitants of the Gunning District; and, if so, when the work is likely to be commenced?

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all horses and other stock sold out of the Sofala Pound since the year 1852, with a statement of amounts realised in each case, and how appropriated.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That the following motion of which notice was given on Friday, November 27, for Tuesday, December 1, is neither out of order nor disrespectful to the House, and therefore not unfit to be placed upon the Business Paper of the House:—"That the Standing Orders Committee be required to report upon the causes which have led to an apparent insufficiency of Shorthand Writers attendant upon Select Committees of the House, and to the alleged employment of a Clerk in the capacity of a Shorthand Writer for the last ten months, who, during that period, is understood not to have performed the duties of his situation, though in full receipt of the salary thereto appertaining."
  - (2.) That the Clerk be ordered to place the said motion upon the Business Paper of the House for Tuesday, December 8.

3. 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.
4. 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," 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.
  - (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.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st instant, against the Sale of the Public Lands by Auction, be printed.
6. 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,—
  - (1.) Copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council between the years 1848 and 1852, with regard to the date of the leases to be issued to the pastoral occupants of Waste Lands of the Crown, under the Orders in Council.
  - (2.) Also, copies of any Despatches from the Secretary of State which may have been received by the Governor General upon the same subject, especially of any Despatch confirming the arrangements which were made by the Governor General and Executive Council, in 1852.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to introduce an Act to amend the Law of Evidence in cases of Bigamy, and other cases regarding Marriage, so as to render duly accredited Certificates from the Mother Country, and elsewhere, valid evidence in the Courts of Justice in this Colony, and if so, when?
2. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government intend taking any steps during the present Session, to provide for the gradual withdrawal of the sum reserved for Public Worship, by Schedule C of the Constitution Act?
3. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have taken, or intend taking any steps to ascertain the necessity that exists for some improvement at the Port of Kiama, and if so, what or when?

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Memo:—

Conference with Legislative Council on Australian Federation, in No. 1 Committee Room, at Three o'clock p.m.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1857.

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 Administration of the Government by three Administrators, in the absence of the Governor, adopted, on motion of Mr. Darvall, on the 17th ultimo.
  - (2.) Return to the Address in reference to Tenders for the Conveyance of Mails from Yass to Albury, adopted, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 6th ultimo.
  - (3.) Return to the Address in reference to the case of A. I. Ormsby, now undergoing sentence for an Assault, adopted, on motion of Mr. John Campbell, on the 13th ultimo.
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from John Beames, of Sydney, gentleman, praying to be heard against this Bill before the House and the Select Committee to whom it has been referred, by himself, by Witnesses, and by Counsel.  
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
3. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for determining the portions of the Public Debt of this Colony to be borne by the Colony of Moreton Bay when constituted.  
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 27th ultimo, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
5. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill :—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for determining the portions of the Public Debt of this Colony to be borne by the Colony of Moreton Bay when constituted;*"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Wednesday next.
7. Treasury Bills Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.
8. Crown Lands' 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.
9. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
10. Standing Orders Committee :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, that Mr. Arnold and Mr. Robertson be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. Postponement :—Mr. Barker postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.
12. Crown Lands under lease or license beyond the Settled Districts :—Mr. Piddington 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 all the Waste Lands of the Crown held under lease or license beyond the Settled Districts of the Colony, from the date of the Proclamation of the Orders in Council on 7th October, 1847, to the present time, shewing in

in alphabetical order—the names of all the applicants for leases or licenses in each year, and the names of the parties to whom leases or licenses have been issued—the names of all the runs—the district in which the run is situated—the supposed extent of the run—the total number respectively of sheep and cattle assessed thereon by the Commissioner—the amount of assessment money received from each run since the enactment 20th Vict., No. 39—the amount of annual rent payable on each run at the present time.

Question put and passed.

13. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.

14. 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, 2nd December, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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, DECEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; third reading.
3. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all horses and other stock sold out of the Sofala Pound since the year 1852, with a statement of amounts realised in each case, and how appropriated.

Question:—

1. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has not a plan of the proposed Bridge at Gunning, accompanied with an estimate of the probable expense, coming within the sum of £4,000 voted by Parliament, been received and approved by the Government several months ago?
  - (2.) The late Government having announced that it had been arranged to carry on the construction of the Bridges at Queanbeyan, Jugiong, and Gunning, at the same time,—have not the Bridges of Queanbeyan and Jugiong been commenced according to that arrangement; and if so, why has not the Bridge of Gunning been commenced according to the same arrangement?
  - (3.) Will the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works be good enough to say, whether the Government really intend to carry out this work in accordance with the expectation that has been so long held out to the inhabitants of the Gunning District; and, if so, when the work is likely to be commenced?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That the following motion of which notice was given on Friday, November 27, for Tuesday, December 1, is neither out of order nor disrespectful to the House, and therefore

fore not unfit to be placed upon the Business Paper of the House:—"That the Standing Orders Committee be required to report upon the causes which have led to an apparent insufficiency of Shorthand Writers attendant upon Select Committees of the House, and to the alleged employment of a Clerk in the capacity of a Shorthand Writer for the last ten months, who, during that period, is understood not to have performed the duties of his situation, though in full receipt of the salary thereto appertaining."

(2) That the Clerk be ordered to place the said motion upon the Business Paper of the House for Tuesday, December 8.

3. 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.
4. 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," 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.
  - (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.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st instant, against the Sale of the Public Lands by Auction, be printed.
6. 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,—
  - (1.) Copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council between the years 1848 and 1852, with regard to the date of the leases to be issued to the pastoral occupants of Waste Lands of the Crown, under the Orders in Council.
  - (2.) Also, copies of any Despatches from the Secretary of State which may have been received by the Governor General upon the same subject, especially of any Despatch confirming the arrangements which were made by the Governor General and Executive Council, in 1852.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to introduce an Act to amend the Law of Evidence in cases of Bigamy, and other cases regarding Marriage, so as to render duly accredited Certificates from the Mother Country, and elsewhere, valid evidence in the Courts of Justice in this Colony, and if so, when?
2. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government intend taking any steps during the present Session, to provide for the gradual withdrawal of the sum reserved for Public Worship, by Schedule C of the Constitution Act?
3. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have taken, or intend taking any steps to ascertain the necessity that exists for some improvement at the Port of Kiama, and if so, what or when?

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Memo:—

Conference with Legislative Council on Australian Federation, in No. 1 Committee Room, at Three o'clock p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

## 1. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—

(1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.

(2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.

(3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker*

No. 43.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying the repeal of so much of this Act as applies to the Shipping frequenting the Port of Newcastle.  
Petition received.
  2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Letter, dated the 1st instant, from the Visiting Magistrate, Cockatoo Island, reporting that Her Majesty's Ship "Herald" safely entered the Fitz Roy Dock at Cockatoo Island, at eight o'clock that morning.  
Ordered to be printed.
  3. Grant for Education:—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Bolwarra, in the County of Durham, praying that no change may be made in the existing mode of distributing State Grants for Educational Purposes until a general system be established.  
Petition received.
  4. John Baxter, late Principal Messenger:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee in reference to the provision which ought to be made for John Baxter, late Principal Messenger, on his superannuation.  
Ordered to be printed.
  5. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until the second and third Orders of the Day shall have been disposed of.
  6. Treasury Bills 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 authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.*"  
Question put and passed;—  
Whereupon Mr. Jones 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 issue of Treasury Bills,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 3rd December, 1857.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
  7. Crown Lands 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.
  8. Postponements:—  
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill further postponed, on motion Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.  
(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.
  9. Stock sold out of Sofala Pound:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all horses and other stock sold out of the Sofala Pound since the year 1852, with a statement of amounts realized in each case, and how appropriated.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
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NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That the following motion of which notice was given on Friday, November 27, for Tuesday, December 1, is neither out of order nor disrespectful to the House, and therefore not unfit to be placed upon the Business Paper of the House :—“ That the Standing Orders Committee be required to report upon the causes which have led to an apparent insufficiency of Shorthand Writers attendant upon Select Committees of the House, and to the alleged employment of a Clerk in the capacity of a Shorthand Writer for the last ten months, who, during that period, is understood not to have performed the duties of his situation, though in full receipt of the salary thereto appertaining.”
  - (2.) That the Clerk be ordered to place the said motion upon the Business Paper of the House for Tuesday, December 8.
3. 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.
4. 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,” 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.
  - (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.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st instant, against the Sale of the Public Lands by Auction, be printed.
6. 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,—
  - (1.) Copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council between the years 1848 and 1852, with regard to the date of the leases to be issued to the pastoral occupants of Waste Lands of the Crown, under the Orders in Council.
  - (2.) Also, copies of any Despatches from the Secretary of State which may have been received by the Governor General upon the same subject, especially of any Despatch confirming the arrangements which were made by the Governor General and Executive Council, in 1852.
7. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bolwarra, in the County of Durham, presented by him yesterday, in reference to State Grants for Educational purposes, be printed.
8. MR. COWPER to move, That this House do now adopt the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, in reference to the provision which ought to be made for the late Principal Messenger, John Baxter, on his superannuation.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
3. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GORDON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to introduce an Act to amend the Law of Evidence in cases of Bigamy, and other cases regarding Marriage, so as to render duly accredited Certificates from the Mother Country, and elsewhere, valid evidence in the Courts of Justice in this Colony, and if so, when?
2. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government intend taking any steps during the present Session, to provide for the gradual withdrawal of the sum reserved for Public Worship, by Schedule C of the Constitution Act?
3. MR. MARKS to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have taken, or intend taking any steps to ascertain the necessity that exists for some improvement at the Port of Kiama, and if so, what or when?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; second reading.
2. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

*Memo:—*

Conference with Legislative Council on Australian Federation, in No. 1 Committee Room, at Three o'clock p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Dalley presented a Petition from William Heydon, Chairman of a Public Meeting, held Friday, November 27th, 1857, in Wynyard Square, embodying certain Resolutions passed at the said Meeting, and praying that the same may be taken into favorable consideration.  
Petition received.
2. Question of Order:—Mr. George Macleay offering to present a Petition from John Beames, praying that the Select Committee on the Pymont Bridge Company's Bill may be instructed to entertain the prayer of his former Petition, which had, on the 2nd instant, been received by the House, and referred to that Committee,—the Speaker informed the Honorable Member that the Petition could not be received, and was in fact unnecessary, inasmuch as the reference to the Committee of the former Petition, under the 65th section of the Standing Orders, necessarily implied also an instruction to that Committee to entertain its prayer.  
Whereupon the Petition was withdrawn.
3. Postponement:—Mr. Denichy postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
4. Question of Privilege:—The Speaker,—referring to the motion standing in the name of Mr. Forster second on the Notice Paper for to day,—said,—In regard to the motion, which stands in the name of Mr. Forster next on the Notice Paper for to day, I may observe, that it is, in my opinion, in the nature of a censure upon the Speaker, and a rebuke to the House for having acquiesced in the ruling of the Speaker on the occasion to which it refers; and upon the well known Parliamentary rule that the same question may not be twice offered in the same Session, I might, with perfect propriety, decline to put it, as the House, by acquiescing in my ruling on that occasion, has already decided that it ought not to be entertained as effectually as if a Question for its reception had been formally put and negatived; but, as it seems the Honorable Gentleman will not be satisfied unless the House expresses its decision in a more palpable though possibly less agreeable form, I am content to waive the point and put the Question, and so deny myself the protection which the forms of the House afford me, in the belief that the House will deal with it under a just sense of the respect which is due to the usage and practice of Parliament, which it clearly violates, as I pointed out when it was formerly before the House, in so far as it proposes to instruct a Committee to do that which the Committee could do, and actually was doing, without such instruction, as was well known to the Honorable Gentleman before he offered his motion to the notice of the House on the occasion referred to in his present motion.  
Mr. Forster then moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—  
(1.) That the following motion of which notice was given on Friday, November 27, for Tuesday, December 1, is neither out of order nor disrespectful to the House, and therefore not unfit to be placed upon the Business Paper of the House:—"That the Standing Orders Committee be required to report upon the causes which have led to an apparent insufficiency of Shorthand Writers attendant upon Select Committees of the House, and to the alleged employment of a Clerk in the capacity of a Shorthand Writer for the last ten months, who, during that period, is understood not to have performed the duties of his situation, though in full receipt of the salary thereto appertaining."  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
5. Publicans' Licensing Laws Consolidation and Amendment 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.
6. Bathurst Road:—Mr. Holroyd presented a Petition from certain stockholders, agriculturists, merchants, storkeepers, professional gentlemen, business people, and other  
Inhabitants

Inhabitants of Bathurst, representing the impassable state of the Road from Bathurst to Sydney, and praying a survey of the country between Bathurst and Sydney, with a view to the construction of a Railway.

Petition received.

7. Seizure of Gold on board the "Ethereal":—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," 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.
- (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.
- Question put—(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," 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:

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.  
Mr. Dickson.

Whereupon Question—(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—put and passed.

8. Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st instant, against the Sale of the Public Lands by Auction, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Date of Leases of Crown Lands held under Orders in Council:—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,—
- (1.) Copies of all proceedings of the Executive Council between the years 1848 and 1852, with regard to the date of the leases to be issued to the pastoral occupants of Waste Lands of the Crown, under the Orders in Council.
- (2.) Also, copy of the Commission of His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, under whose Government the date of the Pastoral Leases was fixed at 1st January, 1852.
- (3.) Also, copies of any Despatches from the Secretary of State which may have been received by the Governor General upon the same subject, especially of any Despatch confirming the arrangements which were made by the Governor General and Executive Council.
- Question put and passed.
10. Grants for Education:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bolwarra, in the County of Durham, presented by him yesterday, in reference to State Grants for Educational purposes, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. John Baxter, late Principal Messenger:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do now adopt the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, in reference to the provision which ought to be made for the late Principal Messenger, John Baxter, on his superannuation.  
Question put and passed.
12. Postponement:—The second reading of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it have precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.
13. Church of England Temporalities Act 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 Amendment in this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Legislative Council's amendment in this Bill.  
Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendment 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 agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland, in New South Wales.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 4th December, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. Postponements :—

(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, until Friday next.

(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.

15. 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 it was discovered, upon a division in the Committee, that there was not a quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there not being twenty Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.

2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.

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, Copies of the following Papers, with a view to their being referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents:—

(1.) Captain F. Cadell's last Report, respecting the Clearing of the River Murray, addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works, South Australia.

(2.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive and other Colonial Governments, relative to the Clearing of the River Murray, since 5th June, 1854.

(3.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive Government and other parties, respecting the clearing of the River Murray, since 27th May, 1856.

(4.) Letter from Mr. Crawford, addressed to the Governor General, relative to the cultivation of land on the banks of the River Nile.

4. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him from William Heydon on the 4th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.

5. MR. HOLROYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, praying the Survey of the Country between Bathurst and Sydney, with a view to the construction of a Railway, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; second reading.

2. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

3. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Memo:—

Conference with Legislative Council on Australian Federation, in No. 1 Committee Room, at Three o'clock p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

2. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAUCETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government for the construction of a Bridge at Gunning, for which a plan, with an estimate of the expense, has been approved by the Government, and the requisite sum of money has been voted by this House.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. ROBERTSON 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 that has taken place between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that District ;—  
Also, a copy of all Petitions and Memorials of the Inhabitants of Murrurundi, on the subject, and the replies of the Government thereto, in each case, during the years 1856 and 1857.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. There being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Barker, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hely, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. T. G. Rusden, 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

*Memo* :—

It will be necessary to make a House exactly at Three o'clock, to enable the Managers to proceed to the Conference with the Legislative Council on Australian Federation, appointed to take place at that hour to-day in No. 1 Committee Room.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; second reading.
4. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAUCETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government for the construction of a Bridge at Gunning, for which a plan, with an estimate of the expense, has been approved by the Government, and the requisite sum of money has been voted by this House.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. ROBERTSON 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 that has taken place between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that District;—
 

Also, a copy of all Petitions and Memorials of the Inhabitants of Murrurundi, on the subject, and the replies of the Government thereto, in each case, during the years 1856 and 1857.
3. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.

4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
5. 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 the following Papers, with a view to their being referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents:—
  - (1.) Captain F. Cadell's last Report, respecting the Clearing of the River Murray, addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works, South Australia.
  - (2.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive and other Colonial Governments, relative to the Clearing of the River Murray, since 5th June, 1854.
  - (3.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive Government and other parties, respecting the clearing of the River Murray, since 27th May, 1856.
  - (4.) Letter from Mr. Crawford, addressed to the Governor General, relative to the cultivation of land on the banks of the River Nile.
6. MR. DALLET to move, That the Petition presented by him from William Heydon on the 4th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
7. MR. HOLROYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, praying the Survey of the Country between Bathurst and Sydney, with a view to the construction of a Railway, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Australian Federation :—The time being come for the Conference with the Legislative Council on the proposed establishment of an Australian Federation, the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, called over the names of the Managers on behalf of the Assembly,—  
 And all answering in their places except Mr. Parker,—  
 The Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a note from Mr. Parker excusing his attendance on the ground of serious indisposition ;—  
 And the House accepting Mr. Parker's excuse,—  
 The other Managers went to the Conference,—  
 And being returned, Mr. Donaldson reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, which was managed on the part of the Legislative Council by the Honorable E. Deas Thomson, Esquire, who acquainted the Managers on behalf of the Assembly, that the Legislative Council, wishing to obtain the co-operation of the Legislative Assembly in the promotion of an Australian Federation, had desired the Conference in order to communicate to the Assembly the form of a Joint Address on that subject to His Excellency the Governor General in which the Legislative Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly, and handed to the Managers on behalf of the Assembly the said form of Joint Address—which—being then, by Mr. Donaldson, handed to the Speaker, was by him read, 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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the  
 “ Legislative Council and of New South Wales, beg  
 “ respectfully to transmit to your Excellency a copy of the Report of the Select Com-  
 “ mittee of the Council on Australian Federation, and request that your Excellency  
 “ will be pleased to give effect to the Resolutions founded thereon, which have  
 “ received our joint concurrence, viz. :—  
 “ (1.) That it is expedient that a Federal Assembly should be established,  
 “ invested with the necessary power to discuss and determine all questions of an  
 “ Inter-Colonial character arising in the Australian Colonies generally.  
 “ (2.) That the best means of originating a Federal Assembly would be by  
 “ inviting a Conference of Delegates from the respective Colonies, to which will  
 “ properly belong the duty of determining upon a plan of Union ; and for this purpose,  
 “ that the Legislatures of Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, should be requested  
 “ to select three Delegates each, one of whom might be a Member of Council,  
 “ and two Members of Assembly, to meet three Delegates from this Colony to be  
 “ similarly appointed.  
 “ (3.) That these Delegates, assembled in Conference, be empowered to propose  
 “ a Plan of Federation, to be afterwards submitted for approval to the Legislatures  
 “ of the respective Colonies.  
 “ (4.) That the Expenditure incident to the Conference should be borne by  
 “ the respective Colonies, in whatever proportions may be fixed by the Conference  
 “ itself.  
 “ (5.) That the Conference should hold its Meetings in whatever place the  
 “ majority of the Delegates may determine ; their decisions being interchanged in  
 “ writing within a month of their Elections being completed.  
 Mr. Donaldson then moved, on behalf of Mr. Parker, That the consideration of the  
 said form of Joint Address stand an Order of the Day for next Friday week.  
 Question put and passed.
2. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers ;—  
 (1.) Return to the Order in reference to Mr. Adams' Report on Drainage, and the  
 Hunter River Flood Map, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on the  
 17th ultimo.

(2.)

- (2.) Return to the Address in reference to Exiles landed at Moreton Bay, adopted, on motion of Mr. Buckley, on the 13th ultimo.
- (3.) Return to the Address in reference to certain land purchased in Barrack Square, adopted, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on the 30th October last.
- (4.) Letter from Captain Denham, dated 5th instant, reporting the docking and undocking of Her Majesty's Ship "Herald," in the Fitz Roy Dry Dock.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Grant for Education :—Mr. Bowman presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of St. Peter, Richmond, 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.
4. Papers :—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the Returns of the Assets and Liabilities of the several Banks of the Colony, for the quarters respectively ended 31 December, 1856, 31 March, 1857, 30 June, 1857, and 30 September, 1857.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Grant for Education :—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, praying that no change may be made in the existing mode of distributing the State Grants for Educational purposes, until a general system be established.  
Petition received.
6. Postponements :—
- (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Wednesday next.
- (2.) The consideration of Orders 2, 3, and 4, postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until the fifth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
7. Masters' and Servants' 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,—Mr. Martin moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.  
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 "this Bill be now recommitted."  
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,—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.
8. Postponement; The Resumption of the Committee of Supply further postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until the fourth Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
9. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.  
Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," in order to add at the end the words "this day month."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes 24.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Denichy,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.

Noes 11.

Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson, }

Original Question then put and passed;  
Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be committed on Tuesday next.

10. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill :—The Speaker reported, that during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Message from the Legislative Council was received :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend two several Acts the one intituled 'An Act to enable the President Senior Vice President and Treasurer of the Sydney Mechanic's School of Arts to sell the land belonging to the said Institution in George-street South Sydney and to purchase other land and erect new buildings in connection with the objects of the said Society in a more convenient situation and for other purposes therein contained' and the other being An Act to amend the said last mentioned Act.*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

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Sydney, 8 December, 1857.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Deniehy, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. Crown Lands 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.

12. Postponements :—

(1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply further postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

(2.) Mr. Faucett 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, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 4th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
2. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to further postpone the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty, and to provide for the establishment of a Steam Tug at the Port of Newcastle.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Crown Lands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the two Petitions from certain Chinamen, ordered to be printed on the 30th October and 6th November respectively, be referred to the Select Committee on the Seizure of Gold on board the "*Ethereal*."
2. MR. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 11th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, the sum of £150, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to be paid to Mr. David Cross, to compensate him for the loss of Buildings erected by him on Government ground, at Wiseman's Ferry.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DENIEHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
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3. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.
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  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. BOWMAN to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether a sum of money has been placed on the Estimates for 1857 and 1858, to build a New Court House at Campbelltown; and, if such sum should be granted by the Legislature, whether it is the intention of the Executive forthwith to commence such Building?

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
  - (2.) That it is desirable for this purpose that lands should be surveyed and offered for sale, as required, in lots suitable to the purpose to which they are by nature applicable, without a reserved price which shall be prohibitory of their purchase.
  - (3.) That after payment of a sufficient deposit on a purchase of land, it should be optional with the purchaser to pay off the balance at any time, or to pay interest on the same at the current rate of Colonial Debentures.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Form of proposed Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of Australian Federation.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Grant for Education:—Mr. Osborne presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Districts of Wollongong and Illawarra, 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.
2. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Western Districts, members of various Religious Denominations, praying the House to adopt such measures as to them may seem necessary for the suppression of all public travelling, the suspension of all Post Office business, and the prevention or more stringent regulation of Public House and all other traffic on the Lord's Day.  
Petition received.
3. Grant for Education:—Mr. Osborne presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Wollongong and its suburbs, praying that no change may be made in the mode of distributing State Grants for Educational purposes, until a general system be established.  
Petition received.
4. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 4th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Jones postponed the Motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
6. Masters' and Servants' Act Amendment 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 amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1857.*"  
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 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, 10th December, 1857.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
7. Crown Lands Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, Mr. Cowper moved, That the Order and the Bill be discharged from the Paper.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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. Seizure of Gold on board the "*Ethereal*":—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the two Petitions from certain Chinamen, ordered to be printed on the 30th October and 6th November respectively, be referred to the Select Committee on the Seizure of Gold on board the "*Ethereal*."  
Question put and passed.
10. Motion dropped:—Mr. Hely 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 ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DENIHY to move the following Resolutions,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.
  - (2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.
2. MR. ROBERTSON 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 that has taken place between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that District;—  
Also, a copy of all Petitions and Memorials of the Inhabitants of Murrurundi, on the subject, and the replies of the Government thereto, in each case, during the years 1856 and 1857.
3. MR. BARKER 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 the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
5. 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 the following Papers, with a view to their being referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents:—
  - (1.) Captain F. Cadell's last Report, respecting the Clearing of the River Murray, addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works, South Australia.
  - (2.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive and other Colonial Governments, relative to the clearing of the River Murray, since 5th June, 1854.
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  - (4.) Letter from Mr. Crawford, addressed to the Governor General, relative to the cultivation of land on the banks of the River Nile.
6. MR. DALLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him from William Heydon on the 4th instant, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill, be printed.
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9. MR. FAUCETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government for the construction of a Bridge at Gunning, for which a plan, with an estimate of the expense, has been approved by the Government, and the requisite sum of money has been voted by this House.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
10. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Debentures issued by the Government of New South Wales, shewing—
  - (1.) The several due dates of such Debentures, and
  - (2.) The amount, in one sum, which may fall due in each year—until the whole amount now in issue shall be due.
11. MR. OSBORNE to move, That the two Petitions in reference to State Grants for Educational purposes, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to further postpone the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty, and to provide for the establishment of a Steam Tug at the Port of Newcastle.

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1. MR. ARNOLD to move,—
  - (1.) That it is the paramount duty of Government to afford every facility for the permanent occupation in fee simple of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Form of proposed Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of Australian Federation.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. There being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barker, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Denichy, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. Marks, Mr. Osborne, Mr. T. G. Rusden, and Mr. Suttor,—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.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Form of proposed Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of Australian Federation.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member Sworn:—Thomas Whistler Smith, 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 John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, resigned.
2. Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

1. Assent to Bills:—

- (1.) St John's College Bill:—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 12.*

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate Saint John's College, as a College 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, 15 December, 1857.*

- (2.) Church of England Temporalities Act Amendment Bill:—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 13.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland, in 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, 15 December, 1857.*

- (3.) Mrs. Mann's Trust Bill:—

W. DENISON,

*Governor General.*

*Message No. 14.*

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to enable Charles Boydell or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being under a certain Indenture of Settlement bearing date the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight made between James Mitchell and Georgina Hely of the first part Gother Kerr Mann of the second part and Mary Hely of the third part and Robert Scott and Charles Boydell of the fourth part to sell and dispose of certain lands mentioned and referred to in the said settlement and to invest the money to arise from such sale in Government or real securities 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, 15 December, 1857.*

## (4.) Enlargement of the Council of St. Paul's College Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 15.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Enlarge the Council of St. Paul's College,*" 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, 15 December, 1857.

## 2. Moreton Bay Judge's Appointment Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 16.

Governor General.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General submits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill authorizing the appointment of a Judge, (other than one of the present Judges), for the Supreme Court at Moreton Bay, and recommends the appropriation of the sum of One thousand five hundred pounds per annum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to pay the salary of the said Judge, and of a sufficient portion of such Fund to meet the charge of a Pension amounting to  $\frac{7}{10}$  of that salary, on permanent disability or infirmity, or after fifteen years' service as such Judge.

Government House,

Sydney, 15 December, 1857.

And the Speaker having requested attention to the circumstance, that the Governor General had in this Message submitted a Bill to the House which His Excellency had no power to do, either under the Constitution Act or in conformity to the Practice of Parliament,—

Mr. Martin gave notice that he would, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in the Bill referred to, which had, he said, come to the House by mistake, it being intended in the Message only to recommend provision for a Judge, to be appointed by Bill, for Moreton Bay.

3. Leave of Absence, for fourteen days, granted to Mr. Parker, on motion of Mr. Donaldson.  
4. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid up on the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Return of Electors the several Electoral Districts of the Colony for the year 1857-8.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to the Address in reference to the Central Police Office Clerks, adopted, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on 24th ultimo.

5. Motion dropped :—Mr. Arnold not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.

6. Elected Magistracy :—Mr. Deniehy moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.

(2.) That it is the opinion of this House that the Magistracy should be constituted on an elective principle, with the provision that every election of a Magistrate of the Territory should be subject to a veto of the Governor in Council.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Forster having requested that the Resolutions be put *seriatim*,—

And the House agreeing,—

Question put—(1.) That in the opinion of this House the present system of appointing the Magistrates of the Territory is ineffective, and works unsatisfactorily to the community at large.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Deniehy, } Tellers.  
Mr. Forster, }

Noes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Sutor,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.  
Mr. W. Macleay, }

Whereupon Resolution (2.)—by leave withdrawn.

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7. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Robertson not moving the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
8. Sydney Female Refuge:—Mr. Barker 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 cause the sum of £500 to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1858, in aid of the Sydney Female Refuge, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 11.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Faucett,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.  
Mr. G. Macleay, }

Noes 15.

Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Forster,  
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Mr. Wilsbirc,  
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.  
Mr. R. Campbell, }

9. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Robertson not moving the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
10. Navigation of the Murray and its Effluents:—Mr. George Macleay 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 the following Papers, with a view to their being referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Navigation of the Murray and its effluents:—
- (1.) Captain F. Cadell's last Report, respecting the clearing of the River Murray, addressed to the Commissioner of Public Works, South Australia, and a letter addressed by that Gentleman to the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, dated the 8th December, 1857.
- (2.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive and other Colonial Governments, relative to the clearing of the River Murray, since 5th June, 1854.
- (3.) All Correspondence that has taken place between the Executive Government and other parties, respecting the clearing of the River Murray, since 27th May, 1856.
- (4.) Letter from Mr. Crawford, addressed to the Governor General, relative to the cultivation of land on the banks of the River Nile.

Question put and passed.

11. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Dalley not moving the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
12. Bathurst Road:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, praying the Survey of the Country between Bathurst and Sydney, with a view to the construction of a Railway, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
13. Motion dropped:—Mr. Robertson not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.

14. Bridge at Gunning; Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate steps ought to be taken by the Government for the construction of a Bridge at Gunning, for which a plan, with an estimate of the expense, has been approved by the Government, and the requisite sum of money has been voted by this House.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

15. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, That during the Debate of the Question last before the House, the following Messages from the Legislative Council were received:—

(1.) Acts Shortening Act Amendment Bill:—

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.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

No. 57-15—*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 11 December, 1857.*

(2.) Treasury Bills Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills*," without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

No. 57-16, *Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 11 December, 1857.*

16. Due Dates and Amounts of outstanding Debentures:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Debentures issued by the Government of New South Wales, shewing—  
 (1.) The several due dates of such Debentures, and  
 (2.) The amount, in one sum, which may fall due in each year until the whole amount now in issue shall be due.  
 Question put and passed.
17. Grant for Education:—Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to notice, That the two Petitions in reference to State Grants for Educational purposes, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
18. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition relative to the Desecration of the Sabbath, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
19. Postponement:—The second reading of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on behalf of Mr. Deniehy, until Friday next.
20. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension 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, and with the Title amended to stand thus, "*A Bill for further facilitating the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate*,"—  
 Mr. Dalley moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.  
 Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to insert in their place the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 1 and 2."  
 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 Clauses 1 and 2,—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.
21. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The second reading of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Faucett, until Tuesday next.  
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Order No. 2 on the Paper of Government Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
22. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Further Postponement Bill:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to amended notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to further postpone the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty.  
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
23. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill shall have been disposed of.
24. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Further postponement Bill:—Mr. Jones having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to further postpone the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty*," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
25. 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, Mr. Jones moved, "That" the Adoption of the Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
 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 1, 2, 3, 58, and New Clause A."  
 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 Clauses 1, 2, 3, 58, and new Clause A,—put and passed;—

Whereupon

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,—

Mr. Jones moved, "That" the Adoption of the Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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 2 and 86."

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 Clauses 2 and 86,—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 ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

26. District Courts Bill:—The Speaker reported, That while the House was in Committee on the Municipalities Bill, the following Message from the Legislative Council was received:—

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.

J. H. PLUNKETT,  
President.

No. 57-17.—*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 15 December, 1857.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

27. Trust Funds Security 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 to-morrow.

28. Postponements:—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill further postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

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

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce 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. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the rate of Pilotage, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales.
3. MR. JONES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts, and to increase the rents of lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Hunter River Tonnage Duty further postponement Bill; second reading.
3. Municipalities Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
4. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill; third reading.
2. Trust Funds Security Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Inspector General of Police, or any other person, upon the subject of the late reduction of the salary of the Chief Constable at Queanbeyan.
2. MR. G. 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.) A Return of the sums of money granted by the Board of Commissioners for National Education towards the erection of School Buildings and Teachers' Residences, (including the Model School) in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and in the Colony at large; also, a Return of the sums of money paid by the inhabitants of the Districts in which those schools are situated towards the erection of the said schools, distinguishing, in each case, the accommodation provided, and the number of children in actual attendance, the sum which each school has cost, and the salaries that are now, and have been, paid to the Teachers thereof during the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, according to the annexed form:—

NAME OF THE SCHOOL.	The Sum granted by the National Board.	The Amount received in Subscriptions from the District.	The Number of Children which can be accommodated.	The Number of Children in average attendance.	The Number of Teachers, Assistant-Teachers, and others employed in the School.	The Total Amount paid in Salaries to the persons employed in the School, for the Year 1854-5-6.

(2.) A Return of all sums of money paid by the same Board to the Secretary and Clerks, for conducting the business of the Office, during the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, giving the names of the persons employed, and the payments made to each annually; also, a Return of the salaries paid to the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors, and of all other sums paid for the Inspection of National Schools in the Colony of New South Wales, during the years 1854, 1855, 1856, giving the names of the persons employed, and the annual payment made to each.

3. MR. R. CAMPBELL 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 and Correspondence relative to the pre-emptive right of Miles Murphy, Esq., under his squatting run at Murrumburra Creek, a portion of which is claimed by the Inhabitants as the site for a Township; also, of all Papers and Correspondence having reference to the site of the Village of Cunningham, on Cunningham's Plains, adjoining thereto.

4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That it is expedient that all the Land Regulations now in force should be printed in a compendious form.
5. 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 the present year.
6. MR. ROBERTSON 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 that has taken place between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that District;—  
Also, a copy of all Petitions and Memorials of the Inhabitants of Murrurundi, on the subject, and the replies of the Government thereto, in each case, during the years 1856 and 1857.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
8. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant, in reference to the distribution of the Grant for Educational purposes, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Form of proposed Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of Australian Federation.
2. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

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DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1857.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Grant for Education :—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Sydney, 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.
- 2. Proposed Vote of Credit to 31st March, 1858 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—  
W. DENISON, Message No. 17.  
*Governor General.*

The Governor General recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of a sum of £228,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments, and Services of the Colony, from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1858, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1857; and, also, of a sum of £15,000 for the maintenance and repair of the Roads of the Colony during the same period.

This course is rendered necessary by the impossibility of passing the Estimates for 1858, before the close of the present year; and, as a like difficulty occurred at the close of last year, and is not unlikely to occur again hereafter, it appears to the Governor General, that it would be convenient to extend the provision for the Service of the year 1857, to the end of the first quarter of 1858, with a view to the financial year thereafter commencing on the first of April, and ending on the 31st of March.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 16 December, 1857.*  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Jones, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

- 3. Grant for Education :—Mr. Dickson presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Maitland, praying that no change may be made in the mode of distributing State Grants for Educational Purposes until a general system be established.  
Petition received.
- 4. Closing Public Houses on the Sabbath :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers in the Colony of New South Wales complaining of being compelled, under the present state of the law, to open their houses for the sale of liquors between the hours of one and three every Sabbath Day, and praying relief.  
Petition received.
- 5. Paper :—Mr. Jones laid upon the Table the Return to the Order in reference to the Due Dates and Amounts of outstanding Debentures, made by this House, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on the 15th instant.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 6. Moreton Bay Judge :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce 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.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Richardson, } Tellers.  
Mr. Marks, }

Noes, 24.  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Wilshirc,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson, }

7. 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 13th ultimo.  
 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.
8. 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 13th ultimo.  
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Appendix.  
 (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.
9. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to increase the rate of Pilotage, and to provide further for the Pilot Establishments of New South Wales.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. Jones,  
 Mr. Martin,  
 Mr. Marks,  
 Mr. Dalley,  
 Mr. Robertson,  
 Mr. Deniehy,  
 Mr. Piddington,  
 Mr. Weekes,  
 Mr. Barker,  
 Mr. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Wilshire,  
 Mr. Gordon,  
 Mr. Oakes,  
 Mr. Dickson,  
 Mr. Osborne,  
 Mr. Pye,  
 Mr. Scott,  
 Mr. Smith,  
 Mr. Leslie,  
 Mr. Buckley,  
 Mr. Richardson,  
 Mr. Byrnes,  
 Mr. Holt,  
 Mr. Irving,  
 Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Donaldson,  
 Mr. G. Macleay,  
 Mr. Hay,  
 Mr. Suttor,  
 Mr. Cox,  
 Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
 Mr. Lord,  
 Mr. Lee,  
 Mr. Holroyd,  
 Mr. Forster,  
 Mr. Garland,  
 Mr. Bowman,  
 Mr. Hargrave,  
 Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.

Whereupon it was *ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

10. Increased Assessment and Rent Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to impose an Assessment on Ruins in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts, and to increase the rents of lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of the Colony.  
 Debate ensued.  
 And it being moved by Mr. Donaldson, That certain words used by Mr. Cowper be taken down by the Clerk, the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, took down the said words, as follows :—  
 Mr. Cowper, addressing the House, said, referring to Mr. Donaldson, who had just spoken, " No wonder that the Honorable Member who has been so often proved to " have made statements unfounded, should make this present charge,—"  
 And Mr. Cowper having been heard in his place and withdrawn,—  
 Mr. Hay moved, " That " the words taken down by the Clerk are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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 do now proceed with the business before it."  
 Debate continued.  
 And the House ultimately agreeing to leave the question to the ruling of the Speaker,—  
 Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.  
 Original Question by leave withdrawn.  
 And Mr. Cowper being re-called to his place,—  
 The Speaker said, that the decision of the question which had arisen upon the words taken down by the Clerk having been, by the House, left to his ruling, he would now inform the Honorable gentleman, as he was about to do at the outset of this matter, that whenever an Honorable Member, in the heat of debate, made use of words which gave offence to any other Honorable Member, those words ought to be withdrawn, even though it was not intended they should bear the offensive construction put upon them.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Cowper withdrew the words excepted to and taken down by the Clerk, and explained that it was not at all his intention to apply them in the offensive sense in which they had been taken.

The Debate of the Question upon Mr. Jones' motion then resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Deniehy,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.  
Mr. Robertson, }

Noes, 20.

Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson, }

Whereupon it was ordered, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

11. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill :—Mr. Jones having presented this Bill, 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 to-morrow.
12. Increased Assessment and Rent Bill :—Mr. Jones having presented this Bill,—moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Deniehy,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Dalley,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Holroyd,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.  
Mr. Garland, }

Whereupon Bill, intituled, "*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*,"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until this day week.
14. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Further Postponement Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.
15. Municipalities Bill Reported :—Mr. Jones 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 the further consideration of Clauses 9 and 44, and to the consideration of a New Clause to follow "Clause 79."  
Debate ensued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. R. Campbell,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Rowman,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. Oakes,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
Mr. W. Macleay,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—

And Bill, as so reported, ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

16. Postponements:—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until to-morrow.

17. Payment of Debts out of Real Estate Act Extension Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Dalley, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Martin 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. 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 for further facilitating the Payment of Debts out of Real Estate,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 16th December, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. 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, 16th December, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

I. MR. JONES to move, (*upon consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 17.*) in Committee of Supply—

That there be appropriated a sum not exceeding £228,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1858, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1857; and a sum not exceeding £15,000, for the maintenance and repair of the Roads of the Colony during the same period.

ORDERS

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1. District Courts Bill; second reading.
2. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Increased Assessment and Rent Bill; second reading.
4. Hunter River Tonnage Duty further postponement Bill; third reading.
5. Municipalities Bill; third reading.
6. Moreton Bay Public Debt Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

## Questions:—

1. MR. WEEKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any contract has been entered into with the Government for the completion of the Electric Telegraph to Albury; and if any such contract has been entered into, if there be any objection on the part of the Government to state the name of the Contractor, the price at which the work has been contracted for, the date at which the bond of the Contractor was executed, and when there is a probability of the work being completed?
2. MR. HOLT to ask THE HONORABLE AND LEARNED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether, in his opinion, it would be legal to impose an Assessment on Runs in the Unsettled and Intermediate Districts, and to increase the rents of lands leased for pastoral purposes within the Settled Districts of the Colony?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Inspector General of Police, or any other person, upon the subject of the late reduction of the salary of the Chief Constable at Queanbeyan.
2. MR. G. 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.) A Return of the sums of money granted by the Board of Commissioners for National Education towards the erection of School Buildings and Teachers' Residences, (including the Model School) in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and in the Colony at large; also, a Return of the sums of money paid by the inhabitants of the Districts in which those schools are situated towards the erection of the said schools, distinguishing, in each case, the accommodation provided, and the number of children in actual attendance, the sum which each school has cost, and the salaries that are now, and have been, paid to the Teachers thereof during the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, according to the annexed form:—

NAME OF THE SCHOOL.	The Sum granted by the National Board.	The Amount received in Subscriptions from the District.	The Number of Children which can be accommodated.	The Number of Children in average attendance.	The Number of Teachers, Assistant-Teachers, and others employed in the School.	The Total Amount paid in Salaries to the persons employed in the School, for the Years 1854-5-6.

(2.) A Return of all sums of money paid by the same Board to the Secretary and Clerks, for conducting the business of the Office, during the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, giving the names of the persons employed, and the payments made to each annually; also, a Return of the salaries paid to the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors, and of all other sums paid for the Inspection of National Schools in the Colony of New South Wales, during the years 1854, 1855, 1856, giving the names of the persons employed, and the annual payment made to each.

3. MR. R. CAMPBELL 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 and Correspondence relative to the pre-emptive right of Miles Murphy, Esq., under his squatting run at Murrumburra Creek, a portion of which is claimed by the Inhabitants as the site for a Township; also, of all Papers and Correspondence having reference to the site of the Village of Cunningai, on Cunningham's Plains, adjoining thereto.
4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That it is expedient that all the Land Regulations now in force should be printed in a compendious form.

5. 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 the present year.
6. MR. ROBERTSON 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 that has taken place between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Murrurundi, relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that District;—  
Also, a copy of all Petitions and Memorials of the Inhabitants of Murrurundi, on the subject, and the replies of the Government thereto, in each case, during the years 1856 and 1857.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition of John Bingle, Chairman of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
8. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant, in reference to the distribution of the Grant for Educational purposes, be printed.
9. MR. WEEKES 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 the sum of £100 to be placed on the Estimates for 1858, for the purpose of re-establishing the Immigration Depôt at Maitland.
10. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount of the expenses incurred, on account of this Colony, by the Paris Exhibition Commissioners, from the date of their appointment in 1854, to this date, or until the close of their duties as Commissioners, whichever may have first happened.

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1. Consideration of Form of proposed Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of Australian Federation.
2. Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Australian Gas Light Company's Bill; second reading.
4. Pyrmont Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DICKSON to move, That the Petition relative to State Grants for Educational purposes, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,  
*Speaker.*

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Peter Coffey:—Mr. T. G. Rusden presented a Petition from Peter Coffey, Coxswain of the Boat's Crew that boarded the "Mary Nicholson" and the "Ethereal," on which vessels a seizure of Gold took place, praying that, if any rewards are given for effecting the seizure, the claims of Petitioner and those who accompanied him may receive due consideration.  
Petition received.
2. Grant for Education:—  
(1.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the District of Bathurst, 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.  
(2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the District of Kelso, with a similar prayer.  
Petition received.
3. Burwood Tramroad Continuation Act Amendment Bill, and Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Piddington, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report these Bills were respectively referred on the 3rd and 19th ultimo, and in respect of which the Committee report that upon the question being put from the Chair as regards the Preamble of each, "That the Preamble stand part of the Bill," it passed in the *negative*.  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Appendix.
4. Australian Agricultural Company's Newcastle Railway Bill:—Mr. Hay having presented a Petition from Arthur Hodgson, Esq., General Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company, representing that the Select Committee on this Bill had declined to hear certain further Evidence, tendered by Petitioner, in support of its Preamble, and praying that the House will again refer the Bill to the Select Committee, with an instruction that further Evidence on both sides be heard touching its Preamble:—  
The Speaker referred the House to the 66th Section of the Standing Orders, which authorizes a Select Committee on a Private Bill to exercise its own discretion in regard to the Evidence it shall take, and which declares that if such Committee shall report, That upon a Question from the Chair it was resolved that the Preamble should not stand part of the Bill, it shall be fatal to the Bill;—and added, that as the Committee on this Bill had so reported, he apprehended it was not now in the power of the House to revive the Bill in the present Session by any subsequent proceeding whatsoever.  
Mr. Hay then moved, That the Petition be received.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
5. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Second Reading of the District Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.  
(2.) The orders 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until order No. 7 shall have been disposed of.
6. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day, brought up the following Resolution as agreed to in the Committee:—

(1.)

(1.) Resolved, that there be appropriated a sum not exceeding £228,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1858, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1857; and a sum not exceeding £15,000, for the maintenance and repair of the Roads of the Colony, during the same period

Mr. Jones moved, That this House do now adopt this Resolution.

Question put and passed.

7. Pilotage Rates Amendment Bill:—Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Jones, 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.

8. Increased Assessment and Rent Bill:—Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Mr. Holt 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."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Jones,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Weekes,  
Mr. Richardson,  
Mr. Buckley,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Marks,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Deniehy,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Scott,  
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Mr. Wilshire,  
Mr. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Barker,  
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.  
Mr. Dalley,

Noes, 23.

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Mr. Fauceff,  
Mr. G. Macleay,  
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Mr. Hargrave,  
Mr. Egan,  
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Mr. Forster,  
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Mr. Pye,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Leslie,  
Mr. Osborne,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hely,  
Mr. Irving,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Holt,  
Mr. Garland,  
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.  
Mr. Donaldson,

Question put, That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be there added.

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Whereupon Question,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.

9. Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper,—adverting to the vote which the House had just come to,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Question put and passed;—

And the House accordingly 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, DECEMBER 18.

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11. MR. SMITH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General, the Postmaster at Windsor, the Contractor for the Conveyance of the Mails to and from Windsor and Parramatta, and other persons, relative to a proposal to change the Postal arrangements between Windsor and Sydney for the year 1858.
12. MR. HOLT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to address the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies in order to obtain the opinion of Her Majesty's Legal Advisers as to the construction to be placed on the Orders in Council for the leasing of the Crown Lands of the Colony for pastoral purposes;—that is to say, whether the rents therein reserved were to be regarded as fixed and certain, and subject only to such general rates, taxes, and assessments as may be imposed by the Colonial Legislature; or whether the power was therein conferred to increase such rents indefinitely, to make up any deficiency in the General Revenue.
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Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have Ministers advised or do they intend advising His Excellency the Governor General to dissolve the present Assembly?
  - (2.) On or about what day do Ministers contemplate commencing the next Session of Parliament, either in the event of a dissolution or of none?
  - (3.) Do Ministers propose introducing during the present Session any other measures than those now before the House?
  - (4.) Do Ministers propose introducing any additional measures before a dissolution, and if any, what?
  - (5.) In the event of His Excellency the Governor not consenting to dissolve, what course the Government intend pursuing?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, What the Government have done in consequence of the late depredations committed by the Aborigines in the Northern Districts; and what course the Government intend to adopt to prevent the recurrence of such disasters?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DICKSON to move, That the Petition relative to State Grants for Educational purposes, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
3. MR. HOLT to move, That this House, without pledging itself to the details of the measure, is of opinion that the following principles should be the basis of a Bill to be submitted to this House, for the settlement of the Land question:—
  - (1.) That all the unalienated and surveyed lands of the Colony, with the exception of Suburban and Town lands, shall be open to the free selection of individuals, in farms of from 30 to 320 acres, at the fixed price of 20s. per acre, for the fee simple; provided that they will undertake to fence in the same within one year.
  - (2.) That it is expedient to offer liberal terms of payment to purchasers of Crown Lands, in order not to deprive them of the capital absolutely necessary, in the first instance, for

for building, fencing, clearing, &c.; and that payment be made by the following instalments, (Government Debentures of £20 and under being receivable as cash):—

20 per cent. cash deposit.		
1st year—no payment.		
2nd year—20 per cent. without interest.		
3rd year—	do.	do.
4th year—	do.	do.
5th year—	do.	do.

(3.) That the whole of the current month, in each year, in which each instalment becomes due, shall be allowed to pay the same. That in the event of the instalments not being paid before the first day of the next following month, a fine of 5 per cent. on the amount of instalments shall be imposed;—if not paid before the first day of the next following month, an additional fine of 5 per cent. shall be imposed;—and if not paid before the first day of the next following or third month, a third sum of 5 per cent. shall be imposed,—making a total of 15 per cent. fines, or about 7d. per acre. The land shall then be sold at public auction, and whatever it may realize over and above the fixed price of 20s. per acre, and the fines thereon imposed, (less the deposit or instalments paid,) shall be repaid to the original purchaser or his representatives.

(4.) That the original purchaser shall be at liberty to transfer, by a simple endorsement, the Treasury receipts for his deposits and instalments; and after payment of the entire purchase money, the owner of these documents shall be entitled to a conveyance direct from the Crown.

(5.) That agistment of all lands not immediately required for agricultural and other purposes than that of grazing shall be sold at the uniform price of one shilling per acre, payable by six annual payments of two-pence per acre. That the present licensed occupiers and lessees of Crown Lands shall have the option of purchasing the agistment of their runs, provided they signify their intention of doing so within one year from the passing of this Act, and agree to cancel their leases, and at the same time pay the first instalment of the purchase money.

(6.) That the purchasers of the right of agistment shall be subjected to no other rates, taxes, or assessments, than those to which all other persons, not possessing grazing rights, are equally subjected.

(7.) That in case the present licensed occupiers and lessees of Crown Lands decline availing themselves of the privilege of purchasing the grazing rights of their runs within one year, as aforesaid, from the passing of this Bill, it shall be lawful for the Government to offer them for sale at public auction, subject to an upset price of one shilling per acre for the grazing purposes of the run, until required for other purposes than that of grazing.

(8.) That the grazing rights of all unalienated Crown Lands, except Suburban and Town Lands, shall be open to the free selection of individuals on the terms aforesaid, until required for any use except that of grazing.

(9.) That, notwithstanding the sale of the right of agistment, as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any individual to select any portion of a run, subject to the usual rules as to water frontage, &c., and not less than 30 acres, at the fixed price of 20s. per acre, provided that the right to occupy the said land remain unaltered to the purchaser of the agistment until one shilling per acre, or any instalment or instalments thereof, as the case may be, shall be repaid to him, together with the valuation of the improvements thereon, such as buildings, fencing, dams, &c., and the purchaser of the fee simple shall have enclosed his land with a substantial three-rail fence.

(10.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the Parliamentary Draftsmen to prepare a Bill, to be submitted for the consideration of this House, embodying the above Resolutions.

4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of Peter Coffey, in reference to the Gold Seizure on board the "Mary Nicholson" and "Ethereal," presented by him on the 17th instant, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY;—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

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1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

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