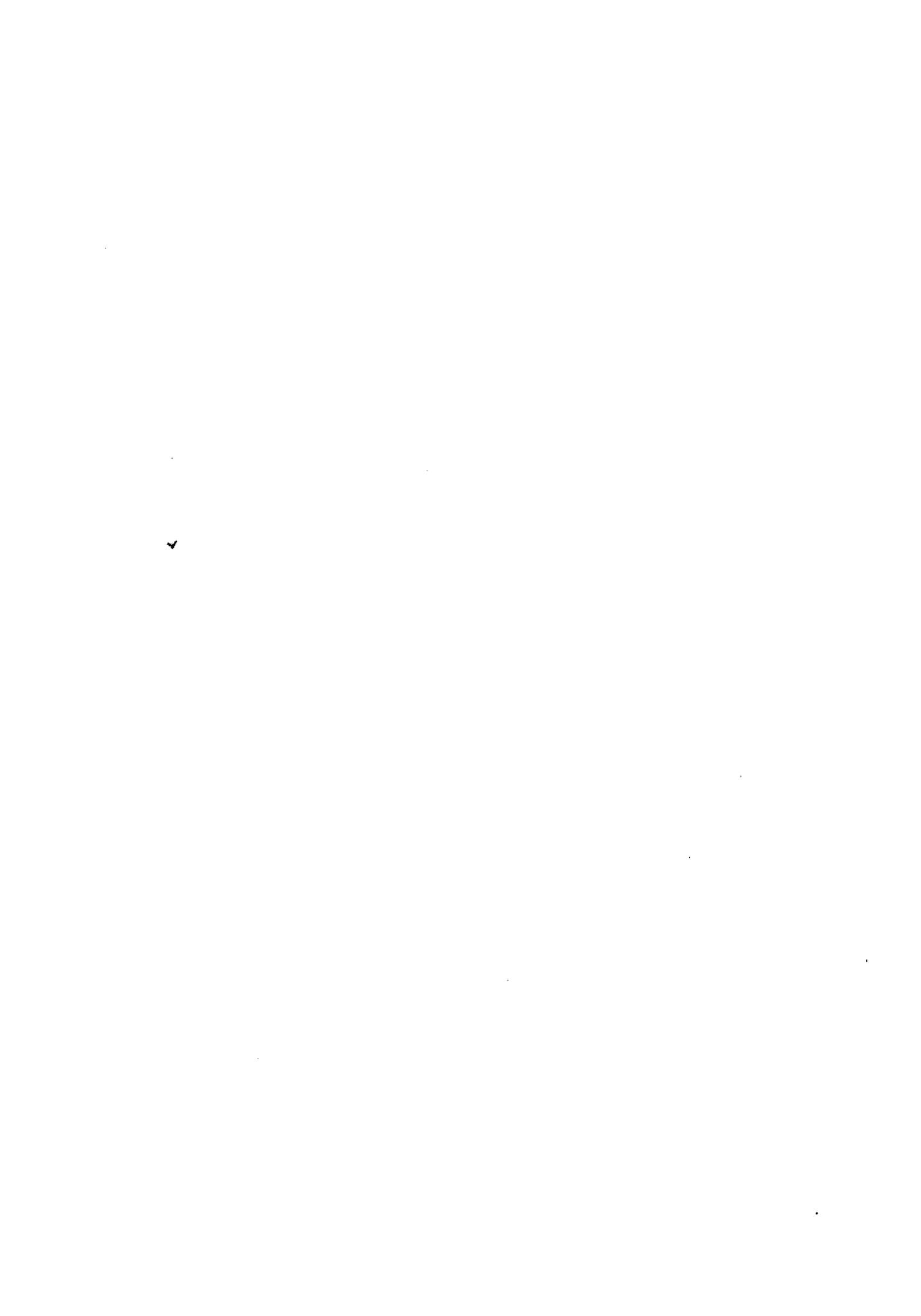


# Votes



New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1870.

1. Opening of the Session :—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fifteenth day of June, 1870; the Speaker took the Chair. The Clerk then, by direction of the Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows :—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD,  
to wit. } EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy  
“ (L.S.) BELMORE, } Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of  
“ Governor. New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

“ WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twelfth day of July proximo: Now I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Thursday, the eleventh day of August next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch 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 fifteenth day of June,  
“ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-  
“ third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By Command,

“ CHARLES COWPER.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. Writs issued and Returns made during the Recess :—The Speaker reported as follows :—  
(1.) That in pursuance of the direction of the Electoral Act of 1858, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament, viz. :—  
For The Hastings,—in the room of Horace Dean, Esquire, who during the last Session was declared, by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, not to have been duly elected.  
For Gold Fields South,—in the room of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, resigned.  
(2.) That these Writs had been duly returned to him, with the respective Certificates endorsed thereon of the election of the following gentlemen,—  
Horace Dean, Esquire, to serve as Member for The Hastings; and  
Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, to serve as Member for Gold Fields South.
3. Members Sworn :—  
Horace Dean, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings.  
Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

4. The Clerk summoned. (*Regina v. Alderson—Bribery.*)

The Speaker informed the House as follows:—

(1.) That during the recess the Clerk had been summoned in the case above cited to have and produce, at the Police Office, in Windsor, on a day named in the summons, the Writ issued at the late General Election for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Windsor;—that the Clerk had represented to him his inability, under the 14th Standing Order, to produce the said Writ without the leave or order of the House (at the time unattainable), and that he himself had declined to assume the responsibility of authorizing in the Clerk a disregard of the explicit direction of the Assembly.

(2.) That the Clerk had reported to him that, in obedience to the summons, he attended at the Police Office in Windsor, and when called upon to produce the said Writ respectfully declined to do so (explaining to the Bench the position in which he was placed), whereupon the case was adjourned for one week, for the purpose of obtaining the opinion of the Attorney General as to the power of the Bench to compel production of the document; that he attended on the day of the adjourned sitting—the Bench in the meantime having been advised by the Attorney General that they had the power to compel production of the Writ, but after being marked as an exhibit it should be returned to the custody of the Clerk;—that the Clerk then offered to produce the Writ, but the attorney conducting the prosecution insisted upon having either the original document or an attested copy put in as evidence; the Clerk allowed him to make a copy, and certified to its correctness. That the case having then proceeded, and the accused having been committed for trial to the next Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held at Windsor on the 2nd August current, the Clerk was bound over to attend on that day;—that he attended accordingly, and produced the Writ, without relinquishing the possession of it, and the case was concluded.

The Speaker then laid upon the Table the correspondence that had taken place on the subject.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be printed.

## 5. Message from His Excellency the Governor:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message, "That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber."

The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock, until Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

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

(1.) Report and Minutes of the Proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference, held in Melbourne, in the months of June and July, 1870.

(2.) Return shewing the Distribution of the Police Force on 1st July, 1870.

(3.) By-laws under the Municipalities Act, 31 Vict. No. 12, sec. 158, of the undermentioned Boroughs:—

Borough of Newcastle		Borough of Mudgee
Borough of Waverley		Borough of Paddington.

(4.) Correspondence respecting the introduction of Female Domestic Servants from the United Kingdom.

(5.) Despatches respecting Imperial Troops in the Australian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

## 7. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

## "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 1858, I do hereby appoint

"George Wigram Allen, Esquire,

"Edward Butler, Esquire,

"Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire,

"Joseph Leary, Esquire,

"Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire,

"William Henry Suttor, Esquire,

"Robert Wisdom, 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 eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
"eight hundred and seventy.

"W. M. ARNOLD,

"Speaker."

## 8. Election Petition:—The Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to him, from Robert Burdett Smith, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, complaining of the election and return of Horace Dean, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings, as being an undue election and return, on the ground that at the time of the said Horace Dean's nomination and election, and also at the time of his return, he was not a naturalized subject of Her Majesty; and alleging that he (Petitioner) was a candidate at the Election for The Hastings, and ought to have been returned instead of the said Horace Dean, and claiming to be declared the sitting Member for the said Electoral District; and praying that the said Petition may be dealt with as the law directs.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. Ordnance Land Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*” read a first time, *pro forma*.
10. The Governor's Opening Speech:—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when 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 read to the House as follows:—

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

1. I have in accordance with the expectation held out at the commencement of the last Session of Parliament, summoned you thus early for the despatch of business in the hope that the period may prove seasonable and convenient.

2. The very important subject of Law Reform has engaged the attention of my Government, and a Commission has been issued to make a full inquiry into the state of the Statute Law of the Colony, and to submit proposals for the consolidation and amendment thereof. A like inquiry will also be made into the practice and procedure of our Courts of Justice, with a view to their simplification and the removal of the inconveniences arising from the separation of jurisdiction in Law and Equity. The high qualifications of the gentlemen who have undertaken this duty give promise of valuable reform in the Laws of the Country and the Administration of Justice. Several very important Bills are in course of preparation under the supervision of the Commission, and will, it is expected, be ready for presentation at an early date. Amongst these are measures for the consolidation and amendment of Criminal Law and Procedure, of Common Law and Equity Procedure, and of the Insolvency Laws and Law of Lunacy.

3. A Commission has also been issued to inquire into the operation of the Gold Fields Laws and Regulations; and, I hope that the exhaustive inquiry upon which the Commissioners have been instructed to enter, may enable the Government to propose a measure by which the great interest of gold-mining will be put in a position for its thorough and most profitable development.

4. Despatches from the Secretary of State, and other correspondence having reference to the question of Military protection, will be submitted to Parliament. The withdrawal of the remaining detachments of Her Majesty's Land Forces renders necessary the immediate consideration of the means by which they shall be replaced, although I feel assured that adequate protection by sea will be afforded by the Imperial Navy.

5. The several Governments of the Australasian Colonies having been invited to meet in Conference, at Melbourne, to consider the desirability of the establishment of a Customs Union, and the removal of all restrictions upon Intercolonial Trade, with various other matters affecting the whole group, this Government accepted the invitation, and two of its members attended accordingly. Copies of the proceedings will at once be laid before you. Upon the more important questions which came under discussion no definite resolutions were arrived at, but the spirit in which all subjects of mutual interest were discussed will, it is hoped, open the way to important and beneficial results.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. The Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1871 are being prepared and will be submitted to you without delay, together with such Supplementary Estimates for 1870 as have been found inevitable. These have been brought within the narrowest limits.

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

7. I feel assured that you will join with me in deep sympathy for the great suffering occasioned to a large and industrious portion of the community by the disastrous floods. Every aid has been rendered by the Government to relieve urgent cases of distress, and I rely upon the energy of the people to overcome the losses and deprivations to which, by the calamitous visitation of Providence, they have been subjected.

8. The continuance and wide extension of the extraordinary rainfall, which had commenced before I last addressed you, have by affecting the general prosperity, and obstructing trade with the interior, proved prejudicial to the Public Revenue; but it is confidently anticipated that by careful economy the ordinary expenditure for the year will be kept within the receipts.

9. You will be invited to consider the expediency of consolidating the Public Debt, and of making special provision for the deficit remaining from former years. A scheme will also be submitted for a loan to enable the Government to proceed still further with the Railway works, for the construction of Lunatic Asylums, and other Public Buildings which are pressingly required, and for carrying out Immigration. The expenditure incurred for the highly important objects above-mentioned will be valuable as a means of affording employment, immediately upon their arrival, to the Immigrants who may be introduced.

10. The policy indicated in a former Session of abolishing the system of *Ad Valorem* Duties will be adhered to.

11. The intelligence received from Europe by late Mails gives much ground for expecting a steady and encouraging revival of prosperity in relation to wool and other leading products of the Colony, which have been lately so much depressed. And it is at the same time very gratifying to observe that the confidence of capitalists at home in the resources of this Country, and the energy of its people, has become such as to secure for our Debentures a higher rate than they have ever before attained.

12. Very anxious consideration has been given to the subject of Railway extension at reduced cost. Propositions will be submitted for the prolongation of the Northern, Western, and Southern Lines, and for the construction of a line in the South-western District of the Colony.

13. The temporary provision made for the maintenance of the Superannuation Fund having been exhausted, it is imperatively necessary that this subject should be dealt with in the course of the present Session.

14. Other important measures have been prepared, and are in the course of preparation, which will be brought under your consideration at an early period; some of these have been mentioned to you on a previous occasion.

15. I regard with great satisfaction the prospect of advantage which the Australasian Colonies may expect from the approaching Intercolonial Exhibition. It cannot fail to bring into favorable view the advance and high character of our Industries, and to develop the resources of this Country, whilst it will at the same time afford much information and gratification to all who may have the opportunity of visiting it. Our thanks are due to the Agricultural Society and the gentlemen under whose auspices the Exhibition has been designed and prepared.

16. I trust that the Divine Blessing will attend your counsels and guide you to adopt such measures as may tend to advance the welfare and happiness of the community whose interests are committed to your care.

Mr. Bawden then moved, and Mr. Spring seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Church, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Bawden having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

*“ To His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty’s Person and Government, and to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency’s Speech.

“ 2. We are glad that it has been found practicable to call Parliament together so soon after the close of last Session.

“ 3. We are pleased to learn that the Law Reform Commission has already entered on its very important duties, and we heartily join with your Excellency in the hope that the result of its labours will be valuable, and that speedy reforms in the Laws of the Colony and in the Administration of Justice will follow.

“ 4. We shall be prepared to give our earnest attention to any measure suggested by the labours of the Gold Fields Commission with a view to the more thorough development and profitable working of gold-mining throughout the Colony.

“ 5. We shall be willing to concur in such legislation as may be rendered necessary by the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops.

“ 6. We cordially join with your Excellency in expressing a deep sympathy with those of our fellow colonists who have suffered by the recent disastrous floods. It is satisfactory to us to know that in urgent cases of distress proper assistance has been rendered by the Government.

“ 7. The heavy rainfall since the commencement of the current year prepared us for a decrease in the revenue, but we are glad to be assured that there is a probability of the expenditure of the year not exceeding the receipts.

“ 8. We share with Your Excellency the great satisfaction which the prospect of the approaching Intercolonial Exhibition holds out of bringing into favourable view the advance and high character of our productions, and of its being calculated to facilitate the development of the resources of the Colony.

“ 9. The favourable reports received from Europe in relation to our Colonial products, and the high prices obtained for our Debentures are highly satisfactory, and together cannot fail beneficially to affect all the interests of the Colony.

“ 10. It is also gratifying to hear that several important Bills will be submitted to Parliament at an early date. We shall be prepared to give them our careful attention.

“ 11. The Estimates of Expenditure shall have our best consideration.

“ 12. We unite with Your Excellency in the hope that the Divine Blessing will attend our counsels, and guide us to adopt such measures as may tend to advance the welfare and happiness of the community whose interests are committed to our care.”

Mr. Bawden then moved, and Mr. Spring seconded the motion,—That the Address in reply to the Governor’s Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Sir James Martin moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion of the following paragraph between paragraphs 11 and 12:—

“ We regret that your Excellency has been advised to delay for so long a period the filling up of the important office of Secretary for Lands, and we feel ourselves constrained to express to your Excellency our opinion that the arrangements under which the Law Officers of the Crown discharge their functions are not such as to command our approval.”

Debate continued.

Question put, That the paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Parkes,	Commander Onslow,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. King,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Windoyer.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Campbell,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. S. Brown.

Original Question then put and passed.

11. Adjournment.—Mr. Cowper,—intimating that he had it in command from the Governor to state that His Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of the Assembly in reply to his Opening Speech at half-past Three o'clock on Wednesday next,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seventeen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1870.

*Questions:—*

- MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he will state the specific charge or charges under which the Government have thought it their duty to suspend Mr. Moriarty from his office?
- MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The debtor and creditor actual available cash balances in the Government Bank in the Colony on the 8th August, 1870, and in London to date of latest advices,—
  - (1.) The Consolidated Revenue Account?
  - (2.) The Loan Account?
  - (3.) The Church and School Fund?
  - (4.) The Lodgments?
  - (5.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
 And the distribution of the above balances?
- MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Report of the Commissioners, appointed to consider what means should be adopted for flood prevention in the Hunter River District, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
- MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Customs Statistics, ordered by this House on the 25th March, be laid upon the Table?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (on the Motion being made that Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the *Whole House during the present Session*), That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Thomas Garrett," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "John Lackey."

*NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—*

- MR. BUCHANAN to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
- MR. COWPER to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of business at Three o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
- MR. COWPER to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
- MR. COWPER to move, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
- MR. COWPER to move, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
  - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
  - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.

(3.)

- (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
- (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
  7. MR. COWPER to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
  8. MR. COWPER to move, That the order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
  9. MR. COWPER to move, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
    - (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
    - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and, on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
  10. MR. COWPER to move, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.
  11. MR. COWPER to move, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second, or casting vote.
  12. MR. COWPER to move, That the Library Committee of the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Windeyer, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
  13. MR. COWPER to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Butler, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
  14. MR. COWPER to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Lord, Mr. Egan, Sir James Martin, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
  15. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
  16. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870.

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TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government called upon the Inspector General of Police to explain how it happened that Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department—whom the said Inspector General of Police stated, when examined at the Bar of this House, had been under police surveillance after his arrest on a charge of defrauding the Government—escaped from the Colony?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the total ascertained amount of the defalcations of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, up to the 31st July, 1870?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Do the Government intend to erect a platform on the Great Northern Railway for the use of the residents of Camberwell and the surrounding district, at or near the intersection of the Great Northern Railway with the parish road leading from Coorangoola to Camberwell on the north-western side of Glennie's Creek, in conformity with the prayer of a petition from the residents presented by Mr. James Hoskins to the Secretary for Public Works at his office?
  - (2.) If so, when will the work be commenced?

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Suspension of Mr. Moriarty:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If he will state the specific charge or charges under which the Government have thought it their duty to suspend Mr. Moriarty from his office?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The House will, I hope, excuse my declining to give any information upon the case to which the Honorable Member refers in its present stage.

(2.) Government Cash Balances in Banks:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—The debtor and creditor actual available cash balances in the Government Bank in the Colony on the 8th August, 1870; and in London, to date of latest advices,—

(1.) The Consolidated Revenue Account?

(2.) The Loan Account?

(3.) The Church and School Fund?

(4.) The Lodgments?

(5.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

And the distribution of the above balances?

Mr. Samuel answered,—Even if so disposed, it would be impossible for me to give the information asked for by the Honorable Member, as no "debtor cash balances" can possibly be "available" in the Government Bank either in the Colony or in London. If the Honorable Member will, however, refer to the *Government Gazette* of 12th July last, he will there find the information to the 30th June of the kind he evidently desires.

(3.) Floods in Hunter River District:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When the Report of the Commissioners, appointed to consider what means should be adopted for flood prevention in the Hunter River District, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—A progress Report may be expected immediately, but, at the request of the Commissioners, their time has been extended to three months, to enable them to complete their final Report.

(4.) Customs Statistics:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Customs Statistics, ordered by this House on the 25th March, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I shall have the honor presently to lay upon the Table the papers moved for by the Honorable Member, and I may say that they were furnished to me only during the Recess, or I would have laid them upon the Table before.

2. Papers:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Customs Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 25th March, 1870.

(2.) Despatches (2) respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

(3.) General Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarters ended respectively 31st December, 1869, and 31st March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Commander Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 1, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.
5. Business Days (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of business at Three o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.  
Question put and passed.
6. Days for Precedence of Government Business (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.  
Question put and passed.
7. Days for Precedence of Private Business, and relative precedence of Private Orders (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.  
Question put and passed.
8. Formal Motions and Orders of the Day (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
  - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
  - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
  - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day, or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
  - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.  
Question put and passed.
9. Resumption of Committee of Supply (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
Question put and passed.
10. Resumption of Committee of Ways and Means (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
Question put and passed.
11. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
12. Balloting for Select Committees (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
  - (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
  - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialled, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.  
Question put and passed.
13. Entry of Questions and Answers on Votes (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings, the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.  
Question put and passed.
14. Vote of Chairman of Select Committee on Private Bill (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second, or casting vote.  
Question put and passed.
15. Library Committee (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That the Library Committee of the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Windeyer, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
Question put and passed.

16. Standing Orders Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Sir James Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Butler, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
17. Refreshment Room Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Lord, Mr. Egan, Sir James Martin, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.  
Question put and passed.
18. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.
19. Chairman of Committees of the Whole House:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That "Thomas Garrett," Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.  
Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Thomas Garrett," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "John Lackey."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Dean,	

Noes, 29.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. King,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Clarke,	

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

Question then,—That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lackey made his acknowledgments to the House.

20. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government called upon the Inspector General of Police to explain how it happened that Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department—whom the said Inspector General of Police stated, when examined at the Bar of this House, had been under police surveillance after his arrest on a charge of defrauding the Government—escaped from the Colony?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the total ascertained amount of the defalcations of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, up to the 31st July, 1870?

3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Do the Government intend to erect a platform on the Great Northern Railway for the use of the residents of Camberwell and the surrounding district, at or near the intersection of the Great Northern Railway with the parish road leading from Coorangoola to Camberwell, on the north-western side of Glennie's Creek, in conformity with the prayer of a petition from the residents, presented by Mr. James Hoskins to the Secretary for Public Works at his office?  
 (2.) If so, when will the work be commenced?
4. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is the Government aware that the Mudgee Road, from the Railway Station at Wallerawang, is in a dangerous and almost impassable state; if so, what steps are being taken to repair it?  
 (2.) Has any portion of the sum of £5,000, voted last Session for the repair of the Mudgee Road, been expended upon it; and if so, how much?
5. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Are Government Surveyors allowed to select land without residence on it?  
 (2.) Is it true that there is a large quantity of land taken up on the Tweed River and not occupied?
6. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What is the amount of money paid to the Members of the Gold Commission by way of salary?  
 (2.) Is the Government aware that the Members of the Commission have been for some time in Sydney; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary state what duties they are performing in Sydney, and if they are drawing their pay while in Sydney?
7. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so when, in each case respectively?
8. SIR JAMES MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?  
 (2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?  
 (3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the 1st of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?
9. SIR JAMES MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What is the total amount of the Debentures transmitted by the Government to England for sale since the close of last Session?  
 (2.) Under what Act or Acts of Parliament were such Debentures issued; and what amount has been issued under each Act?  
 (3.) Is the Act under which each Debenture has been issued specified in such Debenture?  
 (4.) Has any advance of money been obtained from any Bank, Company, or person, on the security of such Debentures; and if so, to what extent, and how has such advance been disposed of?  
 (5.) If there has been no such advance, has there been any agreement made with any Bank, Company, or person, for the making any advance in England on the security of such Debentures; and if so, to what purpose is the advance to be applied?  
 (6.) To which of the public works (if any) specified in the Acts authorizing the issue of the Debentures is it intended to apply the money raised by the sale of them; and how much is to be appropriated to each work?  
 (7.) When are such public works to be proceeded with?  
 (8.) What instructions have been given for the disposal of the proceeds of the sale of such Debentures?
10. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—By what authority the Clerks who pass entries at the Custom House demand a fee of 5s. for performing this duty after half-past three o'clock p.m.?
11. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What has been the annual expense to the Government of maintaining the Ship "Vernon," since converted to its present use, up to the end of the year 1869?  
 (2.) How many boys have been received on board thereof each year; how many (if any) sent away, and to what occupation; and if apprenticed to the sea, distinguishing the number apprenticed in ships in the Colonial Trade from those in the Foreign Trade?
12. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish, or aid in the establishment of, a Refuge for Shipwrecked Seamen at Elizabeth Reef?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. KELLY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River.
2. MR. WEARNE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
3. MR. WEARNE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy—  
 (1.) Of any Correspondence that may have passed during the present year between Mr. Edward Lowther, of the Commercial Stores, Sussex-street, and the Minister for Works.  
 (2.) Of any Letters during the same period from Mr. Lowther to the Colonial Treasurer, complaining of the Collector of Customs.  
 (3.) Of any Letters from the Colonial Treasurer to Mr. Lowther, in reference to such complaints.  
 (4.) Of any Correspondence between the Collector of Customs and the Colonial Treasurer on the same subject.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to incorporate a Board, to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage, and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes.

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FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What action the Government have taken, or intend to take, with reference to the Borough Council of Newcastle Endowment, so long overdue?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Railway Statistics, ordered by this House on the 4th March last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That it be an order of this House, for the present Session, that no New Business be entered upon after Eleven o'clock P.M.

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FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Member Sworn:—Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir,—the Clerk producing the Writ.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department:—

(1.) Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government called upon the Inspector General of Police to explain how it happened that Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department—whom the said Inspector General of Police stated, when examined at the Bar of this House, had been under police surveillance after his arrest on a charge of defrauding the Government—escaped from the Colony?

Mr. Cowper answered,—A warrant was issued for Ashdown's arrest on the 26th of March, and executed on the 28th; prisoner admitted to bail, to appear on 1st of April. He was kept under police surveillance as far as practicable up to that date. He absconded by lying on board a coaster and getting away thence to a vessel ten miles outside the Heads, which vessel the police had under observation until she cleared the Heads. It is fair to say that the Master did not knowingly assist Ashdown to escape. The Inspector General of Police gave his evidence on the 29th of March.

(2.) Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What is the total ascertained amount of the defalcations of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, up to the 31st July, 1870?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—£574 9s. 6d.

- (2.) Platform on Great Northern Railway, near Glennie's Creek:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to erect a platform on the Great Northern Railway for the use of the residents of Camberwell and the surrounding district, at or near the intersection of the Great Northern Railway with the parish road leading from Coorangoola to Camberwell, on the north-western side of Glennie's Creek, in conformity with the prayer of a petition from the residents, presented by Mr. James Hoskins to the Secretary for Public Works at his office?

(2.) If so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to erect a platform in the neighbourhood of Glennie's Creek.

(2.) As soon as the site is determined.

*Mr. Neale not asking Question No. 4, it dropped.*

- (3.) Land selected by Government Surveyors:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Are Government Surveyors allowed to select land without residence on it?

(2.) Is it true that there is a large quantity of land taken up on the Tweed River and not occupied?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—

(1.) No. Like other people, Surveyors are required to show that the land is their residence.

(2.) Of a large area taken up on this river, about 2,000 acres have been reported by the Surveyor as not occupied, and the conditional purchasers have been called on to show cause why their selections should not be declared forfeited.

(4.)

(4.) Gold Fields Commission :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) What is the amount of money paid to the Members of the Gold Commission by way of salary?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that the Members of the Commission have been for some time in Sydney; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary state what duties they are performing in Sydney, and if they are drawing their pay while in Sydney?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—

(1.) The fees paid to the President of the Gold Commission are £4 4s. per diem, with £1 1s. travelling expenses, when actually on duty. For these he performs also the Secretarial duties. To the other Commissioners £3 3s. per diem is paid, with 10s. 6d. per diem when actually on duty.

- (2.) They do not draw their fees unless on duty.

*Mr. W. Forster* withdrew the Question No. 7.

(5.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers :—*Sir James Martin* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

- (1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?
- (2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?
- (3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the 1st of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—I regret that I cannot answer the question of the Honorable Member, as I have not received the necessary information; if he will renew the question in a few days, I shall then, perhaps, be enabled to answer it.

(6.) Government Debentures transmitted to England :—*Sir James Martin* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of the Debentures transmitted by the Government to England for sale since the close of last Session?
- (2.) Under what Act or Acts of Parliament were such Debentures issued; and what amount has been issued under each Act?
- (3.) Is the Act under which each Debenture has been issued specified in such Debenture?
- (4.) Has any advance of money been obtained from any Bank, Company, or person, on the security of such Debentures; and if so, to what extent, and how has such advance been disposed of?
- (5.) If there has been no such advance, has there been any agreement made with any Bank, Company, or person, for the making any advance in England on the security of such Debentures; and if so, to what purpose is the advance to be applied?
- (6.) To which of the public works (if any) specified in the Acts authorizing the issue of the Debentures is it intended to apply the money raised by the sale of them; and how much is to be appropriated to each work?
- (7.) When are such public works to be proceeded with?
- (8.) What instructions have been given for the disposal of the proceeds of the sale of such Debentures?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—

- (1.) £450,000, with instructions to realize thereon a net sum of £322,709 12s. 6d.

(2.) 18 Victoria, No. 35 .....	£41,859 6 10	24 Victoria, No. 26 .....	£ 54 4 0
19 " Nos. 38 and 40 .....	51,895 14 4	25 " No. 19 .....	85,542 9 6
20 " No. 1 .....	3,477 13 10	26 " No. 14 .....	25,103 2 2
20 " No. 16 .....	89 0 0	27 " No. 14 .....	104,541 18 5
22 " No. 22 .....	1,609 5 0	29 " No. 5 .....	29,747 15 0
22 " No. 26 .....	6,637 10 0	29 " No. 9 .....	25,976 0 0
23 " No. 5 .....	3,987 10 0	29 " No. 23 .....	39,155 10 0
23 " No. 10 .....	7,138 5 0	30 " No. 23 .....	3,948 0 0
24 " No. 24 .....	1,325 8 6	31 " No. 11 .....	18,344 13 0

- (3.) The nineteen Acts are specified in each Debenture. £450,433 5 7

(4.) No advance has been obtained.

(5.) No special agreement has been made.

(6.) The money, when received, will be appropriated in accordance with Parliamentary authority, as provided by the several Acts under which the Debentures have been issued.

(7.) Many of the works are now in progress, and others will be proceeded with as circumstances will permit.

(8.) I will read the instructions furnished to the Bank :—

" The Treasury, New South Wales,  
" 14th June, 1870.

" Sir,

" By direction of the Honorable the Treasurer I have the honor to hand you, herewith, for transmission to England, in the usual manner, by the outgoing mail of this month, the undermentioned Debentures, of the aggregate nominal value of £450,000, being the balance of sums authorized to be raised under the nineteen Loan Acts specified on the face of such Debentures :

" Series I. 3.—Nos. 6,533 to 8,382—1850 of £100 each ... ..	£185,000
" Series J. 3.—" 901 to 1,270—370 of £500 each ... ..	185,000
" Series K. 3.—" 273 to 352—80 of £1,000 each ... ..	80,000
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2,300	<hr/>
	£450,000

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“ These Debentures, it will be observed, have a currency of thirty years, and provide for interest at the usual rate from 1st July next.

“ In forwarding this issue to your managing Director in London, I am desired to request that you will have the goodness to inform him that it is not the wish of the Treasurer to have these Securities placed upon the market for immediate sale unless it should appear to him that a more favorable time for their negotiation is not likely to again occur during the present year. In that case Mr. Larnach may be requested to sell sufficient Debentures to realize a *net sum* of £322,709 12s. 6d., or, in round numbers, £323,000—that being the amount actually required to complete the various services authorized to be carried out under the nineteen Acts of Parliament above referred to, after writing off appropriations for Public Works and other purposes which have been abandoned or rendered impossible. The Debentures remaining unsold to be cancelled and returned to the Colony as early as practicable.

“ Having regard to the high position which the Securities of this Colony have long maintained in the London market, Mr. Samuel has fixed the minimum price of the present issue at 98 per cent., although, judging from recent quotations, he hopes that par at least may be obtained for these Debentures, should Mr. Larnach deem it for the interest of the Colony to negotiate them at once.

“ I am also desired by Mr. Samuel to inform you that it is his intention, in the event of these Debentures not being negotiated, to avail himself of that portion of the agreement with your Bank for the conduct of the London Financial Agency of the Colony which relates to advances on Government Securities, so as to obviate the necessity for remitting to London the necessary funds to meet claims falling due on 31st December, and 1st January next. This advance, with other provision, which will be made in due time, will be sufficient to meet these claims, which are as follows :—

“ 31st December, 1870—Short-dated Debentures issued under 29 Victoria,	
“ Nos. 4 and 5, 4th instalment	£100,000
“ 1st January, 1871—Debentures issued under 18 Victoria, No. 40	100,000
“ 1st January, 1871—Interest on Debentures, say	220,000
“ 1st January, 1871—Pensions, &c., January–June, 1871	3,000
	£423,000

“ These securities will be handed to you by Mr. George Layton, the Accountant to the Treasury, to whom you will please give an acknowledgment, should they be found in order. You will also be good enough to effect the usual nominal insurance thereon, on behalf of the Government.

“ Herewith, you will also receive two copies of the “ Ways and Means ” papers for the present year, as submitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Treasurer on 17th February last, when making his Financial Statement. With these will be found statements of the Public Debt of the Colony to 31st December last, shewing in the sixth column the sums yet to be raised under the nineteen Acts stated in the Debentures of the present issue.”

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your obedient servant,

(Signed) “ HENRY LANE.”

(7.) Fees charged by Custom House Clerks :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—By what authority the Clerks who pass entries at the Custom House demand a fee of 5s. for performing this duty after half-past three o'clock p.m.?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—No authority has been given, nor, as far as I can learn, has any such fee been demanded or paid.

*Mr. R. Forster withdrew the Question No. 11.*

(8.) Refuge for Shipwrecked Seamen at Elizabeth Reef :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish, or aid in the establishment of, a Refuge for Shipwrecked Seamen at Elizabeth Reef?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—The Government have expressed their willingness to dispatch the “ Thetis ” steamer, to tow a life-boat, which, it is understood, is to be built by private subscription, to be stationed at the Reef.

3. Vacant Seat :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of John Robertson, Esquire, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.  
Question put and passed.

4. Messages :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

(1.) Public Works Loan.

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of Expenses, to be provided for by Loan, for Public Works and other purposes, for the year 1870.

Government House.

Sydney, 15th August, 1870.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate.

## (2.) Deficiency Loans Funding :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

As it is found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding Six hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred pounds, to provide for the payment of Treasury Bills, and for the payment of certain portions of the Short-dated Debentures issued under the authority of the "Loan Act of 1865," the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,  
Sydney, 15th August, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

## 5. Papers :—

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

(1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Road from Kelson to Tambaroora," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. J. Suttor, on 22nd March, 1870.

(2.) Additional Regulations under Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.

Ordered to be printed.

## (2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Berrima Gaol," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 27th April, 1870.

(2.) Correspondence respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

## 6. Deputy Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath :—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 12th August, 1870, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, Earl of Belmore, empowering John Lackey, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by Law, of which the following is a copy :—

"By His Excellency The Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of  
"Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of  
"the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting :

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize John Lackey, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
(L.S.) "eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty  
"Queen Victoria.

"BELMORE.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"CHARLES COWPER."

7. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—Smith v. Dean :—Mr. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Treasury the following document, viz. :—

The original of the Abstract of the Salary of the late Postmaster at Tinonee, from the 1st October to the 10th December, 1869, which forms Appendix C to the Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications—Smith v. Dean.

Question put and passed.

## 8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. W. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Cattle Sale Yards Act of 1870,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

## 9. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.

Question put and passed.

## 10. Complaint of Mr. Edward Lowther against the Collector of Customs ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy—

(1.) Of any Correspondence that may have passed during the present year between Mr. Edward Lowther, of the Commercial Stores, Sussex-street, and the Minister for Works.

(2.) Of any Letters during the same period from Mr. Lowther to the Colonial Treasurer, complaining of the Collector of Customs.

(3.) Of any Letters from the Colonial Treasurer to Mr. Lowther, in reference to such complaints.

(4.) Of any Correspondence between the Collector of Customs and the Colonial Treasurer on the same subject.

Question put and passed.

11. Marine Board Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to incorporate a Board, to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage, and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
12. Bridge over the Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice 1 (*Other Business*), That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Samuel, at Eighteen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST.

MEMO:—*The House meet at Three o'clock This Day, and proceed to Government House,—there, at half-past Three o'clock, to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Has Mr. Keating, Clerk in the Long Room, Custom House, been degraded by the Collector of Customs to the office of Extra Tide Waiter, for allowing access to public documents which he had not only no instructions to refuse, but which it was the custom of the Department to exhibit when required?
  - (2.) Has the action taken by the Collector of Customs in this case been reported to, and approved of by, the Honorable the Treasurer?
2. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Has the Collector of Customs issued an order refusing the public access to Custom House documents—as has been the invariable practice—whereby the merchants are prevented from obtaining the necessary particulars to enable them to recover the drawback on exportation of goods?
  - (2.) If so, has the Treasurer sanctioned such order?
3. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the roads from Trunkey to Carcoar, and from Tuena to Carcoar, are almost impassable?
  - (2.) Has any money been expended upon such roads; if not, will any be expended, and when?
  - (3.) Was the sum of £250 at any time voted, or promised, for the repair of the five miles of road from Tuena to the Abercrombie River?
  - (4.) Was such sum ever expended upon such road?
4. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has the road from Tea-pot Swamp to Carcoar *via* Coombing Creek been surveyed; if so, when?
  - (2.) Has such road been proclaimed?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to proclaim and open such road immediately?
5. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What are the names of the persons who became sureties for the appearance at the Central Police Office of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, to answer a charge of embezzling public money?
  - (2.) What is the amount of money the said persons rendered themselves respectively liable for, in the event of Ashdown's failing to appear at the Central Police Office to answer any charge which might be preferred against him by the Government?
  - (3.) Has the amount of money for which Ashdown's sureties rendered themselves liable respectively, in the event of Ashdown's failing to appear at the Central Police Court to answer any charge which might be preferred against him by the Government, been declared forfeited; and has the full amount specified in their respective bail bonds been paid into the Treasury?

6. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What is the amount of cash in the possession of the Government available for the completion of the Western Line of Railway to Bathurst?  
 (2.) In which Bank or Banks is the said cash deposited?
7. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When the Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony from 1856 to 1869, ordered by the House on the 16th of March last, will be laid upon the Table?
8. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What is the total amount of liabilities on the Loans Account outstanding on the 30th June, 1870, being appropriations for public works and other services authorized to be provided for by loans, remaining unexpended on that date?  
 (2.) What is the total amount of cash in the possession of the Government available for the construction of the said public works?  
 (3.) In which Bank or Banks is the cash deposited, and the several amounts?
9. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of cash at the present time in the possession of the Government available for the completion of the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Murrurundi?  
 (2.) In what Bank or Banks is the said cash deposited?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1, with the accompanying Estimate, be referred thereto.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that the Governor's Message No. 2 be referred thereto.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to incorporate a Board, to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage, and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.
2. MR. DILLON to move, That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Hugh Maguire, ordered by this House to be printed on the 18th of March last.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Bell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Spring, Mr. Church, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When Dandaloo, on the Bogan River, will be proclaimed as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; and if the necessary provision has been made for building a Lock-up and Court Room at that place?
2. MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any provision has been made for the building of a Gaol at Forbes?
3. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any, and if any, what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the Petition from certain of the inhabitants of Murrurundi, presented by Messrs. Dodds, Hoskins, and Burns, praying that the Northern Railway shall be extended to the town of Murrurundi, instead of remaining at Blandford?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a continuation from 30th June, 1868, to 30th June, 1870, of the "Schedule shewing the total number of Conditional Purchases made in New South Wales from 1st January, 1862, to 30th June, 1868," in the same form as that ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed 14th October, 1868.

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What action the Government have taken, or intend to take, with reference to the Borough Council of Newcastle Endowment, so long overdue?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Railway Statistics, ordered by this House on the 4th March last, be laid upon the Table of the House?
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?  
 (2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?  
 (3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the first of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?
4. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will Messrs. Mackenzie and Buyers, the special Auditors appointed by the Government to investigate the accounts of the Borough of Newcastle, and who rendered their report to the Government so far back as 1868, be paid for their services?

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
3. Bridge over the Shoalhaven River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That it be an order of this House, for the present Session, that no New Business be entered upon after Eleven o'clock P.M.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
3. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is in duty bound to cause a bridge to be erected across the River Macquarie, at or near where the Rankin's Bridge was carried away by the late flood.

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TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST.

*Question:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so when, in each case respectively?

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FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on Opening the Session,—

And, being returned,—

The Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, and there presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

It affords me much satisfaction to receive the expression of your sentiments of loyalty and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government.

I am glad to be assured that you will be prepared to give your earnest and careful attention to the measures which will be submitted to you, or which may be suggested by the labours of the Commissions which have been recently issued, and that you are willing to concur in such legislation as may be rendered necessary by the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops.

Government House,  
Sydney, 17th August, 1870.

BELMORE.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) *Question No. 1, and Answer thereto, expunged by order of the House. See entry 6 in Votes and Proceedings No. 10, of Friday, 26th August.*

(2.) Custom House Documents:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the Collector of Customs issued an order refusing the public access to Custom House documents—as has been the invariable practice—whereby the merchants are prevented from obtaining the necessary particulars to enable them to recover the drawback on exportation of goods?

(2.) If so, has the Treasurer sanctioned such order?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I must say, in answer to this as to the previous question, that I knew nothing of the matter until the Honorable Member called my attention to it. I sent the question for report, and I now read the Collector of Customs' answer:—"The order to which Mr. Wilson refers was not intended to include the drawback officer's papers, which have been for many years accessible to the public—contrary, I believe, to the practice of every other port. Literally speaking, however, the order does prohibit access to all public documents without special permission; and I am not sorry that the question has been raised, as the practice is a great abuse, leading to other abuses and frauds, and is in no way necessary to the obtaining of any legitimate drawback. The Board of Customs have very stringent regulations prohibiting any access to such papers."

(3.)

- (3.) Roads from Trunkey and Tuena to Carcoar :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that the roads from Trunkey to Carcoar, and from Tuena to Carcoar, are almost impassable?
  - (2.) Has any money been expended upon such roads; if not, will any be expended, and when?
  - (3.) Was the sum of £250 at any time voted, or promised, for the repair of the five miles of road from Tuena to the Abercrombie River?
  - (4.) Was such sum ever expended upon such road?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The roads from Trunkey to Carcoar, and Tuena to Carcoar, have been surveyed, but not proclaimed.
  - (2.) No money has been expended on these roads. £300 has been applied for, and some expenditure will be made when the proclamation is completed.
  - (3 and 4.) The road Laggan *via* Tuena to the Abercrombie River has been placed on Schedule. The votes for 1869 and 1870, amounting to £490, are now available, but have not been issued, as there is no trace of any application having been made for same.
- (4.) Road from Tea-pot Swamp to Carcoar :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Has the road from Tea-pot Swamp to Carcoar *via* Coombling Creek been surveyed; if so, when?
  - (2.) Has such road been proclaimed?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to proclaim and open such road immediately?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Objections are under reference to the Surveyor.
- (5.) Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) What are the names of the persons who became sureties for the appearance at the Central Police Office of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, to answer a charge of embezzling public money?
  - (2.) What is the amount of money the said persons rendered themselves respectively liable for, in the event of Ashdown's failing to appear at the Central Police Office to answer any charge which might be preferred against him by the Government?
  - (3.) Has the amount of money for which Ashdown's sureties rendered themselves liable respectively, in the event of Ashdown's failing to appear at the Central Police Court to answer any charge which might be preferred against him by the Government, been declared forfeited; and has the full amount specified in their respective bail bonds been paid into the Treasury?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Samuel Bennett and Mr. Frederick Holle.
  - (2.) £100 each.
  - (3.) Upon the petition of the sureties to the Executive, the matter was referred to the consideration of the Crown Law Officers, and the Attorney General expressed his opinion in these words :—  
“ I may be permitted to suggest that the Crown should not take a profit of £200 from his bail. Perhaps it may be deemed a sufficient enforcement of their obligation as sponsors for his due appearance if one-half of the amount were demanded. I am myself considerably impressed with the feeling that the bail might, when suddenly called upon to give security for Mr. Ashdown's reappearance on remand, not unreasonably have trusted to the character which the Government itself had up to that moment recognized by employing him in a responsible public position.”  
Under these circumstances the bail was reduced one-half.
- (6.) Funds available for completion of Railway to Bathurst :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) What is the amount of cash in the possession of the Government available for the completion of the Western Line of Railway to Bathurst?
  - (2.) In which bank or banks is the said cash deposited?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret that I feel obliged to defer answering the Honorable Gentleman's question until the Financial Statement is made, which will be shortly. On that occasion the fullest information will be submitted to the House respecting the Financial arrangements of the Government.
- (7.) Annual Expenditure of the Colony :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When the Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony from 1856 to 1869, ordered by the House on the 16th of March last, will be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—A large portion of the information has been prepared, and it is expected that the Return will be ready to be laid on the Table of the House during next week.
- (8.) Loans Account :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- (1.) What is the total amount of liabilities on the Loans Account outstanding on the 30th June, 1870, being appropriations for public works and other services authorized to be provided for by loans, remaining unexpended on that date?
  - (2.) What is the total amount of cash in the possession of the Government available for the construction of the said public works?
  - (3.) In which bank or banks is the cash deposited, and the several amounts?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Gentleman to my answer to his Question No. 6.
- (9.) Funds available for completion of Railway from Musclebrook to Murrurundi :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—
- (1.) What is the amount of cash at the present time in the possession of the Government available for the completion of the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Murrurundi?
  - (2.) In what bank or banks is the said cash deposited?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret that I must decline to give the information asked by the Honorable Member, for the reason stated in my answer to the Question No. 6 on the Paper of this day.

3. **Vacant Seat** :—Sir James Martin moved, That Joseph Eckford, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral District of Wollombi, having become an Insolvent Debtor, within the meaning of the Laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, his Seat as such Member has thereby become, and is hereby declared to be, vacant.  
And Sir James Martin having laid upon the Table a copy of the Order for the Sequestration of the Estate of Joseph Eckford, certified by the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates,—  
Debate ensued.  
On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Debate on this Question was adjourned until Friday next.
4. **John Butler Wood** :—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from John Butler Wood, of Brundah, near Grenfell, in the Colony of New South Wales, representing that he has occupied a certain run for many years, and that in consequence of gold having been discovered thereon, a large portion of it was withdrawn from him by the Government, and proclaimed a gold field; that the reduction in the amount of rent paid by him for the said run is not a sufficient set-off for the loss he has sustained; and praying that his case may be taken into consideration, with a view to such relief being afforded as may seem just.  
Petition received.
5. **Motion for Adjournment** :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. **Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.  
Question put and passed.
7. **Supply** :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 1, with the accompanying Estimate, be referred thereto.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the reception of the said Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. **Postponements** :—  
(1.) Mr. Samuel postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.  
(2.) The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at six minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. LORD** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When Dandaloo, on the Bogan River, will be proclaimed as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; and if the necessary provision has been made for building a Lock-up and Court Room at that place?
2. **MR. LORD** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any provision has been made for the building of a Gaol at Forbes?
3. **MR. FARNELL** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any, and if any, what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the Petition from certain of the inhabitants of Murrurundi, presented by Messrs. Dodds, Hoskins, and Burns, praying that the Northern Railway shall be extended to the town of Murrurundi, instead of remaining at Blandford?
4. **SIR JAMES MARTIN** to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he will state, for the information of the House,—  
(1.) What are the various services, for the completion of which the sum of £323,000 is required, as stated in the letter of the 14th June, which he read on Tuesday to the House; and how much is to be appropriated to each service?  
(2.) What is the nature and extent of the "other provision," referred to in the above letter, beyond the advance on debentures, which is to be made to meet the claims due in London on the 31st December and 1st January next, amounting to £423,000?  
(3.) What are the works "now in progress," to which he referred in his answer to my seventh question, put to him on Tuesday last?
5. **MR. NEALE** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is the Government aware that the Mudgee Road from the Railway Station at Wallerawang, is in a dangerous and almost impassable state; if so, what steps are being taken to repair it?  
(2.) Has any portion of the sum of £5,000, voted last Session for the repair of the Mudgee Road, been expended upon it; and if so, how much?

6. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If any portion of the sum of £84,515 unpaid on the 31st December, 1869, and voted in the Supplementary Estimates for 1869 and previous years, is still unpaid; if so, what amounts?
7. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The debtor and creditor cash balances in the Government Bank in the Colony, on the 15th August, 1870, and in London, to date of latest advices,—
  - (1.) The Consolidated Revenue Account?
  - (2.) The Loan Account?
  - (3.) The Church and School Fund?
  - (4.) The Lodgments?
  - (5.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
 And the distribution of the balances?
8. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Abstracts of Public Accounts for the year 1869 be laid upon the Table of the House?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that the Governor's Message No. 2, be referred thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Marine Board Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to incorporate a Board, to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage, and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a continuation from 30th June, 1868, to 30th June, 1870, of the "Schedule shewing the total number of Conditional Purchases made in New South Wales from 1st January, 1862, to 30th June, 1868," in the same form as that ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed 14th October, 1868.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, is and has become vacant, by reason of his having accepted and of his now holding an office of profit under the Crown.
3. MR. WATSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th August, from John Butler Wood, relative to loss of a portion of his Station, called Brundah, be printed.
4. MR. DILLON *to move*, That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Hugh Maguire, ordered by this House to be printed on the 18th of March last.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Bell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Spring, Mr. Church, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST.

Questions:—

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  - (2.) If no Trustees have been appointed, will the Government give instructions to have the money expended without delay, the road at the present time being almost impassable?
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  - (1.) Has the Government come to any and what decision with reference to establishing a Court of Quarter Sessions at Young?
  - (2.) Will any sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the present year towards erecting a Gaol at Young?

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
3. Bridge over the Shoalhaven River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River.
4. Vacant Seat; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin:—"That Joseph Eckford, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral District of The Wollombi, having become an Insolvent Debtor within the meaning of the Laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, his Seat as such Member has thereby become, and is hereby declared to be vacant."

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That it be an Order of this House, for the present Session, that no New Business be entered upon after Eleven o'clock P.M.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
3. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is in duty bound to cause a bridge to be erected across the River Macquarie, at or near where the Rankin's Bridge was carried away by the late flood.
4. MR. WATSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
  - (1.) A copy of the Report from His Honor Judge Francis, referring to the discontinuance of the District Court at Burrowa.
  - (2.) Copy of any minute or minutes of the Executive Council, or Attorney General, on the same.
  - (3.) Copy of any petition, memorandum, or letters, or any other document, praying for the continuance of the District Court at Burrowa.
  - (4.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other papers not included in above, referring to same.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Minutes and Correspondence which have passed between His Excellency the Governor and the Military Authorities, in reference to certain insulting observations used by the Collector of Customs to an Officer of Her Majesty's 18th Regiment, on or about March last.
6. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

## TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST.

## Question:—

1. MR. W. FORBSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in, during the present Session, any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries and Commons, respectively; and if so when, in each case respectively?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the several sums voted and authorized by the Appropriation Act, 33 Vic. No. 17, for public works, roads, &c., hereinafter specified, and also shewing what works are in progress:—
  - (1.) For the formation of the line of road through Jones' Island, Manning River.
  - (2.) Towards opening and forming the road from Sutton Forest Railway Station through Kangaroo Valley, via Good Dog Mountain, to Shoalhaven River.
  - (3.) Construction of punt for Middle Harbour.
  - (4.) Punt at Darkwater Creek, Macleay River.
  - (5.) Punt at Wiseman's Ferry.
  - (6.) Construction of punt and approaches at Wingham, Manning River.
  - (7.) Purchase of the punt at Buckley's Crossing-place, Snowy River.
  - (8.) Opening up road from George's River.
  - (9.) For road from Kempsey to Darkwater.
  - (10.) For ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to public buildings generally.
  - (11.) Gaols, Court-houses, and Lock-ups.
  - (12.) Alterations, additions, and repairs to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban.
  - (13.) Additions and improvements to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
  - (14.) New buildings, Botanic Gardens.
  - (15.) Drainage and repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
  - (16.) Construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road, Main Southern Road, and Main Western Road.
  - (17.) Road, Clarence River, to Great Northern Road.
  - (18.) Mudgee Road.
  - (19.) Re-erection of the Rankin Bridge over the Macquarie River.
  - (20.) Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, and repairs, Mudgee Road.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the custody of money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.

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FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Dandaloo:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When Dandaloo, on the Bogan River, will be proclaimed as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; and if the necessary provision has been made for building a Lock-up and Court Room at that place?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I referred the application upon this subject to the Inspector General of Police in February last, and his answer is to this effect—he transmits copy of a specification for the erection of a Court House and Lock-up, &c., at Dandaloo, and an abstract of the tenders obtained for the performance of the work; and at the same time states that—“If the expenditure be approved, the amount should be charged in anticipation of the Vote for Court Houses and Lock-ups for the current year.” He also goes on further to say—“Although, as I have already reported, a Police Station and Court of Petty Sessions are much required at Dandaloo, I think there are other requirements at least equally pressing, and as two mounted constables and a tracker would be the smallest force which would be efficient at Dandaloo, it becomes a question (now the establishment is being reduced) how the men are to be provided, some of the stations being already left with only one constable.” Under these circumstances it did not seem to me desirable to comply with the request while there were so many other similar demands of a more urgent character. The matter, however, shall be again brought under consideration at the earliest moment.

- (2.) Gaol at Forbes:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If any provision has been made for the building of a Gaol at Forbes?

Mr. Cowper answered,—This is also a question of some difficulty. It appears that the population of Forbes is only about 600, and, according to the estimate of the Colonial Architect, the erection of a gaol there will cost £1,000,—a sum of money wholly disproportionate to the population. I may also state that the vote applicable to purposes of this kind has been so largely drawn upon for places more evidently requiring these buildings, that the Government have not been in a position to order the erection of a gaol at Forbes.

- (3.) Extension of Railway to Murrurundi:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether any, and if any, what decision has been arrived at in the matter of the Petition from certain of the inhabitants of Murrurundi, presented by Messrs. Dodds, Hoskins, and Burns, praying that the Northern Railway shall be extended to the town of Murrurundi, instead of remaining at Blandford?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A decision was arrived at by a previous Government, which I see no reason to alter. It was to the effect that the present site for the terminus is the only practicable one, as, in the event of future extensions, the line through the township of Murrurundi would be on a steep gradient. Messrs. Dodds, Hoskins, and Burns were informed of that decision on the 29th July last.

- (4.) Appropriations for Services provided for by Loans :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If he will state, for the information of the House,—
- (1.) What are the various services, for the completion of which the sum of £323,000 is required, as stated in the letter of the 14th June, which he read on Tuesday to the House; and how much is to be appropriated to each service?
  - (2.) What is the nature and extent of the "other provision," referred to in the above letter, beyond the advance on debentures, which is to be made to meet the claims due in London on the 31st December and 1st January next, amounting to £423,000?
  - (3.) What are the works "now in progress," to which he referred in his answer to my seventh question, put to him on Tuesday last?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

- (1.) The information asked for by the Honorable Member in Question No. 1 will be found fully detailed in a Return prepared by the Auditor General, which I will presently lay upon the Table, together with another Return certified by that officer, shewing the amount short-raised under the various Loan Acts.
- (2.) The nature and extent of the "other provision" referred to will depend much on the state of the London Account in September next, and the words "other provision" are intended to convey to the Bank that further remittances will be made, if necessary, to meet the engagements of the Government at the end of the year.
- (3.) The same reply I gave to No. 1 Question will apply to this,—that the information will be found in the statements which I will presently lay on the Table.

As there seems to be some misapprehension with regard to loans for public works, I think it advisable to state that ever since the introduction of Responsible Government the proceeds of Debentures, issued under Acts of Parliament for public works and other services authorized to be provided for by loan, have been credited to a separate account called "The Loans Account," and the issues therefrom have been charged against the respective appropriations for the services for which such issues have been required. It has never been the practice to set apart specially the proceeds of any particular loan for carrying out the works or objects for which such loan was authorized. Such an arrangement as this, where the money has to be raised in England, and in many cases not available for years, in consequence of the difficulty at times of negotiating our securities, could not be carried out without great inconvenience and detriment to the Colony.

- (5.) Mudgee Road :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Mudgee Road from the Railway Station, at Wallerawang, is in a dangerous and almost impassable state; if so, what steps are being taken to repair it?
  - (2.) Has any portion of the sum of £5,000, voted last Session for the repair of the Mudgee Road, been expended upon it; and if so, how much?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Government are aware that the unmetalled portions of the Mudgee Road are bad, as all unmetalled roads, with much traffic, must inevitably be after such a season. The vote of £5,000 was not available until 7th May, but tenders were invited in anticipation of same on 4th February, and accepted on 25th February, for works to the whole amount available. The rains commencing on 11th March have made it impossible for the contractors to proceed with the greater portion of these contracts.
- (2.) £1,518 16s. 1d. have already been expended out of the £5,000 vote.

- (6.) Expenditure of gross amount voted in Supplementary Estimates for 1869 :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—If any portion of the sum of £84,515 unpaid on the 31st December, 1869, and voted in the Supplementary Estimates for 1869, and previous years, is still unpaid; if so, what amounts?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret that I cannot reply to the question to-day, as it will take some time to prepare the returns, and I would draw the attention of Honorable Members to the inconvenience which arises from asking questions of the Government which involve a great deal of labour in preparing returns at such short notice. It is to be borne in mind that the officers have their proper duties to attend to, and that to prepare these returns they must be taken away from them. The practice has recently grown up of asking questions, the answers to which involve the preparation of returns, which were formerly obtained by motion. Honorable Members who have been Ministers must be fully aware of the inconvenience arising from the present practice.

- (7.) Government Cash Balances in Banks :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—The debtor and creditor cash balances in the Government Bank in the Colony, on the 15th August, 1870, and in London, to date of latest advices,—
- (1.) The Consolidated Revenue Account?
  - (2.) The Loan Account?
  - (3.) The Church and School Fund?
  - (4.) The Lodgments?
  - (5.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund?
- And the distribution of the balances?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I am sorry to say that I cannot supply the Honorable Member with the information he asks, but, so far as possible, it will be furnished when the Financial Statement is made. Even if I were so disposed, the question is put in such a shape that it would be almost impossible for me to answer it. I cannot conceive of any cash balance that can remain in a bank to the debit of an account.

- (8.) Abstracts of Public Accounts for 1869 :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—When will the Abstracts of Public Accounts for the year 1869 be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Abstract will be ready in a few days, when it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

## 2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, An Account of the Appropriations for Services provided for by Loans, to 31st December, 1869, inclusive, as authorized by the Loan Acts 17 Vic. No. 34 to 32, Vic. No. 13. (*See Answer to Question No. 4, above.*)

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Nautical School-ship "Vernon." (Report for 1869 and half of 1870.)

(2.) Correspondence respecting the purchase of material for the Railway Department of Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

## 3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 11th August, 1870, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon Patrick Alfred Jennings, Montagu Consett Stephen, and Robert Wisdom, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

(3.) *Time and Place of First Meeting of Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 70th Section of the Electoral Act of 1858, the Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at noon, on Tuesday next, the 23rd of August instant, in Committee Room No. 2.

4. John Butler Wood ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by Mr. Watson on the 17th August, from John Butler Wood, relative to loss of a portion of his Station, called Brundah, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Ways and Means:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that the Governor's Message No. 2 be referred thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. W. Forster,	

Noes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Woarne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Osborne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. King,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the reception of the said Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Election Petition:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Election Petition complaining of the election and return of Horace Dean, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings, which was laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Speaker on the 11th August, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Question put and passed.

7. Supply:—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £179,000 for Railways; being £13,000 for New Machine Shop, Running Shed, erecting Shops and Store at Newcastle, including Roads connected therewith; £2,000 for additional Machinery, do.; £30,500 for new Station, Workshops for Carriage and Waggons Department, Carriage Shed, roofing Steam-hammers, Furnaces and Machinery, Redfern, including Roads connected therewith; £5,000 for excavating Station-yard, Redfern,—additional; £3,500 for additional Machinery; £6,000 for new Passenger Station and Platforms, Newcastle, including Road Approaches; £60,000 further for construction of Rolling Stock manufactured in the Colony; £35,000 for completion of the relaying of the Line from Sydney to Parramatta; £17,000 for completion of new Goods Shed, Sydney, and Roads and Sidings in connection with the same; £5,000 for Extension to Morpeth, further sum; and £2,000 for Land for Windsor and Richmond Line, further sum.

(2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £69,900, to defray the expenses of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation; being £17,500 for removing obstructions and improving the navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling; £30,000 for new Steam Dredge, Newcastle Harbour; £600 for additional Screw Moorings and Buoys for Newcastle Harbour; £9,300 to complete

complete Kiama Harbour Works—further sum; £2,000 for clearing, surveying, and improving the navigation of Edward River; £3,000 for Coal Staiths, Newcastle—further sum; £5,000 for Wharf, Bullock Island; and £2,500 for dredge for improving navigation of Rivers and Creeks flowing into Coast Lakes and Lagoons.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray the expenses of Roads and Bridges; being for Approach to Bridge over the Macquarie River at Bathurst.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £33,548 13s. 7d. for Public Works and Buildings; being £2,000 for completion of Fitzroy Dry Dock and Works attached thereto; £1,548 13s. 7d., Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and at the Necropolis, further sum; and £30,000 for erection of new General Post Office, further sum.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,100, for Electric Telegraphs; being £1,350 to connect Barrenjuey with Sydney; and £3,750 for Iron Telegraph Posts.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £17,103, to pay amounts awarded for Land required for the new General Post Office.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, to pay off Railway Debentures issued under 18 Victoria, No. 40, falling due 1st January, 1871.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time, and agreed to.

8. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
9. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*see Entry 5, above*) having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the reception of the said Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
11. Marine Board Bill:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to incorporate a Board to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Board, to be called the Marine Board of New South Wales, to confer certain powers on such Board, to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Regulation of Steam-ships, Pilotage, and Pilots, Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation, and to make provision for the examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers, and for other purposes.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That that report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to incorporate a Board to be called ‘The Marine Board of New South Wales,’ to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
12. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—George Wigram Allen, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. Conditional Purchases made in New South Wales:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a continuation from 30th June, 1868, to 30th June, 1870, of the “*Schedule shewing the total number of Conditional Purchases made in New South Wales from 1st January, 1862, to 30th June, 1868,*” in the same form as that ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed 14th October, 1868.  
Question put and passed.
14. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, “*That*” the Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, is and has become vacant by reason of his having accepted and of his now holding an office of profit under the Crown.  
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “*That,*” with a view to inserting in their place the words, “*the case of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, a Member of this House, who has been appointed as one of the Commissioners to inquire into the state and management of the Gold Fields of this Colony, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with instructions to inquire into the circumstances relating to such appointment, and to report specially whether or not the holding of such office of profit by the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker rendered him incapable of being elected a Member of this House.*”  
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 the place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the case of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, a Member of this House, who has been appointed as one of the Commissioners to inquire into the state and management of the Gold Fields of this Colony, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with instructions to inquire into the circumstances relating to such appointment, and to report specially whether or not the holding of such office of profit by the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker rendered him incapable of being elected a Member of this House.—put and passed.

15. Petition of Hugh Maguire:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Hugh Maguire, ordered by this House to be printed on the 18th of March last.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Bell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Spring, Mr. Church, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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  - (2.) If no Trustees have been appointed, will the Government give instructions to have the money expended without delay, the road at the present time being almost impassable?
6. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Returns in reference to "Com-mittals from Police Office at Young," and "Revenue collected within the Police District of Young," ordered on 31st March last, be laid upon the Table of this House?
7. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Government come to any and what decision with reference to establishing a Court of Quarter Sessions at Young?
  - (2.) Will any sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the present year towards erecting a Gaol at Young?
8. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any, and if so, which of the Bills for the following purposes, enumerated in the 15th paragraph of the Governor's Opening Speech to Parliament, on the 28th September, 1869, viz:—
    1. Correcting Anomalies in the Electoral System of the Colony as regards particular Districts, and shortening the duration of Parliaments;
    2. Amending the Law relating to Gold Fields;
    3. Reduction of the Salaries of future Governors and of other high functionaries;
    4. Amending the Law relating to Marriage;
    5. Amending the Law relating to Municipal Institutions;
    6. Providing for Immigration;
    7. Amending the Law relating to Railways;
    8. Aiding and facilitating the Artificial Supply of Water;
    9. Defining the Grazing Rights of Conditional and other Purchasers;
    10. Amending the Superannuation Act;
    11. Regulating Minor Roads;
    12. Amending the Impounding Law;
    13. Regulating Commons;

14. Amending the Law relating to Distillation ;
  15. Consolidation and Amendment of Customs Laws ;
  16. Amendment of the Law relating to the Mercantile Marine ;
  17. Amendment of the Law relating to Lunacy ;
  18. Preventing the spread of Contagious Diseases ;
  19. Abolition of Ad Valorem Duties and Newspaper Postage Rate ;
  20. To amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies ?
- (2.) Can the Colonial Secretary state the nature of the Bills for "other purposes" alluded to in the aforesaid paragraph of His Excellency's Speech ; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to introduce such Bills, or any of them, during the present Session ?
9. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) The amount that has fallen in, by death, resignation, or otherwise, since the passing of the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act ?
  - (2.) The annual sum at present expended by the State in support of different religions ?
  - (3.) The amount awarded annually to each sect ?
  - (4.) How much each year does each clergyman receive ?
  - (5.) If any Bishop or Archbishop receives more than any of the other State-paid clergy, will the Colonial Secretary state under what law this is done ?
10. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it true that there are eleven Magistrates composing the Ulladulla Bench ?
  - (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary mention the names of the eleven Justices who preside at Ulladulla ?
  - (3.) Is it true that, of the above Justices, eight out of the eleven are related to each other ; and will the Colonial Secretary state the nature of the relation ?
  - (4.) If it is the case that eight of these Magistrates are relatives, is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to put an end to this state of things ?
11. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government any intention of introducing this Session a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865 ; and if so, when will the Bill be brought in ?
12. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he will state, for the information of the House,—
- (1.) How much of the money raised for the completion of the Railway Lines, already sanctioned by the issue of Debentures to the extent of £1,000,000, under the 31 Vic. No. 11, has been applied to other purposes than Railways ?
  - (2.) How much of the money raised under that Act is now in the hands of the Government, either in this Colony or in England—distinguishing how much there is in each place ?
  - (3.) How much of the money so raised has been expended on Railways ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
3. Bridge over the Shoalhaven River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River.
4. Vacant Seat ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin :—" That Joseph Eckford, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral District of The Wollombi, having become an Insolvent Debtor within the meaning of the laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, his Seat as such Member has thereby become, and is hereby declared to be vacant."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*, That it be an order of this House, for the present Session, that no New Business be entered upon after Eleven o'clock P.M.
2. MR. BROOKES *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
3. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is in duty bound to cause a bridge to be erected across the River Macquarie, at or near where the Rankin's Bridge was carried away by the late flood.
4. MR. WATSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
  - (1.) A copy of the Report from His Honor Judge Francis, referring to the discontinuance of the District Court at Burrowa.
  - (2.) Copy of any minute or minutes of the Executive Council, or Attorney General, on the same.
  - (3.) Copy of any petition, memorandum, or letters, or any other document, praying for the continuance of the District Court at Burrowa.
  - (4.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other papers not included in above, referring to same.
5. MR. WILSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Minutes and Correspondence which have passed between His Excellency the Governor and the Military Authorities in reference to certain insulting observations used by the Collector of Customs to an Officer of Her Majesty's 18th Regiment, on or about March last.
6. MR. WATSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

7. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing a statement of—
- (1.) The Balances of Votes for services authorized to be provided for by Loan under the different Loan Acts, and remaining unexpended on the 1st of August, 1870.
  - (2.) The amounts for services estimated as not likely to be required.
  - (3.) The Balances estimated as liabilities, in detail, with the total amount of such liabilities.
  - (4.) The total amount of cash in the possession of the Government on the 1st of August, 1870, available for the construction of the said Public Works, stating in which Bank or Banks is such cash deposited.
8. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
- (1.) The names of all Recipients of Pensions under the Superannuation Act, with the annual rate of each of their Pensions, and the total amount now payable.
  - (2.) The total amount of the deductions from the salaries of Public Officers, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.
  - (3.) The amount of the Balance of the Public Endowment of £20,000.
  - (4.) Any outstanding claims under the Superannuation Act.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolutions from Committee (Deficiency Loans Funding).
2. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution from Committee (Public Works Loan).

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TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively ; and if so when, in each case respectively ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session to amend the Land Law, so as to make the Country more attractive to population, and to retain in it the present inhabitants ?
  - (2.) If the Government have such intention, when will the Bill be brought forward ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the several sums voted and authorized by the Appropriation Act, 33 Vic. No. 17, for public works, roads, &c., hereinafter specified, and also shewing what works are in progress:—
  - (1.) For the formation of the line of road through Jones' Island, Manning River.
  - (2.) Towards opening and forming the road from Sutton Forest Railway Station through Kangaroo Valley, *via* Good Dog Mountain, to Shoalhaven River.
  - (3.) Construction of punt for Middle Harbour.
  - (4.) Punt at Darkwater Creek, Macleay River.
  - (5.) Punt at Wiseman's Ferry.
  - (6.) Construction of punt and approaches at Wingham, Manning River.
  - (7.) Purchase of the punt at Buckley's Crossing-place, Snowy River.
  - (8.) Opening up road from George's River.
  - (9.) For Road from Kempsey to Darkwater.
  - (10.) For ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to public buildings generally.
  - (11.) Gaols, Court-houses and Lock-ups.
  - (12.) Alterations, additions, and repairs to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban.
  - (13.) Additions and improvements to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
  - (14.) New buildings, Botanic Gardens.
  - (15.) Drainage and repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
  - (16.) Construction and maintainance of Main Northern Road, Main Southern Road, and Main Western Road.
  - (17.) Road, Clarence River, to Great Northern Road.
  - (18.) Mudgee Road.
  - (19.) Re-erection of the Rankin Bridge over the Macquarie River.
  - (20.) Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, and repairs Mudgee Road.
2. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the £5,000 voted last Session in aid of damage done by floods—specifying the name of the applicants, the amount of money awarded to each applicant, and the name of the districts in which the money was to be expended.
3. MR. WILSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements made by Mr. Duncan, Collector of Customs, in his communication to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, which was read by Mr. Samuel in answer to a question put by Mr. Wilson on 17th August, which statements injuriously affect the character of Mr. Keating, an officer in the Customs.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, *viz.*:—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Butler, Mr. Driver, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. King, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the custody of money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Request and District Courts.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
  2. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. as compensation to Mr. John Wood, for loss sustained by him by being deprived, in consequence of a report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted, of a road which gave him access to water; said road having been recommended and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, at the time of the original survey of Mr. Wood's Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and fenced by Mr. Wood at a cost of £23 10s.
  3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Mooroooolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.
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New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Borough Council of Newcastle Endowment :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What action the Government have taken, or intend to take, with reference to the Borough Council of Newcastle Endowment, so long overdue?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Government intend to withhold the endowment, and to bring in a Bill to authorize the deduction from it of the amount due to the special Auditors by the Borough Council of Newcastle.

(2.) Railway Statistics :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Railway Statistics, ordered by this House on the 4th March last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—They will be laid upon the Table this afternoon.

(3.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers :—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Sir James Martin, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?

(2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?

(3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the first of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The statement will be ready for Tuesday next, when I will answer the question if the Honorable Member will be kind enough to give fresh notice.

(4.) Auditing Accounts of Borough of Newcastle :—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will Messrs. Mackenzie and Buyers, the special Auditors appointed by the Government to investigate the accounts of the Borough of Newcastle, and who rendered their report to the Government so far back as 1868, be paid for their services?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I would refer the Honorable Gentleman to the answer given by me to Question No. 1, put by the Honorable Member for Newcastle, that the Government will bring in a Bill to authorize the deduction of it from the amount due to the Borough Council of Newcastle.

(5.) Road from Gunning to Burrowa :—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has the money voted last Session for the repair of the Road from Gunning to Burrowa been placed in the hands of Local Trustees to be expended; and if so, who are the gentlemen appointed as Trustees?

(2.) If no Trustees have been appointed, will the Government give instructions to have the money expended without delay, the road at the present time being almost impassable?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Orders have been given for the immediate expenditure of amounts available, and the work will be commenced forthwith.

(6.) Committals from Police Office at Young.—Revenue collected within the Police District of Young :—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When will the Returns in reference to "Committals from Police Office at Young," and "Revenue collected within the Police District of Young," ordered on 31st March last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—These Returns have to be furnished from three different departments. I believe I shall be able to lay them upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

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(7.) Court of Quarter Sessions at Young:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has the Government come to any, and what decision, with reference to establishing a Court of Quarter Sessions at Young?

(2.) Will any sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the present year towards erecting a Gaol at Young?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Government have not come to any final decision with regard to Young. The whole question of the establishment of Courts of Quarter Sessions, and the claims of the various districts, will be considered. The matter is, in fact, now under the consideration of the Crown Law Officers, and when it is determined where these Courts shall be held, provision will be made for the erection of proper buildings to carry out the object.

(8.) Bills enumerated in Governor's Opening Speech of 28th September, 1869:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any, and if so, which of the Bills for the following purposes, enumerated in the 15th paragraph of the Governor's Opening Speech to Parliament, on the 28th September, 1869, viz. :—

1. Correcting Anomalies in the Electoral System of the Colony as regards particular Districts, and shortening the duration of Parliaments ;
2. Amending the Law relating to Gold Fields ;
3. Reduction of the Salaries of future Governors and of other high functionaries ;
4. Amending the Law relating to Marriage ;
5. Amending the Law relating to Municipal Institutions ;
6. Providing for Immigration ;
7. Amending the Law relating to Railways ;
8. Aiding and facilitating the Artificial Supply of Water ;
9. Defining the Grazing Rights of Conditional and other Purchasers ;
10. Amending the Superannuation Act ;
11. Regulating Minor Roads ;
12. Amending the Impounding Law ;
13. Regulating Commons ;
14. Amending the Law relating to Distillation ;
15. Consolidation and Amendment of Customs Laws ;
16. Amendment of the Law relating to the Mercantile Marine ;
17. Amendment of the Law relating to Lunacy ;
18. Preventing the spread of Contagious Diseases ;
19. Abolition of Ad Valorem Duties and Newspaper Postage Rate ;
20. To amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies ?

(2.) Can the Colonial Secretary state the nature of the Bills for "other purposes" alluded to in the aforesaid paragraph of His Excellency's Speech ; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to introduce such Bills, or any of them, during the present Session?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Notice has already been given of some of the measures to which the Honorable Member refers, and others will be brought forward as circumstances will admit, and as may appear desirable.

(9.) Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) The amount that has fallen in, by death, resignation, or otherwise, since the passing of the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act?

(2.) The annual sum at present expended by the State in support of different religions?

(3.) The amount awarded annually to each sect?

(4.) How much each year does each clergyman receive?

(5.) If any Bishop or Archbishop receives more than any of the other State-paid clergy, will the Colonial Secretary state under what law this is done?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The information which the Honorable Member asks for will take some short time to prepare. It shall be obtained, and the information given, at the earliest possible opportunity.

(10.) Ulladulla Bench of Magistrates:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Is it true that there are eleven Magistrates composing the Ulladulla Bench?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary mention the names of the eleven Justices who preside at Ulladulla?

(3.) Is it true that, of the above Justices, eight out of the eleven are related to each other ; and will the Colonial Secretary state the nature of the relation?

(4.) If it is the case that eight of these Magistrates are relatives, is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to put an end to this state of things?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have no knowledge of the alleged relationship of the Magistrates at Ulladulla ; nor can I put an end to the relationship if it exists. No complaint has reached the Government of any improper proceedings of the Bench, collectively, or of any Magistrate.

(11.) Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—Has the Government any intention of introducing this Session a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865 ; and if so, when will the Bill be brought in?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The intentions of the Government with regard to measures affecting Fiscal matters will be communicated to the House by the Financial Statement.

(12.) Expenditure of Money raised for Railway Purposes:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—If he will state, for the information of the House,—

(1.) How much of the money raised for the completion of the Railway Lines, already sanctioned by the issue of Debentures to the extent of £1,000,000, under the 31 Vic. No. 11, has been applied to other purposes than Railways?

(2.)

(2.) How much of the money raised under that Act is now in the hands of the Government, either in this Colony or in England—distinguishing how much there is in each place?

(3.) How much of the money so raised has been expended on Railways?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret that the Honorable and learned Member should continue to ask me questions of an almost similar nature to those which I have already replied to. The answers which I gave to the questions of the Honorable Member last night, with reference to loans, would, I had hoped, have shown it was impracticable to separate the money raised by loan in the manner indicated by his questions of to-day.

2. Papers :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Bridge over the Belubula River, at Canowindra," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Driver, on 27th April, 1870.

(2.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Railway Rolling Stock," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Webb, on 11th March, 1870.

(3.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Railway Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on 4th March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.

Question put and passed.

4. District Court at Burrowa ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A copy of the Report from His Honor Judge Francis, referring to the discontinuance of the District Court at Burrowa.

(2.) Copy of any minute or minutes of the Executive Council, or Attorney General, on the same.

(3.) Copy of any petition, memorandum, or letters, or any other document, praying for the continuance of the District Court at Burrowa.

(4.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other papers not included in above, referring to same.

Question put and passed.

5. Superannuation Fund ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice 8, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—

(1.) The names of all Recipients of Pensions under the Superannuation Act, with the annual rate of each of their Pensions, and the total amount now payable.

(2.) The total amount of the deductions from the salaries of Public Officers, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

(3.) The amount of the Balance of the Public Endowment of £20,000.

(4.) Any outstanding claims under the Superannuation Act.

Question put and passed.

6. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill :—Mr. Brookes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 9th September.

8. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—

(1.) The Speaker informed the House that he had this day received a letter from Edward Butler, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Argyle, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—which letter he read to the House, as follows :—

"To the Honorable the Speaker  
of the Legislative Assembly.

"August 19th.

"Sir,

"I beg you to accept my resignation as a Member of the Election Committee, upon the ground that I have already expressed an opinion upon one of the questions involved in the petition against Mr. Dean.

"I have the honor to be,

"Very faithfully yours,

"E. BUTLER."

(2.) The Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant, appointing Richard Driver, Esquire, to be a Member of 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 1858, I do hereby appoint

"Richard Driver, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Edward Butler, Esquire, resigned.

"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 seventy.

"W. M. ARNOLD,  
"Speaker."

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until this day week.
10. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wearne, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.  
 Mr. Wearne then moved, That that report be now adopted.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Wearne having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors*,”—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 16th September.
11. Bridge over the Shoalhaven River:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £7,000, for the construction of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

12. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Joseph Leary, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. Vacant Seat:—The Debate, on the motion of Sir James Martin,—“That Joseph Eckford, Esquire, “the Member for the Electoral District of Wollombi, having become an Insolvent Debtor within “the meaning of the laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, his Seat as such Member has thereby “become, and is hereby declared to be vacant,”—resumed and continued.  
 And Mr. Wilson having laid upon the Table a certain Declaration made by Richard Windeyer Thompson, of West Maitland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Solicitor,—  
 Question put and passed.
14. Privilege:—Mr. Brookes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the case of Sir James Martin, a Member of this House, who has, during the present Parliament, acted as an Arbitrator for the Crown in the case between the Crown and Mrs. Terry, in reference to the land adjoining the new Post Office, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, with instructions to inquire into the circumstances relating to such appointment, and to report specially whether or not the holding of such office of profit by the said Sir James Martin renders him disqualified for holding a Seat in this House.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. W. Forster,  
 Mr. Garrett,  
 Mr. Macleay,  
 Mr. Dean,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Spring,  
 Mr. Brookes.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dillon,  
 Mr. Samuel, Mr. Webb,  
 Mr. Weaver, Mr. Lord,  
 Mr. Byenes, Mr. Driver,  
 Mr. Parkes, Mr. Clarke,  
 Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Leary,  
 Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Dangar,  
 Mr. Jennings, Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
 Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wearne,  
 Mr. Bawden, Mr. Tunks,  
 Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Farnell,  
 Mr. King, Mr. Buchanan,  
 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lackey,  
 Mr. Church,

*Tellers.*

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
 Mr. Bell, Mr. Fraser,  
 Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Nowlan.

15. Limitation of Business Hours:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That it be an Order of this House, for the present Session, that no New Business be entered upon after Eleven o'clock P.M.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Piddington,  
 Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
 Mr. Windeyer,  
 Mr. King,  
 Mr. Tunks,  
 Mr. Wilson,  
 Mr. Nowlan,  
 Mr. Lackey,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Brookes,  
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cowper, Mr. Garrett,  
 Mr. Egan, Mr. Phelps,  
 Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dangar,  
 Mr. Parkes, Mr. Kelly,  
 Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Webb,  
 Mr. Bawden,  
 Mr. Cummings, *Tellers.*  
 Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell,  
 Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Driver,  
 Mr. Bell,

16. Postponement:—Mr. Cummings postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

**17. Conduct of the Collector of Customs :—**Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Minutes and Correspondence which have passed between His Excellency the Governor and the Military Authorities in reference to certain insulting observations used by the Collector of Customs to an Officer of Her Majesty's 18th Regiment, on or about March last.

Question put and passed.

**18. Loans Account :—**Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing a statement of—

(1.) The Balances of Votes for services authorized to be provided for by Loan under the different Loan Acts, and remaining unexpended on the 1st of August, 1870.

(2.) The amounts for services estimated as not likely to be required.

(3.) The Balances estimated as liabilities, in detail, with the total amount of such liabilities.

(4.) The total amount of cash in the possession of the Government on the 1st of August, 1870, available for the construction of the said Public Works, stating in which Bank or Banks such cash is deposited.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-six minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

- 1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so when, in each case respectively?
- 2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session to amend the Land Law, so as to make the Country more attractive to population, and to retain in it the present inhabitants?
  - (2.) If the Government have such intention, when will the Bill be brought forward?
- 3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,**—
  - (1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?
  - (2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?
  - (3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the first of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?
- 4. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,**—
  - (1.) When are suitable trucks and yards, for conveyance of sheep and other stock, to be placed on the railway line at Wallerawang or Mudgee Junction?
  - (2.) Are yards in course of erection; if not, when will they be?
- 5. MR. DANGAR to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—Have the Government any intention of establishing District Courts at Narrabri, Warrialda, and Walgett?
- 6. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,**—Are the Government aware of the dangerous and impassable state of the roads from Narrabri to Willow Tree; that the approaches to Cox's Creek and Breeza Bridges are swept away, and if any immediate steps will be taken to repair the same?
- 7. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,**—When will the Estimates for 1871 be laid upon the Table of this House?
- 8. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,**—When will the papers with reference to the appointment of Examiner of Titles, ordered by this House on the 9th February, 1869, be laid upon the Table?

*OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—*

- 1. MR. FARNELL to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the several sums voted and authorized by the Appropriation Act, 33 Vic. No. 17, for public works, roads, &c., hereinafter specified, and also shewing what works are in progress :—
  - (1.) For the formation of the line of road through Jones' Island, Manning River.
  - (2.) Towards opening and forming the road from Sutton Forest Railway Station through Kangaroo Valley, *via* Good Dog Mountain, to Shoalhaven River.
  - (3.) Construction of punt for Middle Harbour.
  - (4.) Punt at Darkwater Creek, Macleay River.
  - (5.) Punt at Wiseman's Ferry.
  - (6.) Construction of punt and approaches at Wingham, Manning River.
  - (7.) Purchase of the punt at Buckley's Crossing-place, Snowy River.
  - (8.) Opening up road from George's River.
  - (9.) For Road from Kempsey to Darkwater.
  - (10.) For ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to public buildings generally.

(11.)

- (11.) Gaols, Court-houses and Lock-ups.
- (12.) Alterations, additions, and repairs to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban.
- (13.) Additions and improvements to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
- (14.) New buildings, Botanic Gardens.
- (15.) Drainage and repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
- (16.) Construction and maintainance of Main Northern Road, Main Southern Road, and Main Western Road.
- (17.) Road, Clarence River, to Great Northern Road.
- (18.) Mudgee Road.
- (19.) Re-erection of the Rankin Bridge over the Macquarie River.
- (20.) Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, and repairs Mudgee Road.
2. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the £5,000 voted last Session in aid of damage done by floods—specifying the name of the applicants, the amount of money awarded to each applicant, and the name of the districts in which the money was to be expended.
3. MR. WILSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements made by Mr. Duncan, Collector of Customs, in his communication to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, which was read by Mr. Samuel in answer to a question put by Mr. Wilson on 17th August, which statements injuriously affect the character of Mr. Keating, an officer in the Customs.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Butler, Mr. Driver, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. King, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.
4. MR. W. FORSEER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A return of all expenditure of any part of the Consolidated Revenue on or for the purposes of the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, specifying particulars, as follows:—
    1. Purchase of land;
    2. Clearing and improving land;
    3. Fencing;
    4. Clearing roads, lanes, paths, or the like;
    5. Mortuary, or receiving-house, at Redfern;
    6. Mortuary, or receiving-house, lodge, and other buildings, at Haslem's Creek;
    7. Salaries;
    8. Labourers wages, and other current expenses.
  - (2.) A return of all expenditure of any part of the Consolidated Revenue, or of revenue derived from fees or charges under the "Necropolis Act of 1867," appropriated by or for the use of each religious denomination, and, so far as applicable, specifying particulars as aforesaid.
  - (3.) A return of revenue derived from fees or charges under the Necropolis Act of 1867, specifying the amount collected by each religious denomination, and, so far as practicable, specifying the fees or charges under particular heads.
5. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of any correspondence that may have passed between Mr. Brookes, as the Mayor of Newcastle, and the Colonial Secretary, in the year 1867, having reference to the management of municipal affairs in that borough.
  - (2.) A copy of any memorial that may have been presented to the Colonial Secretary from certain burgesses of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for an inquiry by special auditors into the municipal accounts of the said borough, under the provisions of the 184th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867.
  - (3.) A copy of all correspondence that may have passed between the Colonial Secretary and the special auditors relative to their appointment, and during the progress of the inquiry; together with any report furnished by the said special auditors to the Colonial Secretary having reference thereto.
6. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is in duty bound to cause a bridge to be erected across the River Macquarie, at or near where the Rankin's Bridge was carried away by the late flood.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; reception of Resolutions from Committee (Deficiency Loans Funding).
2. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee (Public Works Loan).

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the custody of money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Request and District Courts.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
2. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. as compensation to Mr. John Wood, for loss sustained by him by being deprived, in consequence of a report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted, of a road which gave him access to water; said road having been recommended and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, at the time of the original survey of Mr. Wood's Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and fenced by Mr. Wood at a cost of £23 10s.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Mooroooolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.

FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 17th August, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of West Sydney, in room of John Robertson, Esquire, whose Seat had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of "John Robertson, Esquire," to serve as such Member.

2. Member Sworn:—The Honorable John Robertson, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

3. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Minor Roads—Cemeteries—Commons:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Minor Roads, Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so when, in each case respectively?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—I hope to-morrow to be able to bring in the Minor Roads Bill, as I have no doubt, I shall. With regard to the Bills for dealing with Cemeteries and Commons, respectively, I have not had time to look into the matter, but perhaps my honorable friend will be willing to postpone the question with reference to them until Friday.

- (2.) Amendment of Land Law:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session to amend the Land Law, so as to make the country more attractive to population, and to retain in it the present inhabitants?

(2.) If the Government have such intention, when will the Bill be brought forward?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—Before replying to the Honorable Member, I would like to point out that it is quite a matter of opinion whether it is possible to make the country more attractive to population by land legislation, and, therefore, the question is scarcely one within the rules of Parliament, yet I do not wish to refuse to give the Honorable Member any information within my knowledge. Recognizing, as I do, and as I am sure every Member of the House will do, the great difficulty of making the law more attractive or more pleasing to the people, my honorable friend will see that any measure with that object will require considerable and anxious thought and careful preparation. Now, this is a question to which I have given much consideration during many years, and I think I see a mode by which improvements may be made in the present law, but I do not think it is likely—this being the second Session this year, and in view of all the perplexities and difficulties surrounding this most troublesome question of administering the lands—that Government will be prepared to bring in a measure this Session.

- (3.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What sum has been expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and how much has been paid to each newspaper?

(2.) How much, if anything, still remains due to each newspaper in respect of advertising during such six months?

(3.) How often has the Railway Time-table appeared in the *Empire* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, respectively, as a paid advertisement, between the 1st of May and the 11th of August in the present year; and what is the cost of each advertisement?

Mr.

Mr. Samuel answered,—

- (1.) £1,395 14s., as per return which I will presently lay on the Table.
- (2.) Nothing, so far as known to the Treasury.
- (3.) It has never appeared in either paper as a paid advertisement.
- (4.) Railway Trucks for Conveyance of Live Stock:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
  - (1.) When are suitable trucks and yards, for conveyance of sheep and other stock, to be placed on the railway line at Wallerawang or Mudjee Junction?
  - (2.) Are yards in course of erection; if not, when will they be?
 Mr. Sutherland answered,—
  - (1.) Cattle trucks and sheep vans for the conveyance of live stock are being used on the Government Railways, and more trucks and vans will shortly be constructed to meet the growing requirements of this traffic.
  - (2.) Stockyards have been erected at Wallerawang.
- (5.) District Courts at Narrabri, Warialda, and Walgett:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Have the Government any intention of establishing District Courts at Narrabri, Warialda, and Walgett?
 

Mr. Cowper answered,—I find that the establishing of District Courts at Narrabri, Warialda, and Walgett, would entail very great expense. Suggestions have been made for the establishment of a Court at Walgett in connection with a suggestion for a new Circuit Court extending from Wentworth on the south to Walgett on the North, including Bourke. The whole arrangement, as I have recently stated, with regard to the establishment of District Courts, will shortly be brought under the consideration of Government, and all these questions will then be dealt with.
- (6.) Roads from Narrabri to Willow Tree.—Approaches to Cox's Creek and Breeza Bridges:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Are the Government aware of the dangerous and impassable state of the roads from Narrabri to Willow Tree; that the approaches to Cox's Creek and Breeza Bridges are swept away, and if any immediate steps will be taken to repair the same?
 

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government are aware that the road over the black soil plains, Narrabri to Willow Tree, is as bad as all unmetalled roads over such soil must be when constantly inundated, and that the approaches to Breeza Bridge have been injured. Contracts have been let, and the repairs to the bridge will be completed as soon as the weather permits.
- (7.) Estimates for 1871:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When will the Estimates for 1871 be laid upon the Table of this House?
 

Mr. Samuel answered,—They are now being prepared with as great despatch as possible, and there will be no unnecessary delay in submitting them to Parliament.
- (8.) Examiner of Titles—Real Property Act:—*Mr. W. Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—When will the papers with reference to the appointment of Examiner of Titles, ordered by this House on the 9th February, 1869, be laid upon the Table?
 

Mr. Cowper answered,—I hope to be able to lay them on the Table to-morrow.

4. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table a Statement shewing the amount expended by the Government in advertising during the first six months of the present year, and the amount paid to each newspaper. (*See Answer to Question No. 3, above*).  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Statistics connected with the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act. (*See Answer to Question No. 9 in Votes and Proceedings No. 6.*)
  - (2.) Return to an Address in reference to "Committals from Police Office at Young," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Watson*, on 31st March, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Tumut-street, Adelong:—*Mr. E. Brown* presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Adelong, representing that Tumut-street, in the Town of Adelong, which forms part of the Main Road to Tumut and other places, is in such a bad state of repair as to be almost impassable, thereby causing great loss and inconvenience to those who use the said street; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.  
Petition received.
6. Necropolis at Haslem's Creek ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. W. Forster* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A return of all expenditure of any part of the Consolidated Revenue on or for the purposes of the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, specifying particulars, as follows:—
    1. Purchase of land;
    2. Clearing and improving land;
    3. Fencing;
    4. Clearing roads, lanes, paths, or the like;
    5. Mortuary, or receiving-house, at Redfern;
    6. Mortuary, or receiving-house, lodge, and other buildings, at Haslem's Creek;
    7. Salaries;
    8. Labourers wages, and other current expenses.
  - (2.) A return of all expenditure of any part of the Consolidated Revenue, or of revenue derived from fees or charges under the "Necropolis Act of 1867," appropriated by or for the use of each religious denomination, and, so far as applicable, specifying particulars as aforesaid.
  - (3.) A return of revenue derived from fees or charges under the Necropolis Act of 1867, specifying the amount collected by each religious denomination, and, so far as practicable, specifying the fees or charges under particular heads.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Brookes* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

8. Public Works, Roads, &c., provided for by Appropriation Act, 33 Vic. No. 17.—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the several sums voted and authorized by the Appropriation Act, 33 Vic. No. 17, for public works, roads, &c., hereinafter specified, and also shewing what works are in progress:—
- (1.) For the formation of the line of road through Jones' Island, Manning River.
  - (2.) Towards opening and forming the road from Sutton Forest Railway Station through Kangaroo Valley, *via* Good Dog Mountain, to Shoalhaven River.
  - (3.) Construction of punt for Middle Harbour.
  - (4.) Punt at Darkwater Creek, Macleay River.
  - (5.) Punt at Wiseman's Ferry.
  - (6.) Construction of punt and approaches at Wingham, Manning River.
  - (7.) Purchase of the punt at Buckley's Crossing-place, Snowy River.
  - (8.) Opening up road from George's River.
  - (9.) For Road from Kempsey to Darkwater.
  - (10.) For ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to public buildings generally.
  - (11.) Gaols, Court-houses and Lock-ups.
  - (12.) Alterations, additions, and repairs to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban.
  - (13.) Additions and improvements to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
  - (14.) New buildings, Botanic Gardens.
  - (15.) Drainage and repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
  - (16.) Construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road, Main Southern Road, and Main Western Road.
  - (17.) Road, Clarence River, to Great Northern Road.
  - (18.) Mudgee Road.
  - (19.) Re-erection of the Rankin Bridge over the Macquarie River.
  - (20.) Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, and repairs, Mudgee Road.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
9. Expenditure of Amount voted in aid of damage done by Floods:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement shewing the expenditure of the £5,000 voted last Session in aid of damage done by floods—specifying the name of the applicants, the date of application, the amount of money awarded to each applicant, and the names of the districts in which the money was to be expended.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Mr. Keating, Clerk in the Custom House:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements made by Mr. Duncan, Collector of Customs, in his communication to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, which was read by Mr. Samuel in answer to a question put by Mr. Wilson on 17th August, which statements injuriously affect the character of Mr. Keating, an officer in the Customs.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Butler, Mr. Driver, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. King, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Webb, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
11. Bridge over the River Macquarie:—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is in duty bound to cause a bridge to be erected across the River Macquarie, at or near where the Rankin's Bridge was carried away by the late flood.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
12. Ways and Means (Deficiency Loans Funding):—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Ways and Means certain Resolutions, and moved that they be now received.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	
Commander Onslow	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. King,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Wearne,	

Resolutions received, and read a first time, as follows:—

- (1.) Resolved, That to enable the Government to provide for the payment of certain short-dated Debentures issued under the "Loan Act of 1865," and for the payment of "Treasury Bills," it is expedient to authorize a Loan not exceeding the sum of six hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred pounds.
- (2.) Resolved, That such Loan shall be negotiated in the Colony in the form of a Funded Stock by subscription, or by such other means and at such times and for such amounts as may be directed by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council.

(3.)

(3.) Resolved, That such Funded Stock shall be transferable only on the books of the Treasury, or such Bank Corporation or Company in Sydney as may be appointed for that purpose, and in such manner and under such regulations as the Governor, with advice aforesaid, may direct and appoint.

(4.) Resolved, That all such Funded Stock shall bear interest at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum, payable half-yearly out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(5.) Resolved, That all sums of money raised by the creation of such Funded Stock shall be carried to, and form part of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Resolutions be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. E. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Wearne,	

13. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolutions of Ways and Means 1 to 5 inclusive), Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize and to provide for the Funding of a Loan not exceeding six hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred pounds,*"—read a first time.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Sir James Martin moved, That the Question be amended, by adding at the end thereof the word "week."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Dight,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Bell,	

Original Question then put and passed.

14. Ways and Means (Public Works Loan):—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—

(6.) Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £407,151 13s. 7d. be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expense of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony, and for other purposes.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.

15. Loan Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6), Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Are the Railway Authorities in the habit of giving credit to parties who have loading or general merchandize conveyed on the Southern, Western, and Northern Railways?  
(2.) If so, what is the extent of credit given to such parties, whether monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly?  
(3.) What officer of the Railway Department renders the accounts to any, or all, parties, to whom credit is given for the conveyance of their goods or merchandize by Railway?  
(4.) What officer in the Railway Department receives the amounts of money paid by the various parties to whom credit is given by the Railway Authorities for the conveyance of their loading or merchandize by Railway?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the parties who became security for the fidelity of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, paid the full amount of the ascertained defalcations of the said Archibald Ashdown into the Treasury?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) What is the name of the person who has been appointed to succeed Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department?  
(2.) What is the amount of yearly salary which the Government have determined to pay the successor of Archibald Ashdown?  
(3.) Has the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown been required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties; if so, what is the nature and amount of such security (if any) provided?  
(4.) How long has the successor of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, been a member of the Civil Service of the Colony; how many situations has he filled in the said service, and what was the amount of salary paid respectively for the services rendered by the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown in the various situations he has filled in the Civil Service?  
(5.) On what date did the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown first become a member of the Civil Service of the Colony, and from what Government did he receive his first appointment?
4. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to re-introduce the Colonial Produce Distillation Bill of last Session?
5. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) When will the Government Policy as regards the extension of Railways be submitted to this House?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during this Session, any plan for the improvement of the Main Roads of the Colony?
6. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Returns respecting Railway Rolling Stock, which were ordered by this House on the 11th of March last, be laid upon the Table?
7. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any Report has been received concerning the death, on the 3rd instant, of Margaret Hughes Ellis, an inmate of the Industrial School for Girls at Newcastle; and if so, what is the nature of such Report?
8. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) What answer has been returned to Colonel Richardson's letter to the Government suggesting that the Volunteers should undertake the Guard Duty in the City on the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops?  
(2.) What steps do the Government intend taking for supplying the place of the Military?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the custody of money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
4. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Loan Bill of 1870; second reading.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all applications for Certificates of Title under the Real Property Act from 1st January, 1869, to 30th June, 1870, setting out the date of each Application and the date of each Certificate issued.
2. MR. E. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd August, from certain inhabitants of Adelong, respecting the state of Tumut-street, in that town, be printed.
3. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.

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THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST.

## Questions :—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Deed of Grant of the land for the Public School at Nundle issue, the formal application for which was made on 20th September, 1869.
2. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was any Association formed, under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 26 Vic. No. 1, for the purpose of growing and cultivating Cotton in this Colony; and if so, when?
  - (2.) What are the names of the Members of the Association?
  - (3.) How much money did they pay into any of the Sydney Banks, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act?
  - (4.) How much land was granted to the said Association?
  - (5.) In how far did the Association comply with the terms and conditions of the said Act?
  - (6.) What became of the land; or if sold, of the proceeds of sale?
3. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Are the Government prepared still further to extend the system of Protection so as to aid in the establishment of new Industries, and thus open up a field for the profitable employment of the 70,000 children at present attending the Public Schools of the Colony, and for the adult population who are vainly seeking for employment?
4. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the cost per train mile for running goods trains from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (2.) What would be the cost per train mile for running a train of owners trucks of coal to Sydney, and returning the empty waggons?
  - (3.) Would it require extra engine power to return such empty coal trucks to Bowenfels with the ordinary goods trains?
  - (4.) What quantity of coal can be hauled in one load on the Western line of Railway?
  - (5.) What quantity of coal can be hauled in one load on the Northern line of Railway?
  - (6.) Are the rates for carriage of coal on the Western line of Railway the same as they are on the Northern line?
  - (7.) What is the average cost to the owners, per ton per train mile, for coal carried on the Northern Railway?
  - (8.) What is the proposed cost per train mile for the carriage of coal on the Western Railway?
  - (9.) Can coal be carried in owners trucks from Bowenfels to Sydney for less than the present rate (7s. 5d. per ton), without loss to the Revenue?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him at law as contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Commander Onslow, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, and papers referred to that Committee, be referred to this Committee.

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FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

## Question :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so, when, in each case respectively?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
  2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
2. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. as compensation to Mr. John Wood, for loss sustained by him by being deprived, in consequence of a report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted, of a road which gave him access to water; said road having been recommended and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, at the time of the original survey of Mr. Wood's Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and fenced by Mr. Wood at a cost of £23 10s.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Moorwoolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.
4. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all letters and communications addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William Small, J.P., and Mr. John McPhee, complaining of the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott.
  - (2.) Copies of all letters and communications from Mr. District Court Judge Meymott to the Attorney General, relating to the charges preferred by Messrs. Small and McPhee.
  - (3.) Copies of all minutes and correspondence by the Attorney General on the same subject.

FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. MR. PARKES to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.

(2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.

(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Ouslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway Credit System:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Are the Railway Authorities in the habit of giving credit to parties who have loading or general merchandize conveyed on the Southern, Western, and Northern Railways?

(2.) If so, what is the extent of credit given to such parties, whether monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly?

(3.) What officer of the Railway Department renders the accounts to any, or all, parties to whom credit is given for the conveyance of their goods or merchandize by Railway?

(4.) What officer in the Railway Department receives the amounts of money paid by the various parties to whom credit is given by the Railway Authorities for the conveyance of their loading or merchandize by Railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes. Security, however, for the amount of credit is taken either in the shape of a Bond or a Bank Deposit Receipt.

(2.) The credits are monthly ones.

(3.) The station masters.

(4.) The station master who renders the account, unless in one or two exceptional cases, when they are paid to the cashier at the head office.

- (2.) Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the parties who became security for the fidelity of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, paid the full amount of the ascertained defalcations of the said Archibald Ashdown into the Treasury?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes. The European Guarantee Society promptly paid the claim on demand, and gave an undertaking to pay any further claim, up to the extent of their guarantee (£1,000), should further defalcations be discovered.

- (3.) Successor to Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What is the name of the person who has been appointed to succeed Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department?

(2.) What is the amount of yearly salary which the Government have determined to pay the successor of Archibald Ashdown?

(3.) Has the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown been required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties; if so, what is the nature and amount of such security (if any) provided?

(4.) How long has the successor of Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department, been a member of the Civil Service of the Colony; how many situations has he filled in the said service, and what was the amount of salary paid respectively for the services rendered by the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown in the various situations he has filled in the Civil Service?

(5.)

(5.) On what date did the successor of the said Archibald Ashdown first become a member of the Civil Service of the Colony, and from what Government did he receive his first appointment?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Henry Albert Hall.

(2.) £400.

(3.) No; as under present arrangements no money passes through his hands.

(4.) 10 years. Mr. Hall has held the following appointments in the Accountant's Branch of the Railway Department, where he has been employed since his first appointment to the public service:—

1. Statistical Clerk—Salary, £150	3. Book-keeper—Salary, £300.
2. Journal-keeper " £200	4. Accountant " £400.

(5.) July, 1860. The Honorable W. M. Arnold was then Minister for Public Works in Mr. Cowper's Administration.

(4.) Colonial Produce Distillation Bill:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to re-introduce the Colonial Produce Distillation Bill of last Session?

Mr. Samuel answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in such a Bill during the present Session.

(5.) Railways.—Main Roads:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) When will the Government Policy as regards the extension of Railways be submitted to this House?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during this Session, any plan for the improvement of the Main Roads of the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this Question till a future day.

(6.) Railway Rolling Stock:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When will the Returns respecting Railway Rolling Stock, which were ordered by this House on the 11th of March last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Returns in question were laid upon the Table of this House on Friday last, the 19th instant.

(7.) Margaret Hughes Ellis:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Whether any Report has been received concerning the death, on the 3rd instant, of Margaret Hughes Ellis, an inmate of the Industrial School for Girls at Newcastle; and if so, what is the nature of such Report?

Mr. Cowper answered,—No Report has been received from the Master of the Institution; but I have been furnished with a copy of the evidence taken at the Inquest, and the verdict of the Jury was, that the utmost care, kindness, and attention had been paid by the superintendent, matron, and the persons acting as nurses to the deceased child.

*Mr. Windeyer not asking Question No. 8, it dropped.*

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from a Roman Catholic Clergyman, and certain of the Laity of that persuasion, at Queanbeyan, praying that this Bill may not be passed. Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Examiners of Titles—Real Property Act," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Burns, on 9th February, 1869. Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
5. Lunacy Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane. Question put and passed.
6. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands. Question put and passed.
7. Roads Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads. Question put and passed.
8. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the custody of money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts. Question put and passed.
10. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866. Question put and passed.
11. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No 7 (*Government Business*), That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal. Question put and passed.

12. Certificates of Title under Real Property Act ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all applications for Certificates of Title under the Real Property Act from 1st January, 1869, to 30th June, 1870, setting out the date of each Application and the date of each Certificate issued.  
Question put and passed.
13. Tumut-street, Adelong ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. E. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on 23rd August, from certain inhabitants of Adelong, respecting the state of Tumut-street, in that town, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Other Business*), That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.  
Question put and passed.
15. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.
16. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dodds.
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 24.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. King,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Clarke,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker,—in order to afford the House an opportunity of further considering the Bill,—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Bill then read a second time,—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at Seventeen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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 (6.) Are the rates for carriage of coal on the Western line of Railway the same as they are on the Northern line ?  
 (7.) What is the average cost to the owners, per ton per train mile, for coal carried on the Northern Railway ?  
 (8.) What is the proposed cost per train mile for the carriage of coal on the Western Railway ?  
 (9.) Can coal be carried in owners trucks from Bowenfels to Sydney for less than the present rate (7s. 5d. per ton), without loss to the Revenue ?
5. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—What is the reason that Telegraphic Messages received in the Sydney office between one and two o'clock p.m. are not transmitted during that interval ?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the capital sentence passed upon Gray, for the murder of his wife, at the last sittings of the Central Criminal Court ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
2. MR. SAMUEL *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.
3. MR. COWPER *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal," passing through all its stages in one day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
5. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Loan Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him at law as contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Commander Onslow, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, and papers referred to that Committee, be referred to this Committee.
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 24th August, from a Roman Catholic Clergyman, and certain of the laity of that persuasion, at Queanbeyan, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

## Questions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively ; and if so, when, in each case respectively ?
2. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) When will the Government Policy as regards the extension of Railways be submitted to this House ?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during this Session, any plan for the improvement of the Main Roads of the Colony ?
3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the return, moved for by Mr. Farnell on the 22nd October, 1869, in reference to Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON *to move*, That Question No. 1 and Answer thereto, relative to Mr. Keating, a Clerk in the Custom House, recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 4, dated 17th August, 1870, be expunged from the Records of this House.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
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3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Moorwoolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.
4. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all letters and communications addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William Small, J.P., and Mr. John McPhee, complaining of the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott.
  - (2.) Copies of all letters and communications from Mr. District Court Judge Meymott to the Attorney General, relating to the charges preferred by Messrs. Small and McPhee.
  - (3.) Copies of all minutes and correspondence by the Attorney General on the same subject.

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THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.

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FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

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TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.)

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Deed of Grant of Land for Public School at Nundle:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the Deed of Grant of the land for the Public School at Nundle issue, the formal application for which was made on 20th September, 1869?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—The land will be included in the List of Dedications early next month, after which there will be no delay in the issue of the Deed of Grant.

- (2.) Cotton Cultivation Association:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was any Association formed, under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 26 Vic. No. 1, for the purpose of growing and cultivating Cotton in this Colony; and if so, when?

(2.) What are the names of the Members of the Association?

(3.) How much money did they pay into any of the Sydney Banks, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act?

(4.) How much land was granted to the said Association?

(5.) In how far did the Association comply with the terms and conditions of the said Act?

(6.) What became of the land; or if sold, of the proceeds of sale?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—The information that I am enabled to give in answer to these queries is not very definite, but I may state that such an Association was formed under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 26 Vic. No. 1, and that the names of the members are Messrs. T. S. Mort, W. H. Eldred, M. B. Murnin, J. F. Josephson, and the Hon. J. Mitchell. £3,000 was subscribed, half of which was deposited in the Commercial Bank. 2,000 acres were reserved or appropriated to the Association; the reserve has been revoked, but no steps have yet been taken to bring it to auction.

- (3.) Extension of System of Protection:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Are the Government prepared still further to extend the system of Protection so as to aid in the establishment of new Industries, and thus open up a field for the profitable employment of the 70,000 children at present attending the Public Schools of the Colony, and for the adult population who are vainly seeking for employment?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—No; the Government is not prepared.

- (4.) Railway Statistics:—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What is the cost per train mile for running goods trains from Bowenfels to Sydney?

(2.) What would be the cost per train mile for running a train of owners trucks of coal to Sydney, and returning the empty waggons?

(3.) Would it require extra engine power to return such empty coal trucks to Bowenfels with the ordinary goods trains?

(4.) What quantity of coal can be hauled in one load on the Western line of Railway?

(5.) What quantity of coal can be hauled in one load on the Northern line of Railway?

(6.) Are the rates for carriage of coal on the Western line of Railway the same as they are on the Northern line?

(7.)

- (7.) What is the average cost to the owners, per ton per train mile, for coal carried on the Northern Railway?
- (8.) What is the proposed cost per train mile for the carriage of coal on the Western Railway?
- (9.) Can coal be carried in owners trucks from Bowenfels to Sydney for less than the present rate (7s. 5d. per ton), without loss to the Revenue?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) 4s. 3½d., exclusive of interest on capital invested in constructing the line, and renewal of permanent way.
- (2.) 3s. 11d. to Sydney; 3s. 11d. return; total, 7s. 10d.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) 80 tons.
- (5.) 480 tons.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) 2½d. per ton per mile.
- (8.) ⅓ of a penny per ton per mile from Bowenfels—97 miles.
- (9.) No; and it cannot even be carried at present rates without loss.
- (5.) Transmission of Telegraphic Messages:—Mr. Piddington asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What is the reason that Telegraphic Messages received in the Sydney office between one and two o'clock p.m. are not transmitted during that interval?
- Mr. Egan answered,—Telegraphic Messages can be sent between 1 and 2 p.m. to all stations where two operators are employed; but at places where one officer only has to discharge duty from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., some time is necessary for refreshment in the middle of the day.
- (6.) The Prisoner Gray:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the capital sentence passed upon Gray, for the murder of his wife, at the last sittings of the Central Criminal Court?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—The sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life, with hard labour.
2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—William Henry Suttor, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
4. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, By-laws of the Borough of Alexandria (presented pursuant to 31 Vict. No. 12, sec. 158).
- Ordered to be printed.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
- Question put and passed.
6. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.
- Question put and passed.
7. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*),—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him at law as contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Commander Onslow, Mr. Nowlan, and the Mover.
- (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, and papers referred to that Committee, be referred to that Committee.
- And Mr. Morrice requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
- Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him at law as contractor for the Northern Line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle; and that the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, and papers referred to that Committee, be referred to this Committee,—put and passed.
- Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macleay, and Commander Onslow.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on 24th August, from a Roman Catholic Clergyman, and certain of the laity of that persuasion, at Queanbeyan, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
9. Lunacy Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane*,"—read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
10. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866*,"—read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

11. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill :—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the custody of Money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts,*" read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
12. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Jennings presented a Petition from a Roman Catholic Clergyman, and certain of the laity of that persuasion, of the District of Braidwood, praying that this Bill may not be passed.  
Petition received.
13. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time, and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
(3.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends the Legislative Assembly to make provision for regulating the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal, and for the necessary expenses connected therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 24th August, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

15. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, and 4 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Thursday next.  
(2.) The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 6.
16. Loan Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Samuel 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. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
17. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 (Order No. 5) :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively ; and if so, when, in each case respectively ?
2. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) When will the Government Policy as regards the extension of Railways be submitted to this House ?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during this Session, any plan for the improvement of the Main Roads of the Colony ?
3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the return, moved for by Mr. Farnell on the 22nd October, 1869, in reference to Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

4. MR. E. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the sale of certain lands, selected and improved upon water reserves, and within population boundaries?  
 (2.) Are surveyors paid for the survey of such portions which have been subsequently cancelled?
5. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What amount of claims (if any), in round numbers, or approximately, against the Superannuation Fund on account of pensions, or retiring allowances, or gratuities, remains at present unpaid?  
 (2.) What provision do the Government intend making to meet existing or prospective claims against the Fund?

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Thursday next, the 1st September.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That Question No. 1 and Answer thereto, relative to Mr. Keating, a Clerk in the Custom House, recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 4, dated 17th August, 1870, be expunged from the Records of this House.
2. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.
3. MR. JENNINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 25th August, from a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and certain lay persons of Braidwood, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal," passing through all its stages in one day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill; second reading.
2. Loan Bill of 1870 Reported; adoption of Report.

## TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST.

## Question:—

1. MR. KING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) What number of conditional purchasers have failed to pay interest on the balance of their purchase money for one, two, or three years, from the dates of their purchases, respectively?  
 (2.) What number had failed to pay such interest at the end of the years 1867, 1868, and 1869, respectively?  
 (3.) What was the total amount of such interest remaining unpaid for these years, respectively?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
2. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. as compensation to Mr. John Wood, for loss sustained by him by being deprived, in consequence of a report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted, of a road which gave him access to water; said road having been recommended and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, at the time of the original survey of Mr. Wood's Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and fenced by Mr. Wood at a cost of £23 10s.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Moorooloolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.
4. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all letters and communications addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William Small, J.P., and Mr. John McPhee, complaining of the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott.  
 (2.) Copies of all letters and communications from Mr. District Court Judge Meymott to the Attorney General, relating to the charges preferred by Messrs. Small and McPhee.  
 (3.) Copies of all minutes and correspondence by the Attorney General on the same subject.

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.
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THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; second reading.
  2. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
  3. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
  4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
  5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
  6. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
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TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
    - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the " Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the " Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
    - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
    - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
    - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
    - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
    - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
    - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.
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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
    - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
    - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.
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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

## No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Cemeteries.—Commons:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in during the present Session any Bills for dealing with the questions of Cemeteries, and Commons, respectively; and if so, when, in each case respectively?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I fear it is very improbable, in view of the present state of the public business, that the Government will be able to bring in Bills of the kind indicated this Session.

- (2.) Railways.—Main Roads:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) When will the Government Policy as regards the extension of Railways be submitted to this House?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during this Session, any plan for the improvement of the Main Roads of the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government Policy with regard to Railways will be submitted to Parliament as speedily as possible.

(2.) Yes.

- (3.) Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the return, moved for by Mr. Farnell on the 22nd October, 1869, in reference to Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—It will be laid upon the Table this afternoon.

- (4.) Land Selected upon Water Reserves:—Mr. E. Brown asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the sale of certain lands, selected and improved upon water reserves, and within population boundaries?

(2.) Are surveyors paid for the survey of such portions which have been subsequently cancelled?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I would like to reply to the Honorable Member, but I confess I scarcely understand the meaning of his first question, because my honorable friend has not said what lands he alludes to; but I presume he refers to lands that have been taken up under conditional purchase, and that the object of his question is to ascertain whether it is the intention of the Government—where parties have taken up these lands, and, so far as they were able with the information they had, have complied with the law, in such special cases—to make provision for the sale of these lands. If that is his meaning, the Government does intend to bring in such a Bill.

(2.) These surveys are paid for only where they are made use of by the Government.

- (5.) Superannuation Fund:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) What amount of claims (if any), in round numbers, or approximately, against the Superannuation Fund on account of pensions, or retiring allowances, or gratuities, remains at present unpaid?

(2.) What provision do the Government intend making to meet existing or prospective claims against the Fund?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) The information, so far as I have been able to obtain it, under the short notice given by my honorable friend, is, that the claims, in round numbers, amount to £1,000.

(2.) The matter has not yet been finally decided upon by the Government.

2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Maturity of Warrant Reported* :—
- (1.) The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing Richard Driver, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 19th August, 1870, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
- (2.) Whereupon Richard Driver, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the said Committee.
3. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 22nd October, 1869. (*See Answer to Question No. 3.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) From the Roman Catholic Archbishop, Clergy, and Laity of Sydney. By Mr. Butler.
- (2.) From certain Roman Catholics of Shoalhaven and Ulladulla. By Mr. Butler.
- (3.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Roman Catholics of Balmain. By Mr. Butler.
- (4.) From certain Roman Catholics of Newcastle. By Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
- (5.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman, and certain of the Laity of that persuasion, of Liverpool. By Mr. Jennings.
- (6.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity, of Ryde. By Mr. Dillon.
- Petitions received.
5. Special Adjournment ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Thursday next, the 1st September.  
Question put and passed.
6. Mr. Keating, Clerk in the Custom House ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That Question No. 1 and Answer thereto, relative to Mr. Keating, a Clerk in the Custom House, recorded in the Votes and Proceedings No. 4, dated 17th August, 1870, be expunged from the Records of this House.  
Question put and passed.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.  
Question put and passed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 25th August, from a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and certain lay persons of Braidwood, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal," passing through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
10. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill (*Order No. 1, Government Business*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Cowper 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. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that report, and ordered that the Bill be read a third time this day.
- (2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.
- (3.) Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.  
Sydney, 26th August, 1870.
- Question put and passed.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Butler moved, That the Debate on this Question be adjourned, and ordered to stand an Order of the Day for this day week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Dean,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Wilson,
Commander Onslow,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnoll,
Mr. Driver.

12. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until this day week.
14. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden,—having been read,—On motion of Commander Onslow, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to provide for the destruction of Thistles, Bathurst-burr, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.  
Commander Onslow then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at fifteen minutes after Five o'clock, until *Thursday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions* :—

- MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Have any instructions, special or otherwise, been issued by his Department, or the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, to the Crown Appraisers of runs, with reference to the appointment of Umpires in the coming appraisalment of runs?  
(2.) Will the Secretary for Lands have any objection to lay on the Table of this House copies of all instructions or circulars relating thereto, or to state the nature of such?
- MR. KING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) What number of conditional purchasers have failed to pay interest on the balance of their purchase money for one, two, or three years, from the dates of their purchases, respectively?  
(2.) What number had failed to pay such interest at the end of the years 1867, 1868, and 1869, respectively?  
(3.) What was the total amount of such interest remaining unpaid for these years, respectively?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- Lunacy Bill ; second reading.
- Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
- Unclaimed Sutors Fund Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
- Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
- Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
- Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
- Loan Bill of 1870 Reported ; adoption of Report.
- Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUTLER to move, That the three Petitions presented by him on 26th August, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from certain Roman Catholics of Newcastle, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. JENNINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from a Roman Catholic Priest, and certain lay persons of that persuasion, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. DILLON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from the Rev. W. Joly, and certain Roman Catholic laity of Ryde, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency, will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £25 as compensation to Mr. George Wood, for removal of a boundary fence erected on his Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, but since ordered to be moved—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.
6. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. as compensation to Mr. John Wood, for loss sustained by him by being deprived, in consequence of a report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted, of a road which gave him access to water; said road having been recommended and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntley, at the time of the original survey of Mr. Wood's Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and fenced by Mr. Wood at a cost of £23 10s.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Moorwoolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.
8. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all letters and communications addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William Small, J.P., and Mr. John McPhee, complaining of the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott.
  - (2.) Copies of all letters and communications from Mr. District Court Judge Meymott to the Attorney General, relating to the charges preferred by Messrs. Small and McPhee.
  - (3.) Copies of all minutes and correspondence by the Attorney General on the same subject.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.

## FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

## TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.

(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.

(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.

(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- i. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Umpires for Appraisement of Runs :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Have any instructions, special or otherwise, been issued by his Department, or the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, to the Crown Appraisers of runs, with reference to the appointment of Umpires in the coming appraisement of runs?

(2.) Will the Secretary for Lands have any objection to lay on the Table of this House copies of all instructions or circulars relating thereto, or to state the nature of such?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will presently lay on the Table of the House the instructions.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases :—Mr. King asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What number of conditional purchasers have failed to pay interest on the balance of their purchase money for one, two, or three years, from the dates of their purchases, respectively?

(2.) What number had failed to pay such interest at the end of the years 1867, 1868, and 1869, respectively?

(3.) What was the total amount of such interest remaining unpaid for these years, respectively?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I would desire to point out to the Honorable Member that his first question must have been proposed in error, seeing that no interest is due for the first one, two, or three years, after purchase respectively. There is none due.

(2 & 3.) I have not been able to obtain particulars, although I think on the very first day of my accepting office I wrote a Minute desiring that this information might be given to me. So soon as I am possessed of it, I shall be glad to lay it on the Table.

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Newtown, Camperdown, and Cook's River. By Mr. S. Brown.

(2.) From the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, Clergy, and Laity of the City of Bathurst. By Mr. Butler.

(3.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of Moruya. By Mr. Butler.

(4.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of the District of Parramatta. By Mr. Byrnes.

(5.) From the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Goulburn. By Mr. Butler.

(6.) From the Right Reverend Frederick Barker, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney and Metropolitan Bishop of Australia, and certain of the Clergy of the Church of England officiating in and near Sydney. By Mr. Cowper.

(7.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman and certain inhabitants of Campbelltown and Menangle. By Mr. Butler.

(8.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Wollongong. By Mr. Butler.

- (9.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Araluen. By Mr. Dillon.
- (10.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of the Districts of Burwood and Peter-sham. By Mr. M. C. Stephen.
- (11.) From certain Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Appin and Picton. By Mr. Dillon.
- (12.) From a Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the Parishes of Berrima, Sutton Forest, and Mittagong. By Mr. Morrice.
- Petitions received.
3. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Circular relative to the appointment of Umpires for the Appraisalment of Runs. (*See Answer to Question No. 1.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Progress Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report respecting Floods in the Hunter.
- (2.) Return to an Address in reference to "Committals from Police Office at Grenfell," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Baker, on 12th April, 1870.
- (3.) Returns under 103rd Section of District Courts Act of 1858.
- (4.) Correspondence relating to the Cultivation of Silk.
- (5.) Blue Book for the year 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Conduct of the Collector of Customs," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 19th August, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Egan laid upon the Table the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Post-Office, being that for the year 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Sale of Intoxicating Liquors:—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of New South Wales, praying that a Bill may be passed for limiting the number of Licensed Public Houses, and enabling the electors of any specified area, city, township, municipality, or police district, by a majority of two-thirds, to prevent the common sale of intoxicating liquors within their own locality.  
Petition received.
5. Government Savings Bank Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.  
Question put and passed.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the three Petitions presented by him on 26th August, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from a Roman Catholic Priest, and certain lay persons of that persuasion, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from the Rev. W. Joly, and certain Roman Catholic Laity of Ryde, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Mr. District Court Judge Meymott ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all letters and communications addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. William Small, J.P., and Mr. John McPhee, complaining of the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott.
- (2.) Copies of all letters and communications from Mr. District Court Judge Meymott to the Attorney General, relating to the charges preferred by Messrs. Small and McPhee.
- (3.) Copies of all minutes and correspondence by the Attorney General on the same subject.  
Question put and passed.
8. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named:—
- No. 1, by Mr. Cowper, until this day fortnight.
- No. 2, by Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday next.
- No. 3, by Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
- Nos. 4, 5, and 6, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
9. Loan Bill of 1870:—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill was adopted.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 8 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th August, from certain Roman Catholics of Newcastle, relative to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

12. **Motions Withdrawn** :—Mr. Wilson withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 5 and 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. **Conditional Purchase of Mr. Thomas Green** :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Documents, Minutes, and Correspondence, having reference to a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Thomas Green of 40 acres, at Moorwoolen, in the district of Goulburn, in the year 1867.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill** :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. R. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.  
Mr. R. Forster then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. R. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers*,—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 9th September.  
The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Four o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—When the Returns, ordered on the 3rd May last to be furnished, in reference to the Reserves for Travelling Stock on the Great Northern Road, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
2. **MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Are the Government aware that, owing to the want of a Lock-up in West Maitland, the Police for several months past have been compelled to travel a distance of over two miles with drunkards and other offenders apprehended by them, frequently occupying the time of three constables, when one would be sufficient?  
(2.) Will the Government take steps to remedy this immediately, by providing such a building?
3. **MR. LORD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Has the Police Magistrate of Forbes been sent to Grenfell?  
(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to allow the Police Magistrate to remain at Grenfell, or to order his removal to Forbes?
4. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Is it true that a person named Thomas H. Thompson was convicted of cattle-stealing at Port Macquarie about eighteen months ago, and that, on appeal, the conviction was quashed, on the ground of misdirection by the Judge, and the prisoner discharged from custody on or about the 23rd March last?  
(2.) Is it true that the same prisoner was re-arrested on or about the 3rd of May, and lodged in Berrima Gaol, where he now lies?  
(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary state on what charge this man was re-arrested, and the grounds of his present detention in Berrima Gaol?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—  
(1.) Has the sum of £1,200 been returned to the lessees of Euroka Run, in the Bligh district?  
(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and by whose authority was this done?
6. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—If he has any objection to state the reasons which influenced the Government in commuting the sentence of death passed upon John Gray for the murder of his wife, to imprisonment for life with hard labour?
7. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—  
(1.) The amount of quit-rents due to the Government?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to institute proceedings for the recovery of all moneys due to the Government from this source?
8. **MR. WINDEYER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Have the Government received from England the breech-loading rifles ordered from England by the late Government?  
(2.) If not, have the Government taken any further steps to obtain such arms?

9. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any communication has been received from the Victorian Government as to its intention to proceed with the erection of the Intercolonial Bridge over the Murray, at Echuca?
10. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Has a Petition—dated in or about June last, from certain residents at or near Micalago, praying the Government to open, or cause to be opened, an old line of road, about three-quarters of a mile in length, alleged to be wrongfully closed by Thomas Kennedy and Mrs. Lenan, and passing through lands in their possession—been received by the Government?  
 (2.) If so, what course has been taken, or is intended to be taken in the matter?
11. MR. FRASER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Have the expenses of Imperial Troops in this Colony been entirely defrayed by the Colony for any time past; and if so, for how long?  
 (2.) If otherwise, what proportion has been defrayed by the Colony?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 9th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 1st September, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Newtown, Camperdown, and Cook's River, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic Church, in Parramatta, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. E. BROWN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1870, a sum not exceeding £500, for the repair of Tumut-street, in the Town of Adelong.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Right Reverend Frederick Barker, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney, and certain Clergy of the Church of England, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
6. MR. BUTLER to move, That the five Petitions presented by him on the 1st September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of Bathurst, Moruya, Goulburn, Campbelltown and Menangle, and Wollongong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
7. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from Roman Catholics of Berrima, Sutton Forest, and Mittagong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
8. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Burwood and Petersham, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
9. MR. DILLON to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 1st September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of Araluen and Appin and Picton, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.
2. Loan Bill of 1870; third reading

## TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."  
 (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.  
 (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.  
 (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.  
 (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon. (6.)

(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.

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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.

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TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.

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THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Lee not asking Question No. 1, it dropped.*

- (1.) Lock-up for West Maitland:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that, owing to the want of a Lock-up in West Maitland, the Police for several months past have been compelled to travel a distance of over two miles with drunkards and other offenders apprehended by them, frequently occupying the time of three constables, when one would be sufficient?

(2.) Will the Government take steps to remedy this immediately, by providing such a building?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Urgent representations have, for a long time past, been made for the erection of a Court-house and public buildings, but the Lock-up has only recently been swept away by the floods. The gaol accommodation at East Maitland is, for the present, at least, amply sufficient; but the question as to the necessity for immediately erecting a Lock-up at West Maitland shall be considered without delay. The site of the former Lock-up would seem to be objectionable.

- (2.) Police Magistrate, Forbes:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the Police Magistrate of Forbes been sent to Grenfell?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to allow the Police Magistrate to remain at Grenfell, or to order his removal to Forbes?

Mr. Cowper answered,—When Mr. Dalton was recently appointed Police Magistrate at Forbes, he was instructed to reside at Grenfell. I gave that instruction under the impression that Grenfell was the place where the larger population resided, and more especially the miners, for whose more immediate purposes the Police Magistrate and Gold Commissioner was appointed. I have to-day received two telegrams upon this subject from the police; the first is from Forbes, and it states—“Estimated population of Municipality of Forbes, ten miles by five miles, 3,200, including 200 miners, and 1,200 souls in the township.” The other is from Grenfell, and states—“1,000 miners, 1,500 others—total, 2,500.” No doubt it is a difficult point to determine where this officer can be most advantageously situated; meantime I have instructed Mr. Dalton not to fix his residence at Grenfell, as the subject is under reconsideration.

- (3.) Prisoner Thomas H. Thompson:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it true that a person named Thomas H. Thompson was convicted of cattle-stealing at Port Macquarie about eighteen months ago, and that, on appeal, the conviction was quashed, on the ground of misdirection by the Judge, and the prisoner discharged from custody on or about the 23rd March last?

(2.) Is it true that the same prisoner was re-arrested on or about the 3rd of May, and lodged in Berrima Gaol, where he now lies?

(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary state on what charge this man was re-arrested, and the grounds of his present detention in Berrima Gaol?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Yes, it is quite true.

(2.) Yes; he was re-arrested, and placed in Darlinghurst Gaol.

(3.) To serve a sentence of ten years, passed upon him in February, 1869, for cattle stealing; he is now in Parramatta Gaol.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew Question No. 5.*

(4.)

- (4.) The Prisoner Gray :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
If he has any objection to state the reasons which influenced the Government in commuting the sentence of death passed upon John Gray for the murder of his wife, to imprisonment for life with hard labour?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I may state, shortly, that the ground upon which the Government took the course adopted was the doubtful sanity of Gray, and an expression of opinion from the Judge that he did not consider the sentence of the law ought to be carried out.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew Question No. 7.*

- (5.) Breech-loading Rifles :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Have the Government received from England the breech-loading rifles ordered from England by the late Government?

(2.) If not, have the Government taken any further steps to obtain such arms?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—The late Government applied to the Imperial Government for 2,500 Schneider Rifles to be presented to the Colony, which application was refused. The present Government then directed that the arms should be purchased through the Colonial Agent, and an indent was accordingly forwarded for breech-loaders of the most approved pattern, such as had been adopted by Her Majesty's Forces. From letters received from Captain Mayne it appears that it has not yet been determined whether the "Martini Henry" or the "Henry" weapon will be used in the British Army. Six rifles of the latter pattern have been received; and advices have been received by this Mail that six of the former have been shipped for experimental use.

- (6.) Bridge over the Murray, at Echuca :—*Mr. Jennings* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Whether any communication has been received from the Victorian Government as to its intention to proceed with the erection of the Intercolonial Bridge over the Murray, at Echuca?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—No.

- (7.) Road near Micalago :—*Mr. W. Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Has a Petition—dated in or about June last, from certain residents at or near Micalago, praying the Government to open, or cause to be opened, an old line of road, about three-quarters of a mile in length, alleged to be wrongfully closed by Thomas Kennedy and Mrs. Lenan, and passing through lands in their possession—been received by the Government?

(2.) If so, what course has been taken, or is intended to be taken in the matter?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Petition has been referred to the District Surveyor for report; but, owing to matters of more urgency, he has not been able as yet to inspect the road.

- (8.) Expenses of Imperial Troops :—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of Mr. Fraser, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) Have the expenses of Imperial Troops in this Colony been entirely defrayed by the Colony for any time past; and if so, for how long?

(2.) If otherwise, what proportion has been defrayed by the Colony?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—A capitation allowance of £70 per annum for Royal Artillery, from 1st April, 1867, and of £40 for Infantry, from 1st January, 1868, has been paid under the Military Contributions Acts of 1865 and 1867. The Imperial Government repaid 11s. per man per annum, for internal maintenance of barracks. The numbers for which such allowances were paid were limited by the Act to 212 Artillery, and 359 Infantry.

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) From the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wagga Wagga, in the Diocese of Goulburn. By *Mr. Macleay*.

(2.) From the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Penrith. By *Mr. Ryan*.

(3.) From the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of St. Leonards, North Shore. By *Mr. Tunks*.

(4.) From the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maitland, Clergy and Laity of West Maitland, and the surrounding District. By *Mr. Butler*.

(5.) From Roman Catholic inhabitants of Morpeth and the surrounding District. By *Mr. Jennings*.

(6.) From Roman Catholic inhabitants of Maitland. By *Mr. Dillon*.

Petitions received.

3. Mr. George Richard Dibbs :—*Mr. Watson* presented a Petition from George Richard Dibbs, of Sydney, Merchant and Shipowner, alleging that he has suffered inconvenience and loss, arising from the manner in which the Customs Laws are administered by the Collector of Customs; and praying inquiry into the allegations contained in his Petition, with a view to relief in the premises. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.

4. Papers :—

(1.) *Mr. Samuel* laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Superannuation Fund," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Piddington*, on 19th August, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) *Mr. Cowper* laid upon the Table a Letter from the Colonial Architect, forwarding a plan of the land and buildings in Macquarie-street, Sydney, occupied as a School of Industry; also a plan of certain land in Victoria-street, and a sketch design for a new School of Industry to be erected thereon.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying plans.

5. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Watson* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Newtown, Camperdown, and Cook's River, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic Church, in Parramatta, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Tumut-street, Adelong ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. E. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1870, a sum not exceeding £500, for the repair of Tumut-street, in the Town of Adelong.  
Question put and passed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Right Reverend Frederick Barker, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney, and certain Clergy of the Church of England, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the five Petitions presented by him on the 1st September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of Bathurst, Moruya, Goulburn, Campbelltown and Menangle, and Wollongong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from Roman Catholics of Berrima, Sutton Forest, and Mittagong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Burwood and Petersham, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 1st September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of Araluen and Appin and Picton, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Buchanan "That this Bill be now read a second time."  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Windoyer,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Fraser.
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Spring,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Butler.
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Dillon,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

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

10. Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 2nd September, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Has the sum of £1,200 been returned to the lessees of Euroka Run, in the Bligh district?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances, and by whose authority was this done?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount of quit-rents due to the Government?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to institute proceedings for the recovery of all moneys due to the Government from this source?
3. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the appeal by the late Attorney General of New South Wales to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, against the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the "Queen v. Macpherson," been prosecuted with the knowledge and approval of the present Government?
  - (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state what was the object of the prosecution of such appeal?
  - (3.) Was counsel retained on behalf of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, or were any steps taken to have the matter fully and fairly argued before the appellate tribunal?
  - (4.) Have any sums of money, and if so, what, been remitted to England, for the prosecution of the appeal since the acceptance of office by the present Government?
  - (5.) What will be the cost to the country of the whole affair from first to last?
4. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of proceeding with the Fortifications of Port Jackson, as recommended by a Select Committee of the Assembly some years ago, and approved of by the whole House; or do the Government intend to provide in any way for the defence of the City and Harbour?
5. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any Bill will be introduced this Session to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony; and if so, whether such Bill will provide for a Militia Force?
6. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in the Bill prepared by the Select Committee of last Session for the promotion of Immigration?
7. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates the sum of £9,000 for the making of a main road through the mining district leading to the townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old and New Lambton, Wallsend, and Platsburg?
8. MR. BAKER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Returns moved for by him in April last, relative to the Emu Creek Gold Field, and the Police Office at Grenfell, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Thursday next, at Seven o'clock.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.
2. MR. BAKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The amount of revenue collected within the Braidwood gold-fields (including therein all gold-fields within a radius of thirty miles from the town of Braidwood), for the last ten years, under the following heads, viz. :—miners rights, mining leases, publicans and wine and spirit merchants licenses, and miscellaneous items not otherwise enumerated.
  - (2.) The amount of money expended on roads and bridges, or other public works within the said gold-fields, or on an area of country extending over a radius of sixty miles from the town of Braidwood, for the last ten years, specifying the amount for each year.
  - (3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort from the gold-fields in the vicinity of Braidwood, from their opening to the 30th June, 1870.

3. MR. M. H. STEPHEN 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871, for the widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knt., the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £1,563, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of Pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of St. Leonards, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from the Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wagga Wagga, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
6. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from Mr. George Richard Dibbs, relative to the administration of the Customs Department, be printed.
7. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of West Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
8. MR. DILLON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from Roman Catholics of East Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
9. MR. JENNINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from the Roman Catholics of Morpeth, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
10. MR. KING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of C. Rolleston, M. B. Pell, G. P. Slade, and T. J. Jacques, Esquires, on the working of the Land Titles Branch of the Registrar General's Department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Tumut-street, Adelong ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1870, a sum not exceeding £500, for the repair of Tumut-street, in the Town of Adelong.
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.
3. Loan Bill of 1870 ; third reading

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WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.

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THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a train of owners trucks, loaded exclusively with coal, ever been despatched from Bowenfels to Sydney ?
  - (2.) If not, upon what experience was that calculation made on which the present tariff for coal in owners trucks on the western line is based ?
  - (3.) What would be the actual expense incurred in hauling a train of owners trucks, loaded with coal, from Bowenfels to Sydney ?
  - (4.) If a ton of coal can be carried 35 miles in owners trucks for 2s. 4d., can it not be carried succeeding distances at the same, or a less rate ?
  - (5.) Would not a diminished rate of speed, such as would amply suffice for coal traffic, occasion less wear and tear, and consequently be less expensive than the present goods trains ?
  - (6.) Does the cost per train per mile run, recently stated in this House, include the expense of maintaining the line, the wear and tear of rolling stock, and the salaries of the whole staff of officials ?
  - (7.) If so, would not an increase of traffic reduce the cost per train per mile run ?

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. M. H. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have the Constables of the Police Force any and what opportunity of attending Divine Service at least once on Sundays?
  - (2.) If not, can arrangements be made for affording them such opportunity; and if so, will such arrangements be made?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.
2. MR. RYAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from certain Catholic Clergy and Laity of Penrith, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Euroka Run:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the sum of £1,200 been returned to the lessees of Euroka Run, in the Bligh district?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and by whose authority was this done?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The circumstances connected with this case are as follows:—

The fair annual value of the "Euroka" Run was appraised by Mr. Rodd, as sole appraiser, on the 10th October, 1865, at £420; but Mr. Rodd omitted to make the declaration prescribed by the 12th clause of the 23rd section of the Occupation Act. Subsequently, however, on the 6th November following, the omission was remedied by Mr. Rodd making a declaration in due form. The rent so determined was paid under protest, on the ground that the Government valuator had not made the declaration, as required by the Act, before entering upon the consideration of the matter referred to him. The question of delay in making these declarations was brought under the notice successively of Mr. Plunkett and Sir James Martin, as Attorneys General, who advised that the omission did not invalidate the appraisements, which were therefore held as valid. More recently, however, a re-appraisal was allowed in a parallel case under a decision of the late Secretary for Lands, Mr. Forster, on the ground that although, doubtless, the Crown Law Officers were rightly of opinion that the failure of the Government appraiser to make the legal declaration in due form, and at the fitting time, did not invalidate the appraisement,—yet, notwithstanding, the lessee was entitled to the presumption that, in consenting to abide by his single decision, all legal guarantees would be faithfully given and assured. After a re-appraisal was allowed in this case, the lessee of "Euroka" renewed his claim for a re-appraisal of that Run, and it was not thought proper to oppose the application any longer, and a re-appraisal was therefore sanctioned. The rent, at old rate of £420 per annum, was paid under protest, from the commencement of the tenure—1st January, 1866. The Run was re-appraised at £120 per annum, and the overpayment of £300 per annum for four years—in all £1,200—was authorized to be refunded, on the 26th April last, by the authority of the late Secretary for Lands, Mr. Forster.

- (2.) Quit-rents:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The amount of quit-rents due to the Government?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to institute proceedings for the recovery of all moneys due to the Government from this source?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) £45,000.

(2.) The Government have the question now under consideration.

(3.)

(3.) Appeal to Privy Council (*The Queen v. Macpherson*):—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the appeal by the late Attorney General of New South Wales to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, against the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the "*Queen v. Macpherson*," been prosecuted with the knowledge and approval of the present Government?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state what was the object of the prosecution of such appeal?

(3.) Was counsel retained on behalf of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, or were any steps taken to have the matter fully and fairly argued before the appellate tribunal?

(4.) Have any sums of money, and if so, what, been remitted to England, for the prosecution of the appeal since the acceptance of office by the present Government?

(5.) What will be the cost to the country of the whole affair from first to last?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1 and 2.) The proceedings on the appeal to the Privy Council were instituted by a former Government, and as the prosecution of the defendant had been directed by Resolution of the Assembly, transmitted through the Speaker to the Attorney General, the present Government did not consider it ought to interfere in the matter.

(3.) The parties to the appeal were the Attorney General and the Defendant, Mr. Macpherson; the Supreme Court was not a party, and could not have been represented before the Privy Council. Counsel were retained on behalf of the Attorney General, and notice (it is believed) was given by the Solicitors acting for the Government in England, to Mr. Macpherson, in the usual way.

(4.) No sums of money have been remitted to England for the prosecution of the appeal since the acceptance of office by the present Government.

(5.) No account of costs in this matter has yet been received from the Law Agent of the Government.

(4.) Harbour Defences:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

Have the Government any intention of proceeding with the Fortifications of Port Jackson, as recommended by a Select Committee of the Assembly some years ago, and approved of by the whole House; or do the Government intend to provide in any way for the defence of the City and Harbour?

Mr. Cowper answered,—It is hardly probable the Government will proceed with the fortifications of Port Jackson, as recommended by a Select Committee of the Assembly some years ago in its integrity; but the Government do intend to provide for the protection of the City of Sydney and its Harbour, and have taken active steps for the accomplishment of that purpose. In all probability a Board will be appointed, to whom will be entrusted that particular duty. The Government are now dealing with the question, and will be prepared to take decided steps in order to meet the requirements in this particular matter.

(5.) Military Defence of the Colony:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether any Bill will be introduced this Session to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony; and if so, whether such Bill will provide for a Militia Force?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Crown Law Officers have been instructed to prepare, and are now engaged in the preparation of, a Bill to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony; but whether such Bill will provide for a Militia, or for a force of another character, is not yet quite determined.

(6.) Immigration:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in the Bill prepared by the Select Committee of last Session for the promotion of Immigration?

Mr. Cowper answered,—It does not appear at present likely that the Government will be able to deal with the question of Immigration this Session.

(7.) Road through Coal-mining Districts:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates the sum of £9,000 for the making of a main road through the mining district leading to the townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old and New Lambton, Wallsend, and Platsburg?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question of the management of the public roads in connection with the expenditure thereon is now under the consideration of the Government, and their decision will, as soon as practicable, be submitted to Parliament.

(8.) Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold-fields.—Committals from Police Office at Grenfell:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—When the Returns moved for by him in April last, relative to the Emu Creek Gold Field, and the Police Office at Grenfell, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Next week.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) From certain Residents of Dubbo. By Mr. Lord.

(2.) From the Clergyman, Churchwardens, and certain of the Laity of the Church of England, in the Parish of St. Philip, Sydney. By Mr. Watson.

(3.) From the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the Town and District of Windsor. By Mr. Dight.

Petitions received.

4. Gold Commissioner for Braidwood:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from certain Electors and Miners of the District of Braidwood, in Public Meeting assembled, representing the necessity for the appointment of a Gold Commissioner for Braidwood; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.

Petition received.

5. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
    - (1.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales, for the year 1869.
    - (2.) Correspondence with the Colonial Agent General in London, respecting the quality of the iron used in the manufacture of rails supplied from England for railways in this Colony.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Correspondence relative to a proposal for retaining a Battery of the Royal Artillery at Sydney.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) From certain Roman Catholics and others, of the Town and District of Mudgee. By Mr. M. H. Stephen.
  - (2.) From the Rev. J. C. Corlette and certain Members of the Church of England, at Ashfield. By Mr. M. C. Stephen.  
Petitions received.
8. Braidwood Gold Fields (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount of revenue collected within the Braidwood gold-fields (including therein all gold-fields within a radius of thirty miles from the town of Braidwood), for the last ten years, under the following heads, viz.:—miners rights, mining leases, publicans and wine and spirit merchants licenses, and miscellaneous items not otherwise enumerated.
  - (2.) The amount of money expended on roads and bridges, or other public works within the said gold-fields, or on an area of country extending over a radius of sixty miles from the town of Braidwood, for the last ten years, specifying the amount for each year.
  - (3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort from the gold-fields in the vicinity of Braidwood, from their opening to the 30th June, 1870.  
Question put and passed.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of St. Leonards, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) *Mr. Dillon*, on behalf of Mr. Macleay, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by Mr. Macleay on the 2nd September, from the Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wagga Wagga, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Mr. George Richard Dibbs (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by Mr. Watson on the 2nd September, from Mr. George Richard Dibbs, relative to the administration of the Customs Department, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) *Mr. Dillon*, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on the 2nd September, from certain of the Clergy and Laity of the Roman Catholic persuasion of West Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from Roman Catholics of East Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from the Roman Catholics of Morpeth, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Land Titles Branch of Registrar General's Department (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 10, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of C. Rolleston, M. B. Pell, G. P. Slade, and T. J. Jaques, Esquires, on the working of the Land Titles Branch of the Registrar General's Department, and the evidence thereunto attached.  
Question put and passed.
13. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry.  
Question put and passed.
14. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Thursday next, at Seven o'clock.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. King,
Mr. Samuel,	Commander Onslow,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lee,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wearne.

15. Lady Forbes:—Mr. M. H. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871, for the widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knt., the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £1,563, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of Pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Samuel,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M. H. Stephen,
Mr. Cummings.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. S. Brown.

16. Tumut-street, Adelong:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1870, a sum not exceeding £500, for the repair of Tumut-street, in the Town of Adelong,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. E. Brown, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

17. Postponements:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.
- (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.

18. Government Savings Bank Bill:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing Small Savings at Interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 14th September.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When he will be prepared to make his Financial Statement to this House?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government has made any arrangement with the Proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* for an extra number of the Summaries published this day, so that they may be gratuitously distributed throughout Europe, America, and elsewhere?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Bill to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act be brought in?
4. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Bill to provide for the Consolidation of the Public Debt be submitted to Parliament?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.
6. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry.
7. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
8. Loan Bill of 1870 ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
2. MR. LEE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Permissive Liquor Bill, be printed.
3. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the residents of Dubbo, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the Rev. Canon O'Reilly, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of the Parish of St. Philip, in the City of Sydney, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to determine the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work.
6. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from certain Miners and others in the Braidwood district, relative to the appointment of a Gold Commissioner, be printed.
7. MR. DIGHT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Windsor, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates, and to provide for the conduct of Elections, in accordance with the amended boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof.
9. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the Rev. J. C. Corlette, Church of England Clergyman at Ashfield, and from certain of the Laity of that persuasion, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a train of owners trucks, loaded exclusively with coal, ever been despatched from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (2.) If not, upon what experience was that calculation made on which the present tariff for coal in owners trucks on the western line is based?
  - (3.) What would be the actual expense incurred in hauling a train of owners trucks, loaded with coal, from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (4.) If a ton of coal can be carried 35 miles in owners trucks for 2s. 4d., can it not be carried succeeding distances at the same, or a less rate?
  - (5.) Would not a diminished rate of speed, such as would amply suffice for coal traffic, occasion less wear and tear, and consequently be less expensive than the present goods trains?
  - (6.) Does the cost per train per mile run, recently stated in this House, include the expense of maintaining the line, the wear and tear of rolling stock, and the salaries of the whole staff of officials?
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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources, of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) The Financial Statement:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When he will be prepared to make his Financial Statement to this House?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Estimates of Expenditure are not quite complete; when they are, which I expect will be in a few days, they will be submitted to the House; one week after that I hope to be able to make the Financial Statement.

- (2.) *Sydney Morning Herald* Summary:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether the Government has made any arrangement with the Proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* for an extra number of the Summaries published this day, so that they may be gratuitously distributed throughout Europe, America, and elsewhere?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have placed myself in communication with the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and I have now the pleasure to state that those gentlemen have gratuitously placed the information contained in the summary of this day at the disposal of the Government, provided it is thought fit to publish the same as a pamphlet, to issue from the Government Printing Office, the Government acknowledging that it is derived from the newspaper referred to. I think it very desirable that the information supplied in this way should be extensively circulated, and that the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* deserve the thanks of the Government for having so handsomely placed it at their disposal.

- (3.) Civil Service Superannuation Act:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Bill to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act be brought in?

Mr. Cowper answered,—There are several Bills now before the House, and when these Bills shall have advanced certain stages, the Government will introduce others. We are adopting the course taken by the Honorable Gentleman opposite, when he was at the head of the Government, who said, "I will give you one Bill at a time; when you have finished that I will give you another."

- (4.) Consolidation of the Public Debt:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Bill to provide for the Consolidation of the Public Debt be submitted to Parliament?

Mr. Samuel answered,—There are now four Bills before the House in my charge; when they are disposed of I shall be prepared to go on with others, of which that for the consolidation of the debt will be one.

2. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Documents relative to a request made to the Imperial Government for a supply of Sneider Rifles for the use of the Volunteer Force of this Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Despatch respecting Murders alleged to have been committed at Kingsmill Islands.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition from the Clergyman, Churchwardens, and certain of the Laity of the Church of England, in the parish of Denham Court, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
Question put and passed.
5. Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st September, from the inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Permissive Liquor Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—  
(1.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the residents of Dubbo, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by Mr. Watson on the 6th September, from the Rev. Canon O'Reilly, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of the Parish of St. Philip, in the City of Sydney, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Gold Commissioner for Braidwood (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from certain Miners and others in the Braidwood district, relative to the appointment of a Gold Commissioner, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Neale*, on behalf of Mr. Dight, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dight on the 6th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Windsor, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.  
Question put and passed.
10. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to follow consecutively after Order No. 8.
11. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill (Order No. 5):—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Samuel having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.
12. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 6 and 7 postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to follow after Order No. 4, *as postponed*.
13. Loan Bill of 1870 (Order No. 8):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Motion made by Sir James Martin, and Question put (after Debate), That the Debate on this Question be adjourned until this day fortnight.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. M. H. Stephen.
Sir James Martin,	
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Weaver,	
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Mr. Windoyer,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Lackey,	

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Mr. Samuel,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dangar,
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Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Morrice,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,	Commander Onslow,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Neale,	

Original Question then put and passed,—

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, *passed*.Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th September, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at two minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Seven o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Seven o'clock P.M. This Day.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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Questions :—

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a train of owners trucks, loaded exclusively with coal, ever been despatched from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (2.) If not, upon what experience was that calculation made on which the present tariff for coal in owners trucks on the western line is based?
  - (3.) What would be the actual expense incurred in hauling a train of owners trucks, loaded with coal, from Bowenfels to Sydney?
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  - (2.) Is it true that the Head Nurse has more than once disobeyed the instructions of the Surgeons in matters of this kind?
  - (3.) Is it true that Miss Osburn gave as her reason for refusing to obey the Medical instructions that she would not allow any of the Nurses to go into the Tent of a male patient alone?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Do the authorities at the Railway Station, Redfern, weigh all the merchandize, machinery, or other goods brought to that Station for transmission by the Southern and Western Railways; or are they in the habit of entering upon the Way Bills the weights specified in the delivery notes of the Consignors or Forwarding Agents, and likewise charging for the weight specified on the said delivery notes, without weighing the goods, so as to ascertain whether the weights represented by the Consignors or Forwarding Agents is correct?
  - (2.) What is the name of the officer (if any) at the Redfern Station, whose duty it is to weigh all goods brought to such Station for transmission by Railway?
  - (3.) What machinery or apparatus have the Government at the Redfern Terminus for ascertaining the weight of large steam boilers, or steam machinery of any kind, or iron work for bridges, or, in fact, any heavy goods or merchandize when loaded on a railway truck for transmission to the Southern or Western Districts?
  - (4.) How often is the weigh-bridge or apparatus (if any), used at the Redfern Terminus for weighing goods to be forwarded by railway, tested, to ascertain if such machinery or apparatus weighs goods or general merchandize accurately?
4. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Messrs. Doyle's Ulumbie Run, in the district of Liverpool Plains, was appraised according to law, and when a refund was applied for it was refused?
  - (2.) Did the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands refuse to accept the appraisement of such run?
  - (3.) Did this officer, in so refusing to accept the appraisement of this run, do so with the sanction and under the advice of the Minister for Lands, or on his own responsibility?
5. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What decision has been arrived at by the Government with reference to a Petition forwarded by the residents of Guligal as to the deviation of the road from Gunnedah to Narrabri?
  - (2.) Do the Government intend to confirm the newly surveyed line of road referred to, which does not pass through the town of Guligal?

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1. Impounding Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.
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4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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6. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry.
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1. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th September, from the Clergyman, Churchwardens, and certain of the Laity of the Church of England, at Denham Court, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
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WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Webb withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Miss Osburn, Lady Superintendent, Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Miss Osburn, the Head Nurse at the Sydney Infirmary, refused to obey the instructions of the Surgeon in attendance,—which instructions were to the effect that a Nurse should attend upon a patient afflicted with an infectious disease, and which patient was, in consequence, accommodated in a Tent outside?

(2.) Is it true that the Head Nurse has more than once disobeyed the instructions of the Surgeons in matters of this kind?

(3.) Is it true that Miss Osburn gave as her reason for refusing to obey the Medical instructions, that she would not allow any of the Nurses to go into the Tent of a male patient alone?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The information on which I reply to the Honorable Gentleman's questions, has been given by the officers of the Sydney Infirmary, and is as follows:—

(1.) Miss Osburn, the Lady Superintendent, did not so refuse.

(2.) No.

(3.) Miss Osburn did not so refuse.

- (2.) Weighing Goods at Railway Station, Redfern:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Do the authorities at the Railway Station, Redfern, weigh all the merchandize, machinery, or other goods brought to that Station for transmission by the Southern and Western Railways; or are they in the habit of entering upon the Way Bills the weights specified in the delivery notes of the Consignors or Forwarding Agents, and likewise charging for the weight specified on the said delivery notes, without weighing the goods, so as to ascertain whether the weights represented by the Consignors or Forwarding Agents is correct?

(2.) What is the name of the officer (if any) at the Redfern Station, whose duty it is to weigh all goods brought to such Station for transmission by Railway?

(3.) What machinery or apparatus have the Government at the Redfern Terminus for ascertaining the weight of large steam boilers, or steam machinery of any kind, or iron work for bridges, or, in fact, any heavy goods or merchandize when loaded on a railway truck for transmission to the Southern or Western Districts?

(4.) How often is the weigh-bridge or apparatus (if any), used at the Redfern Terminus for weighing goods to be forwarded by railway, tested, to ascertain if such machinery or apparatus weighs goods or general merchandize accurately?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Goods generally are weighed at Redfern Station; but bags of flour, tea in chests, kerosene in cases, casks of ale, &c., &c., are weighed only occasionally to test weights. In this way the weights shown on the consignment notes are taken, unless there is reason to dispute them.

(2.) Henry Smith—who is under the direct supervision of Station Master Carlisle.

(3.)

(3.) A truck weigh-bridge for such boilers, machinery, or other large articles that can be taken on one truck. Large boilers, or girders, are measured by Station Master, and weight ascertained from tables supplied by Locomotive Superintendent.

(4.) The weigh-bridge is balanced every morning under the supervision of Station Master, and is tested daily.

*Mr. Dangar withdrew the Question No. 4.*

(3.) Road from Gunnedah to Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at by the Government with reference to a Petition forwarded by the residents of Guligal as to the deviation of the road from Gunnedah to Narrabri?

(2.) Do the Government intend to confirm the newly surveyed line of road referred to, which does not pass through the town of Guligal?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The matter is at present under reference to the District Surveyor, who is now in Sydney, and it shall be dealt with as soon as his report is received.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Baker moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Assent to Evidence by Commission under Great Seal Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

*Governor.*

*Message, No. 4.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the taking of Evidence by Commissioners under the Great Seal,*" 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, 8th September, 1870.*

4. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, during the period from 14th April to 5th September, 1870.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, as the Sites for future Villages, during the period from 14th April to 5th September, 1870.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th Section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, during the period from 14th April to 5th September, 1870.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and public purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Smith v. Dean*:—Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return all the Exhibits laid before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications last Session, by the Petitioner in the case *Smith v. Dean*, to said Petitioner.

Question put and passed.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Egan presented a Petition from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the town and district of Cooma, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

7. Reports against Government Officers (*"Formal" Motion*):—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of every case during the last twelve months in which a report has been made against any officer of the Government by his superior officer for incompetency or other disqualification, specifying, in each case,—

(1.) Name of officer reported against.

(2.) Name of superior officer making the report.

(3.) Ground of incompetency or disqualification.

(4.) Course taken by the Government in each case.

Question put and passed.

8. Labour Bill of 1870 (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to determine the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work.

Question put and passed.

9. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates, and to provide for the conduct of Elections, in accordance with the amended boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof.

Question put and passed.

10. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from the Rev. J. C. Corlette, Church of England Clergyman at Ashfield, and from certain of the Laity of that persuasion, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Impounding Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Live Stock.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

12. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill 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 of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.

14. Marine Board Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill “be” now read a second time.

Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word “be,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration” and report.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. King, Mr. Parkes, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Church, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Alexander, and the Mover, and have power to send for persons and papers.”

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,—(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. King, Mr. Parkes, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Church, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Alexander, and the Mover, and have power to send for persons and papers,—put and passed.

15. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of, and to provide a more suitable site and premises for, the Sydney Female School of Industry.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

16. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill 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 of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

17. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper, (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Seven o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Seven o'clock P.M. This Day.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. M. H. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Have the Constables of the Police Force any and what opportunity of attending Divine Service at least once on Sundays?  
(2.) If not, can arrangements be made for affording them such opportunity; and if so, will such arrangements be made?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What proportion of the £5,000, which was voted last Session for the repair of Bridges and Roads injured by the recent floods, was expended in the Braidwood District?
3. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is it true that Messrs. Doyle's Ulumbie Run, in the district of Liverpool Plains, was appraised according to law, and when a refund was applied for it was refused?  
(2.) Did the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands refuse to accept the appraisement of such run?  
(3.) Did this officer, in so refusing to accept the appraisement of this run, do so with the sanction and under the advice of the Minister for Lands, or on his own responsibility?
4. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he is in a position to explain to the House why the Colonial Agent in London did not carry out the instructions of the late Government, conveyed to him by the Colonial Secretary's letter of September 16th, 1868, to purchase 2,500 Snider or other improved Rifles, for arming the Volunteer Force; and whether the letter of credit for this purpose, remitted to the Colonial Agent on the same date, has been operated upon for any other service, or has remained unexpended in London without the knowledge of the Government, as would appear to be the case, by the statement made to the House, in answer to a Question, on the 2nd instant?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he will state the name of the occupier of the Euroka Run, to whom £1,200 was paid back?
6. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the elaborate scheme of harbour defence proposed by Mr. Cracknell?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill: consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
6. Labour Bill of 1870; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to determine the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work.
7. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates, and to provide for the conduct of Elections, in accordance with the amended boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LEE *to move*, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
2. MR. LORD *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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 the sum of £1,000 for the Erection of a Gaol at Forbes.
3. MR. LORD *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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 the sum of £300 for the erection of a Court-room and Watch-house at Dandaloo, on the Bogan River.
4. MR. M. H. STEPHEN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from certain Roman Catholics and others of the town and district of Mudgee, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th September, from the Clergyman, Churchwardens, and certain of the Laity of the Church of England, at Denham Court, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close, in Sydney, to certain Municipal and other public purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870; third reading.
2. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) The names of the Sheep Inspector and his assistants, their respective salaries, and their respective duties?
  - (2.) If any scab is known to exist in New South Wales; and if so, where?
  - (3.) How many sheep have been in quarantine for the last twelve months, and from whence they came, and by whom inspected?
  - (4.) Does the Inspector receive any salary for the office he holds in the Brands Office; and if so, how much?
  - (5.) Is the Chief Inspector in receipt of a salary, or fees, as Director in a Joint Stock Company; and if so, how much per annum?
2. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How many tons of firewood have been delivered by train at the Newtown and Sydney Stations, respectively, during the last twelve months; and the revenue derived therefrom at each Station?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is still necessary to be done before the Staiths at Newcastle can be made available?
  - (2.) How soon will the work required be performed and the Staiths ready for employment?
  - (3.) What depth of water is there where vessels will lie to receive coal from the Staiths?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.
2. MR. RYAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from certain Catholic Clergy and Laity of Penrith, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. WATSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Correspondence, or other Papers which have passed between Mr. George R. Dibbs, the Collector of Customs, and the Treasurer, respecting the seizure of a boat, landed from the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, in July last.
4. MR. WATSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Papers, and Correspondence, Notices, Minutes, or other Documents which have passed between Landing Waiter Reed, the Collector of Customs, the Treasurer, Mr. Bayley, and Mr. George R. Dibbs, respecting the value for duties of certain goods imported by Mr. Dibbs, in the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, from 10th July last, to present date.
5. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a system of Immigration suited to the circumstances and wants of the Colony is essential to the public welfare.
  - (2.) That a Bill to provide for this object ought to be introduced by the Government at an early date during the present Session.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. MACLEAY *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Documents in the possession of the Government, having reference to the Appeal of the Attorney General of New South Wales against the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of "The Queen v. Macpherson."

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WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."

(2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.

(3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.

(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.

(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.

(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

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## New South Wales.

## No. 16.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Attendance of Police at Divine Service on Sundays:—Mr. M. H. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Have the Constables of the Police Force any and what opportunity of attending Divine Service at least once on Sundays?

(2.) If not, can arrangements be made for affording them such opportunity; and if so, will such arrangements be made?

Mr. Cowper answered,—In reply to the Honorable and learned Gentleman's question I would read a memorandum forwarded to me by the Inspector General of Police. "I conclude that the question has reference more particularly to the Sydney Police, as in the country the duties can usually be arranged, without difficulty, so as to allow of any of the Police who desire it regularly attending places of worship when there are such in the neighbourhood. In Sydney the duties of the Police are even more arduous on Sundays than on other days—in preserving order in the Parks, and other places of public resort; besides which, Police are required for attendance at places of public worship, to prevent disturbance and annoyance in the neighbourhood, and, as there are five times as many churches as police constables available for duty, it is difficult to provide for the efficient performance of that duty. The Police, however, on night duty, can, if they desire it, attend Divine Service on Sundays, and the day duty men relieved at 6 p.m. can attend evening service. For the above reasons, and considering the very limited force at my disposal for duty in the city and suburbs, now extending so considerably in population, it is impracticable to make arrangements for allowing the Police more leisure on Sundays, consistent with the due protection of life and property, and the preservation of order."

(2.) Bridges and Roads in Braidwood District:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What proportion of the £5,000, which was voted last Session for the repair of Bridges and Roads injured by the recent floods, was expended in the Braidwood District?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

Repair of Bridge on Nowra and Braidwood Road ... ..	£10	0	0
„ Road from Braidwood and Moruya Road, <i>viz.</i> Kiara to Moruya	60	0	0
„ Causeway Road from Braidwood to Sergeant's Point ... ..	20	0	0
Road from Moruya to Major's Creek ... ..	100	0	0
„ Braidwood to Araluen ... ..	140	0	0
Repairs to Bridges on Road from Nowra to Braidwood ... ..	20	0	0

£350 0 0

I may state that this vote, although taken to repair damages done by floods, was the only fund from which the Government had the means of paying for blankets and other necessaries supplied to sufferers by floods.

(3.)

- (3.) Messrs Doyle's Ulumbie Run :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Is it true that Messrs. Doyle's Ulumbie Run, in the district of Liverpool Plains, was appraised according to law, and when a refund was applied for it was refused?
  - (2.) Did the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands refuse to accept the appraisal of such run?
  - (3.) Did this officer, in so refusing to accept the appraisal of this run, do so with the sanction and under the advice of the Minister for Lands, or on his own responsibility?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) The run was appraised recently under a description grossly inaccurate, and therefore, when a refund was applied for, it was refused.
  - (2.) The Chief Commissioner, it appears, refused to take any action in the appraisal, because it was based on erroneous representations of the run and its boundaries, as exhibited on a plan placed before the Appraisal Court by the lessees.
  - (3.) It does not appear that the Chief Commissioner sought or obtained the sanction of the Secretary for Lands, but he seems to have acted under the 10th chapter of the regulations under the Crown Lands Occupation Act. I am informed that the lessees had a personal interview with the Chief Clerk of the Crown Lands Occupation Department, and, so far as he understood them, they concurred with him, and were satisfied that they had no claim to any refund.
- (4.) Rifles for Volunteer Force :—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether he is in a position to explain to the House why the Colonial Agent in London did not carry out the instructions of the late Government, conveyed to him by the Colonial Secretary's letter of September 16th, 1868, to purchase 2,500 Snider or other improved Rifles, for arming the Volunteer Force; and whether the letter of credit for this purpose, remitted to the Colonial Agent on the same date, has been operated upon for any other service, or has remained unexpended in London without the knowledge of the Government, as would appear to be the case, by the statement made to the House, in answer to a Question, on the 2nd instant?
- Mr. Couper answered,—The late Government first asked for the presentation of the rifles, and wrote to Captain Mayne instructing him to ascertain if the request of this Government would be complied with, and in case of refusal to purchase the required arms. The reply of Captain Mayne was to the effect that a despatch had been sent to the Colony referring to the rules laid down some years since for the supply of arms to Colonies, and that there was no reason to doubt that they would be supplied under those rules, which provide for arms being furnished on loan,—ammunition on payment. No letter of credit was sent by the late Government—a Minute of Mr. Eagar, the then Colonial Treasurer, being as follows :—“Finding, since my Minute of 16/9/68, that there is no Parliamentary provision for the purchase of these rifles, I considered it right to take the opinion of the Cabinet as to whether a vote of the Assembly should be anticipated, and it was decided that the credit applied for should not be issued until a vote be taken for this Service.” The present Government accepted the offer made of the loan, under the regulations referred to; but the matter was kept in abeyance by the Imperial Government until September, 1869, when a despatch was received, notifying that they would not be issued to the Colony without payment. The present Government then sent instructions to Captain Mayne to purchase the most improved rifles, without delay, and funds were at the same time placed at his disposal for the purpose. The papers will be laid upon the Table.
- (5.) Euroka Run :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If he will state the name of the occupier of the Euroka Run, to whom £1,200 was paid back?
- Mr. Couper answered,—Messrs. W. W. and Edward Brocklehurst.
- (6.) Harbour Defences :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the elaborate scheme of harbour defence proposed by Mr. Cracknell?
- Mr. Couper answered,—The Government is not aware of any scheme of harbour defence having been proposed by Mr. Cracknell.
2. Papers :—Mr. Couper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Correspondence respecting the disposal of Imperial Stores to Colonial Governments.
  - (2.) Return to an Address in reference to “District Court at Burrowa,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Watson, on 19th August, 1870.
  - (3.) Return to an Order in reference to “Land Titles Branch of Registrar General's Department,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. King, on 6th September, 1870.
  - (4.) Correspondence respecting the retention in the Colony of Lieutenant Hopkins and Gunner M'Combe, Royal Artillery, to instruct the Volunteer Artillery.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R. N., in favour of the passing of this Bill.
- And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill (“*Formal*” *Motions*) :—
- (1.) Mr. M. H. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th September, from certain Roman Catholics and others of the town and district of Mudgee, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th September, from the Clergyman, Churchwardens, and certain of the Laity of the Church of England, at Denham Court, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Couper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close, in Sydney, to certain Municipal and other public purposes.  
Question put and passed.

6. Industrial Schools Bill of 1870 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866.*"  
Question put and passed  
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 9th September, 1870.* Speaker.
7. Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the custody of Money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the custody of Money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 9th September, 1870.* Speaker.
8. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,'*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
9. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Brookes, until this day fortnight.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Forster, until this day week.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.  
The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, until Tuesday next :—  
(1.) Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.  
(2.) Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
13. Labour Bill of 1870 :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to determine the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to determine the number of hours which shall constitute a legal day's work.  
Mr. Wilson then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to determine the number of Hours which shall constitute a legal day's work,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.
14. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates, and to provide for the conduct of Elections, in accordance with the amended boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates, and to provide for the conduct of Elections in accordance with the amended boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof.  
Mr. Driver then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*  
NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) The names of the Sheep Inspector and his assistants, their respective salaries, and their respective duties?
  - (2.) If any scab is known to exist in New South Wales; and if so, where?
  - (3.) How many sheep have been in quarantine for the last twelve months, and from whence they came, and by whom inspected?
  - (4.) Does the Inspector receive any salary for the office he holds in the Brands Office; and if so, how much?
  - (5.) Is the Chief Inspector in receipt of a salary, or fees, as Director in a Joint Stock Company; and if so, how much per annum?
2. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How many tons of firewood have been delivered by train at the Newtown and Sydney Stations, respectively, during the last twelve months; and the revenue derived therefrom at each Station?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is still necessary to be done before the Staiths at Newcastle can be made available?
  - (2.) How soon will the work required be performed and the Staiths ready for employment?
  - (3.) What depth of water is there where vessels will lie to receive coal from the Staiths?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that Miss Osburn, the Superintendent Nurse at the Sydney Infirmary, compelled one of the Nurses, commonly called Sister Annie, to attend the worship of the Church of England, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Allworth in the institution; and that, notwithstanding the Nurse Annie stating that she was a Presbyterian, and declining, in consequence, to attend the services of Mr. Allworth, Miss Osburn insisted upon her so doing, and held out a threat of dismissal if she persisted in her refusal?
5. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a train of owners trucks, loaded exclusively with coal, ever been despatched from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (2.) If not, upon what experience was that calculation made on which the present tariff for coal in owners trucks on the western line is based?
  - (3.) What would be the actual expense incurred in hauling a train of owners trucks, loaded with coal, from Bowenfels to Sydney?
  - (4.) If a ton of coal can be carried 35 miles in owners trucks for 2s. 4d., can it not be carried succeeding distances at the same, or a less rate?
  - (5.) Would not a diminished rate of speed, such as would amply suffice for coal traffic, occasion less wear and tear, and consequently be less expensive than the present goods trains?
  - (6.) Does the cost per train mile run, recently stated in this House, include the expense of maintaining the line, the wear and tear of rolling stock, and the salaries of the whole staff of officials?
  - (7.) Would not the same staff of officials suffice for the carrying on of a largely increased traffic?
  - (8.) If so, would not an increase of traffic reduce the cost per train mile run?
  - (9.) Does the charge for the conveyance of sheep by rail cover the cost incurred in the performance of that service?
6. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) How much per run are the Crown Appraisers paid for appraising same?
  - (2.) Do the Police Magistrates, or Commissioners of Crown Lands, who have been appointed to appraise runs on behalf of the Crown, receive extra pay, or fee, for so doing, or travelling expenses?
  - (3.) Has any provision been made for the performance of the Police Magistrates duties during their absence appraising runs?
7. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that the old Namoi Road from the Willow Tree has been sold to, and fenced in by, free selectors and others, notwithstanding, until so closed, this road had been in use for nearly thirty years?
  - (2.) That the residents of the North Western Districts will be compelled, if this practice continues, eventually to go to Quirindi before they can turn off, thereby causing great inconvenience, and the probability of a large expenditure being required to make the Quirindi Gap passable for drays, &c.?
  - (3.) Will any steps be taken to remedy this evil, and to give the public the use of the old road referred to?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.
  - (2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.
  - (3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.
2. MR. RYAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from certain Catholic Clergy and Laity of Penrith, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

3. MR. WATSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Correspondence, or other Papers which have passed between Mr. George R. Dibbs, the Collector of Customs, and the Treasurer, respecting the seizure of a boat, landed from the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, in July last.
4. MR. WATSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Papers, and Correspondence, Notices, Minutes, or other Documents which have passed between Landing Waiter Reed, the Collector of Customs, the Treasurer, Mr. Bayley, and Mr. George R. Dibbs, respecting the value for duties of certain goods imported by Mr. Dibbs, in the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, from 10th July last, to present date.
5. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a system of Immigration suited to the circumstances and wants of the Colony is essential to the public welfare.
  - (2.) That a Bill to provide for this object ought to be introduced by the Government at an early date during the present Session.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Documents in the possession of the Government, having reference to the Appeal of the Attorney General of New South Wales against the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of "The Queen v. Macpherson."
7. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th September, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., in favour of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
8. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the Town and District of Cooma, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
9. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
10. MR. LORD 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 the sum of £1,000 for the Erection of a Gaol at Forbes.
11. MR. LORD 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 the sum of £300 for the erection of a Court-room and Watch-house at Dandaloo, on the Bogan River.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill Reported; adoption of Report.
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrews Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."

(2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.

(3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.

(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.

(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.

(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.  
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

## New South Wales.

No. 17.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Sheep Inspectors:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) The names of the Sheep Inspector and his assistants, their respective salaries, and their respective duties?
  - (2.) If any scab is known to exist in New South Wales; and if so, where?
  - (3.) How many sheep have been in quarantine for the last twelve months, and from whence they came, and by whom inspected?
  - (4.) Does the Inspector receive any salary for the office he holds in the Brands Office; and if so, how much?
  - (5.) Is the Chief Inspector in receipt of a salary, or fees, as Director in a Joint Stock Company; and if so, how much per annum?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) In reply to the first question, I will presently lay a Return upon the Table of the House.  
 (2.) Scab is not known to exist in New South Wales.

(3.) Quarantined in Sydney, from Victoria...	...	...	...	...	...	167
"                  " Tasmania	...	...	...	...	...	34
"                  " South Australia	...	...	...	...	...	20
"                  " England...	...	...	...	...	...	7
"                  " France ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" Morpeth " England...	...	...	...	...	...	25

Total ... .. 256

Of the above sheep, those quarantined in Sydney were examined by George S. Yeo, Inspector for Sydney, and some of them also by the Chief Inspector; those at Morpeth, by Mr. Inspector Burness.

- (4.) The Chief Inspector receives £50 per annum, as shown in the list of salaries, for the office he holds under the Brands Act.  
 (5.) No; the Chief Inspector is not a Director of a Joint Stock Company.  
 (2.) Firewood delivered at Newtown and Sydney Railway Stations:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—How many tons of firewood have been delivered by train at the Newtown and Sydney Stations, respectively, during the last twelve months; and the revenue derived therefrom at each Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

Newtown, 13,392 tons.—Revenue	...	...	...	...	£2,461	13	3
Sydney, 15,257 tons.—	"	...	...	...	£2,619	8	3

- (3.) Coal Staiths, Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) What is still necessary to be done before the Staiths at Newcastle can be made available?
- (2.) How soon will the work required be performed and the Staiths ready for employment?
- (3.) What depth of water is there where vessels will lie to receive coal from the Staiths?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) To obtain some land from the Australian Agricultural Company and the executors of the late Dr. Mitchell.
- (2.) About one month after the required land shall have been obtained.
- (3.) Present depth of water, 12 to 17 feet, but may be deepened, by dredging, to any required degree.

(4.)

(4.) Miss Osburn, Lady Superintendent, Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it true that Miss Osburn, the Superintendent Nurse at the Sydney Infirmary, compelled one of the Nurses, commonly called Sister Annie, to attend the worship of the Church of England, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Allworth in the institution; and that, notwithstanding the Nurse Annie stating that she was a Presbyterian, and declining, in consequence, to attend the services of Mr. Allworth, Miss Osburn insisted upon her so doing, and held out a threat of dismissal if she persisted in her refusal?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I am informed that it is not true. There was, on the part of the Nurse mentioned, no refusal to attend Mr. Allworth's services on any religious ground whatever. She was cautioned that she would be dismissed, without assigning any reasons, for setting Miss Osburn's wishes at defiance in this as well as other matters.

(5.) Railway Statistics :—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has a train of owners trucks, loaded exclusively with coal, ever been despatched from Bowenfels to Sydney?

(2.) If not, upon what experience was that calculation made on which the present tariff for coal in owners trucks on the western line is based?

(3.) What would be the actual expense incurred in hauling a train of owners trucks, loaded with coal, from Bowenfels to Sydney?

(4.) If a ton of coal can be carried 35 miles in owners trucks for 2s. 4d., can it not be carried succeeding distances at the same, or a less rate?

(5.) Would not a diminished rate of speed, such as would amply suffice for coal traffic, occasion less wear and tear, and consequently be less expensive than the present goods trains?

(6.) Does the cost per train mile run, recently stated in this House, include the expense of maintaining the line, the wear and tear of rolling stock, and the salaries of the whole staff of officials?

(7.) Would not the same staff of officials suffice for the carrying on of a largely increased traffic?

(8.) If so, would not an increase of traffic reduce the cost per train mile run?

(9.) Does the charge for the conveyance of sheep by rail cover the cost incurred in the performance of that service?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The rate was made the same as that charged for a similar distance on the Northern Line.

(3.) 9s. 6d. per ton, including the cost of returning the empty waggons.

(4.) It depends upon the gradients of the line.

(5.) No.

(6.) It includes the maintenance of the line, the wear and tear of engines only, and salaries; but does not include interest on money expended in the construction of the line, or the cost for the renewals of permanent way.

(7.) No.

(8.) No.

(9.) As a general rule, sheep are carried as back-loading, and when so taken, their carriage will cover the cost of conveyance.

(6.) Crown Appraisers of Runs :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) How much per run are the Crown Appraisers paid for appraising same?

(2.) Do the Police Magistrates, or Commissioners of Crown Lands, who have been appointed to appraise runs on behalf of the Crown, receive extra pay, or fee, for so doing, or travelling expenses?

(3.) Has any provision been made for the performance of the Police Magistrates duties during their absence appraising runs?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) £10 per run, ordinarily; but in some cases less than that amount, where the runs to be appraised are in a compact group and of considerable area.

(2.) No extra pay or fees; but they are allowed travelling expenses, at the rate of £1 per diem, when specially sanctioned.

(3.) This question has engaged the attention of the Colonial Secretary and myself, and, where necessary, will be provided for.

*Mr. Dangar withdrew the Question No. 7.*

2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Return shewing the names of the Sheep Inspector and his Assistants, their respective salaries, and their duties. (*See Answer to Question 1.*)

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

(1.) Return shewing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales, for 1870-71.

(2.) Return shewing the estimated number of Electors entitled to vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts, for 1870-71.

(3.) Papers respecting Prison Discipline.

(4.) Report of the Sheriff respecting the working of Prison Establishments in the United Kingdom.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Return to an Address in reference to "Complaint of Mr. Edward Lowther against the Collector of Customs," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 16th August, 1870.

(2.) List of Dutiable Goods taken from Bond by Sergeant Crawford, of H.M. 14th Regiment.

Ordered to be printed.

## 3. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to authorize the Resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of and to provide a more suitable site and premises for the Sydney Female School of Industry,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

The Governor recommends to Parliament the appropriation of a sum of £10,000, for the resumption of the present site of the Sydney Female School of Industry, and for providing funds for the erection of buildings, &c.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th September, 1870.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd September, from certain Catholic Clergy and Laity of Penrith, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Seizure of a Boat landed from the "Clara Hargraves" ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Correspondence, or other Papers which have passed between Mr. George R. Dibbs, the Collector of Customs, and the Treasurer, respecting the seizure of a boat, landed from the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, in July last.

Question put and passed.

6. Goods imported by Mr. Dibbs in the "Clara Hargraves" ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, as amended with the concurrence of the House, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Papers, and Correspondence, Notices, Minutes, or other Documents, which have passed between Landing Waiter Reed, the Collector of Customs, the Treasurer, Mr. Bayley, and Mr. George R. Dibbs, respecting the value for duties of certain goods imported by Mr. Dibbs, in the barque "Clara Hargraves," from Liverpool, from 10th July last, to present date; also, Copies of all Documents relating to the charge made by Mr. Dibbs against the Collector of Customs for maladministration of the law and of his office in respect of such goods.

Question put and passed.

7. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th September, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., in favour of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

## 8. Motions Withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lec, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Lee, No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) Mr. Lord withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 10 and 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

## 9. Government Printing Office :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Government Printing Office.

(2.) That it be an instruction to such Committee to consider the expediency of restricting the publication of documents of limited public interest, and directing the employment of the Office more generally to the issue of scientific and other Reports and writings of permanent value in relation to the Colony.

(3.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Commander Onslow, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Allen, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 10. Immigration :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) "That" a system of Immigration suited to the circumstances and wants of the Colony is essential to the public welfare.

(2.) That a Bill to provide for this object ought to be introduced by the Government at an early date during the present Session.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

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Mr. Watson,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Webb,
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Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
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Mr. Dight,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Osborne,	

Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

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11. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Butler presented the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of this Bill:—
  - (1.) From the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Lochinvar and the surrounding district.
  - (2.) From the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Branxton and the surrounding district.
  - (3.) From the Roman Catholic Laity of the District of Murrurundi.
 Petitions received.
12. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Macleay withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the Town and District of Cooma, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—On the Order of the Day No. 1 being read, Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
15. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
16. Cemeteries Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. W. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
Mr. W. Forster then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER.

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  - (2.) Did Mr. Pennington during that period receive the full salary appertaining to the above office?
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 (1.) What are the duties which the Executive Government require a Commissioner of Crown Lands to perform?  
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## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; third reading.

## THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.

*Question:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is the admission of any of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867" regulated or determined by the choice of the Volunteers themselves, and is such choice ascertained by any mode of election, whether by ballot or otherwise?  
 (2.) If so, under what provisions of the said Act is such exercise of choice on the part of the Volunteers, or such mode of election, or the rejection of any of Her Majesty's subjects willing to serve as Volunteers, held to have been authorized?  
 (3.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that any person willing to serve as a Volunteer has been rejected on account of his belonging to any religious denomination, or any political party?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; second reading.

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*Question:—*

1. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Was a man named Jacob Harris tried at Maitland Quarter Sessions, on Monday last, for detaining a post office letter?  
 (2.) Was the principal witness for the Crown one Maria Louisa Jones?  
 (3.) Did it not appear at the trial that the said Maria L. Jones had been convicted of stealing £112, and had lately served a sentence in Maitland Gaol for that offence; that she had also been twice convicted of other larcenies, and had been a notorious prostitute in Sydney for fifteen years, going under the names of Dixon, Hilton, Healy, and Spurgeon?  
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 (5.) Is it not the fact that though the Crown Prosecutor said he was ready to proceed with the case at once, Mr. District Judge Simpson allowed the woman Jones to leave the Court on her own recognizance to appear the next day, she being unable to obtain bail, though he himself stated that her recognizances, as that of a married woman, were worthless, she having sworn in Court that she was married, and having produced her certificate of marriage?

(6.) Is it not the fact that this woman, virtually convicted of perjury by the verdict of the jury, and of trying to convict an innocent man of a crime, was not only thus allowed, being unable to find bail, to leave the Court on a worthless recognizance, though an information was filed against her, but that the amount of her recognizance was £10, whilst the recognizance of Harris, to appear as a witness against her, was fixed at £20 ?

(7.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been drawn to the fact that none of the cross-examinations of the woman Jones, disclosing her character at the investigation of the charge before the Newcastle Bench, appeared upon the depositions, and that thus the Attorney General and Crown Prosecutor were unable to judge of the merits of the case, and an innocent man was put upon his trial ?

(8.) Is the Attorney General aware that considerable scandal was caused by the treatment of the woman Jones by Mr. Judge Simpson throughout the proceedings ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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1. St. Andrews Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

There being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Dight, Mr. Egan, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macleay, Commander Onslow, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and Mr. Sutherland,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) The Volunteers:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) Is the admission of any of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867" regulated or determined by the choice of the Volunteers themselves, and is such choice ascertained by any mode of election, whether by ballot or otherwise?
  - (2.) If so, under what provisions of the said Act is such exercise of choice on the part of the Volunteers, or such mode of election, or the rejection of any of Her Majesty's subjects willing to serve as Volunteers, held to have been authorized?
  - (3.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that any person willing to serve as a Volunteer has been rejected on account of his belonging to any religious denomination, or any political party?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1 and 2.) The law makes no such provision.

(3.) I have heard of such regulations, recently, and have requested explanation from the Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Volunteers.

- (2.) Examiner of Titles:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) How long after the Government received notice of the death of Mr. Alexander Dick did Mr. Pennington continue to perform the duties of Examiner of Titles?

(2.) Did Mr. Pennington during that period receive the full salary appertaining to the above office? Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Pennington was employed for about nine months after news was received of the death of Mr. Alexander Dick, and he received during that period half salary.

*Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Question No. 3.*

- (3.) Duties of Commissioners of Crown Lands:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What are the duties which the Executive Government require a Commissioner of Crown Lands to perform?

(2.) What are the names of the various persons at present discharging those duties, and the district over which each Commissioner of Crown Lands exercises official supervision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Commissioners of Crown Lands act as appraisers for the Government in determining the fair annual value of runs as the leases fall in; also, in re-appraising the value of runs during the currency of the leases, when such value has been so diminished by reason of sale or withdrawal from lease, or otherwise, as the Government think warrants such re-appraisal. They are also employed in appraising the increased grazing capabilities of runs in order to determine whether extensions of lease can be granted on account of improvements under the provisions of the 15th clause of the Occupation Act. They are expected to furnish the Government with such local information as may be necessary to bring to an issue questions of overlapping or disputed claims to lease, and to report generally with regard to the definition and adjustment of the boundaries of runs. They are also required to report on tenders for new runs, and as to the occupation and stocking of new country acquired by tender. It is also their duty to recommend the reservation from sale of any land which may be required to secure an adequate supply of water so as to admit of the beneficial occupation of back country, to repress trespasses on Crown Lands, illegal timber cutting, and generally to protect the interests of the Government in the pastoral districts under their charge.

(2.)

(2.) The names of the officers at present discharging these duties, and the district over which each exercises supervision, are as follows, viz. :—

C. G. N. Lockhart, for The Darling,  
 S. B. Daniel, for Bligh and Wellington,  
 T. W. Harriott, for New England South and Macleay,  
 J. C. Woore, for Albert,  
 R. B. Dawson, for New England North and Clarence,  
 T. L. Crommelin, for Murrumbidgee,  
 J. S. Futter, for The Lachlan,  
 D. A. Byrne, for Warrego,  
 D. W. Irving, for Liverpool Plains,  
 J. Snape, for The Gwydir, and  
 W. P. M. Cooke, for Monaro.

(4.) Road from Willow Tree to Duree Station :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has the Government authorized the closing of that part of the old road from the Willow Tree direct to Duree Station ?

(2.) Is the Government aware that it is already fenced across by purchasers ?

(3.) Will the Government give an assurance that the practice of closing old roads of this kind will not be persisted in without giving the public notice, so as to object ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I have not been able to discover, but am making inquiries, the result of which shall be communicated to the Honorable Member.

(2.) No ; but the matter shall be inquired into.

(3.) In the alienation and leasing of land the utmost care is taken to preserve convenient thoroughfares ; and wherever the alienation of old tracks has been authorized, the Surveyor General has endeavoured to provide better roads. The case of any old road that may have been providently allowed to be closed can be re-opened, should sufficient reason be shown.

*Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, withdrew the Question No. 6.*

(5.) Loans Account :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When the Return relating to the Loans Account, ordered by this House on the 19th of August last, will be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret that I cannot tell the Honorable Member, but I hope in the course of next week. There have been a great number of Returns to prepare, and I have now to lay one on the Table, which has been made on the motion of the Honorable Member.

2. Papers :—

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

(1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Certificates of Title under Real Property Act," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. King, on 24th August, 1870.

(2.) Statistics connected with the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act. (*In substitution for the Paper bearing the same title laid on the Table and ordered to be printed on 23rd August, 1870.*)

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Annual Expenditure of the Colony," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 16th March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Samuel presented a Petition from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of Orange, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill :—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from certain electors and inhabitants of the Electoral District of Narellan, praying that a Bill may be passed enabling the electors of any specified area, city, township, municipality, or police district, by a majority of two-thirds, to prevent the common sale of intoxicating liquors within their own locality.

Petition received.

5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill :—Mr. W. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to regulate Cemeteries,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 30th September.

6. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

8. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill :—*Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of Commander Onslow, having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the destruction of the Bathurst-burr and certain Thistle and other Plants in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 23rd September.

9. Roads Bill :—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for and regulate Roads,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Couper*, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to Friendly Societies.

Question put and passed.

11. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 13th September, from certain Roman Catholics of Lochinvar, Branxton, and Murrurundi, respectively, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. Extension of Railways:—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Public Works Department the Plans and Sections of certain proposed Railway Extensions which were laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, the 18th September, 1867.  
Question put and passed.
14. Lunacy Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill 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 of the Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight.
15. Government Savings Bank Bill:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Bill.  
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16. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named:—  
Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.  
No. 5, by Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
17. Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq.:—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*):—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence, Minutes, and Papers, relating to the dismissal of Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esquire, from the Public Service.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
18. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Weaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Farnell,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. Cummings,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Butler.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, *passed*.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 15th September, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was a man named Harris Jacob tried at Maitland Quarter Sessions, on Monday last, for detaining a post office letter?
  - (2.) Was the principal witness for the Crown one Maria Louisa Jones?
  - (3.) Did it not appear at the trial that the said Maria L. Jones had been convicted of stealing £112, and had lately served a sentence in Maitland Gaol for that offence; that she had also been twice convicted of other larcenies, and had been a notorious prostitute in Sydney for fifteen years, going under the names of Dixon, Hilton, Healy, and Spurgeon?
  - (4.) Is it not the fact that at the trial this witness committed such gross and palpable perjury that the jury not only acquitted the prisoner, but the Crown Prosecutor there and then filed an information against her for detaining the very same letter that she had sworn she had given to the prisoner Harris?
  - (5.) Is it not the fact that though the Crown Prosecutor said he was ready to proceed with the case at once, Mr. District Judge Simpson allowed the woman Jones to leave the Court on her own recognizance to appear the next day, she being unable to obtain bail, though he himself stated that her recognizance, as that of a married woman, was worthless, she having sworn in Court that she was married, and having produced her certificate of marriage?
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  - (7.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been drawn to the fact that none of the cross-examinations of the woman Jones, disclosing her character at the investigation of the charge before the Newcastle Bench, appeared upon the depositions, and that thus the Attorney General and Crown Prosecutor were unable to judge of the merits of the case, and an innocent man was put upon his trial?
  - (8.) Is the Attorney General aware that considerable scandal was caused by the treatment of the woman Jones by Mr. Judge Simpson throughout the proceedings?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is Mr. James H. Thomas, late Engineer of Existing Lines of Railways, employed as an officer in the Public Works Department?
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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the services alleged to have been rendered to the Colony by Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, in naturalizing the Sugar-cane, and in the manufacture of Sugar.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Dean, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report, brought up 24th March, 1869, and the second Progress Report, brought up 4th May, 1870, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.
3. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of Orange, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. LEARY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from Electors and Inhabitants of Narellan, relative to the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
6. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrews Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
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  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
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1. Roads Bill ; second reading.
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3. Government Savings Bank Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY,

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
  2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
  3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
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THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Dean, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Progress Report, brought up 24th March, 1869, and the second Progress Report, brought up 4th May, 1870, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.
5. **MR. W. FORSTER to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.

6. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
7. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of Orange, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
8. MR. LEARY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from Electors and Inhabitants of Narellan, relative to the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
9. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill ; second reading.
2. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Government Savings Bank Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.

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THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Case of Harris Jacob, tried at Maitland Quarter Sessions:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Was a man named Harris Jacob tried at Maitland Quarter Sessions, on Monday last, for detaining a post office letter?

(2.) Was the principal witness for the Crown one Maria Louisa Jones?

(3.) Did it not appear at the trial that the said Maria L. Jones had been convicted of stealing £112, and had lately served a sentence in Maitland Gaol for that offence; that she had also been twice convicted of other larcenies, and had been a notorious prostitute in Sydney for fifteen years, going under the names of Dixon, Hilton, Healy, and Spurgeon?

(4.) Is it not the fact that at the trial the Crown Prosecutor there and then filed an information against her for detaining the very same letter that she had sworn she had given to the prisoner Jacob?

(5.) Is it not the fact that though the Crown Prosecutor said he was ready to proceed with the case at once, Mr. District Judge Simpson allowed the woman Jones to leave the Court on her own recognizance to appear the next day, she being unable to obtain bail, though he himself stated that her recognizance, as that of a married woman, was worthless, she having sworn in Court that she was married, and having produced her certificate of marriage?

(6.) Is it not the fact that this woman was not only thus allowed, being unable to find bail, to leave the Court on a worthless recognizance, though an information was filed against her, but that the amount of her recognizance was £10, whilst the recognizance of Jacob, to appear as a witness against her, was fixed at £20?

(7.) Has the attention of the Attorney General been drawn to the fact that none of the cross-examinations of the woman Jones, disclosing her character at the investigation of the charge before the Newcastle Bench, appeared upon the depositions, and that thus the Attorney General and Crown Prosecutor were unable to judge of the merits of the case, and an innocent man was put upon his trial?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Perhaps the best way of answering this question will be for me to read the letter of Mr. District Judge Simpson to the Under Secretary of the Law Department:—

“ East Maitland,  
17th September, 1870.

“ Sir,

“ I have the honor, in reply to your letter of the 15th instant, respecting certain questions to be asked by Mr. Windeyer, in the Legislative Assembly, to reply as follows, for the information of the Government:—

(Question No. 1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It did not appear in evidence at the trial that the said Maria Jones had been convicted, &c., &c. The cross examination of the witness tended to shew that such was the case—that she had been convicted of other larcenies, and that she had been a notorious prostitute in Sydney for many years. She was asked questions about all these matters by Mr. Windeyer, in a tone and style of which I did not approve, although I did not express my disapproval. The witness several times appealed to me for protection against the “bullying”—as she termed it—of the counsel, and I informed

informed her that they were questions which she need not answer. She did admit that she had gone by various names, and she swore that three of the persons mentioned had been her husbands. She was asked by Mr. Windeyer whether one of these alleged husbands was not still alive (not her present husband), and I informed her that this was a question which she was not bound to answer. Upon this Mr. Windeyer remarked that I should not have given this intimation, and observed that he had never before heard a Judge do such thing. The view I entertained of the matter was, that it was my duty to tell a witness that she need not answer a question tending to criminate herself, although I am aware that the refusing to answer such a question is a privilege of the witness herself. I must here mention that before this question was put she had sworn that in May last she was married to a man named "Jones," and she had produced a certificate to that effect from the Registrar at Newcastle.

(4.) It is not a fact that the witness committed such gross and palpable perjury, that the jury not only acquitted the prisoner, &c., &c. It is a fact that the jury acquitted the prisoner after retiring for a very short time—and it is also a fact that the Crown Prosecutor then and there filed an information against Mrs. Jones for detaining the very same letter that she had sworn she had given to the prisoner "Harris." Whether, in fact, Harris's relation of the matter (that he had given the letter to Mrs. Jones, and that she had never returned it to him) is the correct one or not, remains to be proved; and the principal evidence against Mrs. Jones on her trial will be that of Harris himself.

(5.) The fifth question may be answered by a simple Yes; but I think it advisable to make some explanation in reference to it. Mrs. Jones, residing at Newcastle, was suddenly converted from a witness into a prisoner. The Crown Prosecutor was ready, but not at all anxious, to proceed with the trial at once. It would in my opinion have been very unfair to have done so before the same panel of jurors, most of whom had probably been in Court during the trial of Harris. Mr. Windeyer had made some very improper remarks, in an audible tone, about retributive justice and punishment following immediately on crime (I had to call him to order for making observations about a matter in which he was not professionally concerned). The prisoner herself seemed scarcely to realize her position, and wished a postponement of the case. The Crown Prosecutor very properly thought this only reasonable, and I decided that the case should not proceed that afternoon. The prisoner was without friends, and perhaps even acquaintances, in Court; her husband "Jones" was in Newcastle. She wished to go home to consult her husband about her position, obtaining bail, &c., and I thought it only an act of justice to permit her to do so. Then arose the difficulty about permitting her to go. She could not obtain bail. Her own recognizances were, as I stated, worthless. After consideration I determined to discharge her till the following morning, giving special instructions to the Sergeant of Police from Newcastle to have her well watched. He informed me that her husband was a hard-working labouring man, and, so far as I can remember, I was led to believe from the police that there was very little reason to apprehend that the woman would not appear. I ordered her recognizances to be taken,—not because I thought they would be worth anything, but because I thought that the formal taking of the recognizances might induce her to make her appearance, even if she had the least intention of not doing so. The prisoner duly appeared the next morning with her husband, and asked for a postponement until next Session. This I granted, there being no opposition on the part of the Crown. She remained in custody, as the bondsmen had not come up. At this time she was represented by counsel, and upon his application I ordered her to be discharged whenever sufficient bail was given to the satisfaction of the Police Magistrate at Newcastle for her appearance at the next Sessions, or at such other time and place as the Attorney General might appoint; in the meantime the prisoner to remain in gaol. The recognizances of the husband, for his wife's appearance, were duly taken before me.

(6.) The recognizances of Mrs. Jones were fixed at £10; as they were legally worthless, and merely taken for the reason before stated, it seemed to me immaterial whether £10 or £100 were named; but as the recognizances of the former prisoner, Harris, were binding, I fixed the amount at £20 to secure his attendance as a witness. The Attorney General has not requested my report with reference to Questions 7 and 8, but with respect to the latter I beg to state that, as far as I am able to ascertain, no scandal whatever has been caused by my treatment of the woman Jones throughout the proceedings. I have received assurances of sympathy from almost all the members of both branches of the profession, whilst the conduct of Mr. Windeyer has, on all hands, been most severely condemned."

I hold in my hand two letters addressed to me by several solicitors and barristers at Maitland, stating, "That no scandal has been caused by the conduct of Judge Simpson throughout the proceedings referred to;" and among the names I see those of Messrs. Gorrick, Mullens, Chambers, Colquhoun, and other leading men of the profession.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(2.) Mr. J. H. Thomas, late Engineer of Existing Lines of Railways:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is Mr. James H. Thomas, late Engineer of Existing Lines of Railways, employed as an officer in the Public Works Department?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the duties at present discharged by Mr. Thomas?

(3.) What emolument does Mr. Thomas receive for performing such duties, and from what fund is his salary or emolument paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The inspection of all imported rolling stock, machinery, permanent way material, &c., and the superintendence—as Inspecting Engineer—of the manufacture of the rolling stock, &c., constructed in the Colony.

(3.) £550 per annum, paid from the Votes for Railway Rolling Stock.

(3.)

(3.) Dredging in Hunter River:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that a large portion of the mud now being raised by the Dredge at the Hexham crossing on the Hunter is being discharged in the main channel of the river, opposite Tomago?

(2.) Will the Government take immediate steps to prevent this filling up of the river?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government is not aware that such is the case.

(2.) The Government will cause inquiries to be made; and if the statement be found correct, immediate steps will be taken to prevent the filling up of the river.

(4.) Loans Accounts:—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Sir James Martin, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) How much of the sum of £178,840 3s. 1d., mentioned in page 19 of the Loans Accounts Papers laid on the Table on the 18th August last, was expended in the purchase of Railway Materials, and how much in advances to the Railway Commissioners?

(2.) Of what did such Railway Materials consist; when were they paid for; and (if by more than one payment) what was the amount of each such payment?

(3.) When were such advances made to the Railway Commissioners; how much was each advance; for what purpose was each advance made; and to what object was each advance applied?

(4.) How much was paid for the extension of Riley-street to Palmer-street, including ornamental railing for portion of the Domain, and from what fund was such expenditure defrayed?

(5.) What amount has been received by the Government as proceeds of the sale of Crown Lands in Woolloomooloo Bay since the passing of the Act 29 Vic. No. 23?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) £176,590 13s. 2d. for railway materials, and £2,249 9s. 11d. as advances to the Commissioner for Railways, as shewn in the Loans Account attached to the Ways and Means papers laid on the Table of the House on 17th February, 1870.

(2.) Of rolling stock, permanent way materials, and other stores in stock or in transit from England at 31st December, 1869. The sum of £176,590 13s. 2d. is the balance of a general account for store purchases. That account is debited with the cost of all railway materials and stores purchased either in England or the Colony, and is credited monthly with the value of all issues therefrom for railway purposes. If divided into single payments, and the stores separated, so as to show when each transaction was made and paid for, it would involve a voluminous return.

(3.) The £2,249 9s. 11d. referred to in answer to the first Question, is the amount which was at the debit of the Commissioner's advance account at the close of the year 1869, and is made up of nearly three hundred different items, the particulars of which could not conveniently be given in the form of an answer to a question. I may, however, state that a large portion of that sum has since been adjusted.

(4.) £3,929 7s. 3d. from the following funds, viz. :—

*Consolidated Revenue Fund—*

	£	s.	d.
(Vote of 1866) For extension of Riley-street to Palmer-street, including an ornamental railing for the portion of the Domain in that vicinity; also for removing the present boundary wall of the Outer Domain, and enclosing additional land with an ornamental railing ... ..	2,500	0	0
(Vote of 1867) For dwarf wall and iron railing on the west side of the approach to the new Domain Gates, St. Mary's Road ...	579	7	3

*Loans, 29 Victoria No. 9, 1865—*

For dwarf wall and iron railing between the Domain and the reclaimed land in Woolloomooloo Bay, and for a gate to the same, and a new gate in Palmer-street... ..	850	0	0
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(5.) £5,921 15s. 9d.

Mr. Buchanan not asking Question No. 5, it dropped.

4. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Webb v. Kelly*:—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of Edward Webb against the return of Michael William Kelly as the Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood, which was referred to the said Committee on the 16th February last;—

And the said Report having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 2nd February, 1870, under the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1858, to whom was referred on the 16th February, 1870, a Petition from Edward Webb, of Braidwood, against the election and return of Michael William Kelly, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood, having been presented, by the prorogation of Parliament, from considering the Petition so referred, and the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of the present Session, duly appointed on the 11th August, 1870, having taken up, and considered the matter so referred to the previous Committee, have determined and do hereby accordingly declare:—

“ That the allegations in the Petition have been proved,—that Michael William Kelly, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood, was not duly elected,—and that the Election is wholly void.

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
“ Chairman.”

“ No. 2 Committee Room,  
“ Legislative Assembly,  
“ Sydney, 20th September, 1870”—

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Allen, That the said Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

5. **The Eight-hour System of Labour** :—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others of the working population of the Colony, praying the House to authorize that all public works carried on under the direct controul of the Executive Government shall be in accordance with the system of eight hours per diem, and that in all future contracts a clause to that effect should be inserted ; and further praying for the passing of a measure which shall recognize and constitute eight hours the maximum of a day's labour, wherever practicable, in New South Wales.  
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Mr. Wilson moved, That the Petition be received.  
And Mr. Cowper objecting to such reception, on the ground that the Petition does not conclude with a prayer, as required by the 19th Standing Order,—  
The Speaker sustained the objection.  
Whereupon Mr. Wilson gave notice of his intention of moving to-morrow that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of the Petition.
6. **Paper** :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table By-laws of the Borough of St. Leonards (presented pursuant to 31 Vic. No. 12, sec. 158).  
Ordered to be printed.
7. **Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill** :—Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make assessments and collect rates and to provide for the conduct of Elections in accordance with the Amended Boundaries of the said city and the several wards thereof*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
8. **Mrs. Jane Simpson** :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Mrs. Jane Simpson, of Summer Hill, Liverpool, in the County of Cumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, widow, representing that with her late husband she has occupied a portion of the Church and School Estate, in the district of Liverpool, for more than twenty-four years, and that in consequence of the interference, by a certain Government official, with her servants, who were employed in cutting firewood on her rented land, she has sustained considerable pecuniary loss ; and praying the House to take her case into consideration, with a view to relief in the premises.  
Petition received.
9. **Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the services alleged to have been rendered to the Colony by Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, in naturalizing the Sugar-cane, and in the manufacture of Sugar.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Dean, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speer, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Progress Report, brought up 24th March, 1869, and the second Progress Report, brought up 4th May, 1870, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.  
Question put and passed. ;
10. **Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the District of Orange, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. **Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Leary, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by Mr. Leary on the 15th September, from Electors and Inhabitants of Narellan, relative to the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. **Motions Withdrawn** :—  
(1.) Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Macleay, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Macleay No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. **Sydney Infirmary** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Report of the Select Committee of last Session on the Sydney Infirmary, ordered to be printed 22nd April last, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **Motions Withdrawn** :—  
(1.) Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lee, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Lee No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
15. **Motion Dropped** :—Mr. Butler not making the Motion standing in his name No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
16. **Postponements** :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 30th September.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday next.

17. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. W. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.  
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-seven minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
 OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Do the Government intend during the present Session to ask Parliament to vote a sum of money to subsidise the Californian and Australian line of Mail Steamers?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for defraying the expenses of a Special Audit of the Accounts of the Borough of Newcastle, and to authorize the deduction of the amount thereof from the endowment of the said borough.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers in respect of the shipment of articles being contraband of war.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Roads Bill ; second reading.
5. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
6. Government Savings Bank Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of a Petition, signed by certain artizans and others, in favour of an eight hours system of labour, which was presented by him on the 20th September, and rejected by the House in consequence of an informality.
2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Documents in the possession of the Government, having reference to the Appeal of the Attorney General of New South Wales against the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of "The Queen v. Macpherson."
3. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

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THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Loans Account, Church and School Estate Fund, Civil Service Superannuation Fund, and Lodgment Accounts on the 19th September, 1870, and the net cash balances held by the Banks, on account of the Government, in New South Wales and England, on the above date, and to the date of the latest advices.

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FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; second reading.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.
5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
2. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Documents in the possession of the Council of Education relating to parents being prohibited from sending their children to the Public Schools.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.
5. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867."
6. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.

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 TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

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 THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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 FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
(1.) Californian and Australian line of Mail Steamers :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend during the present Session to ask Parliament to vote a sum of money to subsidise the Californian and Australian line of Mail Steamers?  
Mr. Samuel answered,—Yes; the sum of £7,500 has been placed upon the Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the current year, and the sum of £10,000 on the Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, for this purpose.
2. Government Printing Office :—Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the Government Printing Office be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at, the Printing Office premises in Bent and Phillip Streets, and that the Committee be attended by a Short-hand Writer.  
Question put and passed.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for defraying the expenses of a Special Audit of the Accounts of the Borough of Newcastle, and to authorize the deduction of the amount thereof from the endowment of the said Borough.  
Question put and passed.
4. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers in respect of the shipment of articles being Contraband of War.  
Question put and passed.
5. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Government Business*), That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.  
Question put and passed.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The Debate on this Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, and ordered to stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
7. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows :—  
Nos. 2 and 3, until Wednesday next.  
No. 4, to follow next after No. 6.  
No. 5, until to-morrow.
8. Government Savings Bank Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Loan Bill of 1870:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st September, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

10. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for defraying the expenses of a Special Audit of the accounts of the Borough of Newcastle and to authorize the deduction of the amount thereof from the Endowment of the said Borough*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confer certain powers in respect of the shipment of Articles being Contraband of War*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. MORRICE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the workmen on the Great Northern Railway have to wait from ten to twelve, and sometimes fourteen days, before they get their wages, after they become due?
  - (2.) Have the men employed on the Great Northern Railway memorialized the Minister for Works to have their wages paid more punctually, as it involves them in both inconvenience and loss, their wages being kept from them so long after they become due?
  - (3.) Was any reply sent to that memorial, and if so, what was the substance of that reply?
  - (4.) Has the Government caused notices to be posted up in the various Railway workshops to the effect that the men will in future be paid only once a month, instead of fortnightly, as before, and what reasons have induced the Government to adopt such a system in paying workmen's wages?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received any complaints as to the conduct of Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya?
  - (2.) What was the nature of those complaints, and from whom did they emanate?
  - (3.) Did the Colonial Secretary take any action on receiving those complaints?
  - (4.) Has the Colonial Secretary since referred those complaints to be inquired into and reported upon by His Honor District Court Judge McFarland?
  - (5.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the exact point His Honor Judge McFarland is instructed to inquire into and report upon?
  - (6.) Did a deputation wait upon the Colonial Secretary in reference to this matter, and has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the names of the gentlemen composing the deputation?
  - (7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the substance of what passed between him and the deputation?
  - (8.) How stands the matter at the present moment between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Caswell, the Police Magistrate of Moruya?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the Postmaster General received any complaints as to irregularities in the performance of the contract entered into with the Government by a gentleman named Johnston to carry the mail to Dungog?
  - (2.) What was the nature of those complaints?
  - (3.) Is it true that many letters have been received by the Postmaster General on this subject, and never answered?
  - (4.) Will the Postmaster General insist upon a more punctual and regular performance by Johnston of his contract in future?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Re-adjustment of a portion of the Building Line of Fitzmaurice-street, in the Town of South Wagga Wagga.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles, the produce of the Colony.
2. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Government Savings Bank Bill ; third reading.
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
5. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
6. Roads Bill ; second reading.
7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Loans Account, Church and School Estate Fund, Civil Service Superannuation Fund, and Lodgment Accounts on the 19th September, 1870, and the net cash balances held by the Banks, on account of the Government, in New South Wales and England, on the above date, and to the date of the latest advices.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The number of convictions which have taken place during the last five years, specifying the number in each year, at the Central Criminal Court and the different Circuit Courts. Also, the number of convictions that have taken place during the last five years at the various Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the country.
  - (2.) A statement of the crime, punishment, nationality, and religious profession, of every prisoner convicted at the different Courts, and during the period above specified.
  - (3.) The number of prisoners at the present time in the different Gaols of this country, stating their crimes, punishment, nationality, and the religious sect they profess to belong to.
3. MR. CLARKE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the extent of land taken for Railway purposes, for the Southern, Northern, Western, Richmond and Windsor, and the Morpeth, Lines of Railway, together with the names and amounts demanded by claimants, and the sums paid to them ; the costs in cases where legal proceedings have been resorted to ; and the costs in cases settled by arbitration ; likewise the names of the arbitrators appointed by the Government ; the sums paid for such services, and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.
4. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of a Petition, signed by certain artizans and others, in favour of an eight hours system of labour, which was presented by him on the 20th September, and rejected by the House in consequence of an informality.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and other Documents in the possession of the Government, having reference to the Appeal of the Attorney General of New South Wales against the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of "The Queen v. Macpherson."
6. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

## FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; second reading.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.
5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
2. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant ; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Documents in the possession of the Council of Education relating to parents being prohibited from sending their children to the Public Schools.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.

5. Mr. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867."
6. Mr. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.

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TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. W. FORSTER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."
  - (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.
2. Mr. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Report from the Sydney Infirmary, which Report appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 17th September, together with the evidence upon which that Report was founded.

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WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Payments made to Members of Parliament for Services rendered to the Government:—Mr. Morrice asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—The several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered?

Mr. Samuel answered,—This question involves a large Return, which it will take some time to prepare; and I am not certain that, in a matter of this kind, the required information should not be procured by a resolution of the House.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 2.*

- (2.) Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received any complaints as to the conduct of Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya?

(2.) What was the nature of those complaints, and from whom did they emanate?

(3.) Did the Colonial Secretary take any action on receiving those complaints?

(4.) Has the Colonial Secretary since referred those complaints to be inquired into and reported upon by His Honor District Court Judge McFarland?

(5.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the exact point His Honor Judge McFarland is instructed to inquire into and report upon?

(6.) Did a deputation wait upon the Colonial Secretary in reference to this matter, and has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the names of the gentlemen composing the deputation?

(7.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to state the substance of what passed between him and the deputation?

(8.) How stands the matter at the present moment between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Caswell, the Police Magistrate of Moruya?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Petitions against and in favour of Mr. Caswell have been presented to me by deputations of persons resident at Moruya. In the present stage of matters I do not consider it expedient to enter into particulars. Judge McFarland has been appointed to hold an inquiry at Moruya, and the 24th October has been fixed upon for the investigation,—when all parties will be heard, and a report made by the Judge to the Government. Before the inquiry is proceeded with, the complainants will be required to state more distinctly than has yet been done the charges which Mr. Caswell will have to answer.

- (3.) Conveyance of the Mail to Dungog:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Postmaster General received any complaints as to irregularities in the performance of the contract entered into with the Government by a gentleman named Johnston to carry the mail to Dungog?

(2.) What was the nature of those complaints?

(3.)

(3.) Is it true that many letters have been received by the Postmaster General on this subject, and never answered?

(4.) Will the Postmaster General insist upon a more punctual and regular performance by Johnston of his contract in future?

Mr. Egan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) That contractor Johnston failed to provide waterproof covering for the mails, and that the contents had been damaged in consequence; that the mailman, through negligence, had left a mail behind at Hinton; that late arrivals on various occasions had occurred; and that the mail was driven to a public-house before going to Clarence Town Post Office.

(3.) Several letters have been received by the Postmaster General, and all have been answered but one letter (received a few days since), which will be replied to when the inquiry thereon, which is now being instituted, is complete.

(4.) The Postmaster General has already fined contractor Johnston in connection with such of the complaints as have been substantiated; and has informed him that if he does not carry out his contract in a proper manner, it will be cancelled.

2. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill:—Commander Onslow presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and landholders of the Districts of Burrawang, Kangaloon, Yarrawa, and Mittagong, in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.

3. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill:—Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank.*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

4. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Re-adjustment of a portion of the Building Line of Fitzmaurice-street, in the Town of South Wagga Wagga.

Question put and passed.

5. Government Savings Bank Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to grant additional facilities for Depositing Small Savings at Interest with the Security of the Government for due repayment thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant additional facilities for Depositing Small Savings at Interest with the Security of the Government for due repayment thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 22nd September, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Government Cash Balances in Banks ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Loans Account, Church and School Estate Fund, Civil Service Superannuation Fund, and Lodgment Accounts on the 19th September, 1870, and the net cash balances held by the Banks, on account of the Government, in New South Wales and England, on the above date, and to the date of the latest advices.

Question put and passed.

7. Criminal Statistics ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—

(1.) The number of convictions which have taken place during the last five years, specifying the number in each year, at the Central Criminal Court and the different Circuit Courts. Also, the number of convictions that have taken place during the last five years at the various Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the country.

(2.) A statement of the crime, punishment, nationality, and religious profession, of every prisoner convicted at the different Courts, and during the period above specified.

(3.) The number of prisoners at the present time in the different Gaols of this country, stating their crimes, punishment, nationality, and the religious sect they profess to belong to.

Question put and passed.

8. Land taken for Railway Purposes ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the extent of land taken for Railway purposes, for the Southern, Northern, Western, Richmond and Windsor, and the Morpeth, Lines of Railway, together with the names and amounts demanded by claimants, and the sums paid to them; the costs in cases where legal proceedings have been resorted to; and the costs in cases settled by arbitration; likewise the names of the arbitrators appointed by the Government; the sums paid for such services, and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.

Question put and passed.

9. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles, the produce of the Colony,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate distillation from, articles, the produce of the Colony.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

10. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—  
 No. 2, until Wednesday next, by Mr. Sutherland.  
 No. 4, until Tuesday next, by Mr. Cowper.  
 No. 5, to follow next after No. 6, by Mr. Cowper.
11. Roads Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Bill.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, as follows:—  
 No. 5, until Tuesday next.  
 Nos. 7 and 8, until To-morrow.
13. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Wilson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Macleay not making the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—*Mr. M. C. Stephen*, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on the 15th September, from the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Brisbane Water, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the workmen on the Great Northern Railway have to wait from ten to twelve, and sometimes fourteen days, before they get their wages, after they become due?  
 (2.) Have the men employed on the Great Northern Railway memorialized the Minister for Works to have their wages paid more punctually, as it involves them in both inconvenience and loss, their wages being kept from them so long after they become due?  
 (3.) Was any reply sent to that memorial, and if so, what was the substance of that reply?  
 (4.) Has the Government caused notices to be posted up in the various Railway workshops to the effect that the men will in future be paid only once a month, instead of fortnightly, as before, and what reasons have induced the Government to adopt such a system in paying workmen's wages?
2. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Whether it has been represented to the Government that there is no embankment or other obstacle to stop the course of the bullets from the Volunteer Rifle Range?  
 (2.) Whether any sum will be placed on the Estimates, or other steps be taken, to obviate this danger?
3. COMMANDER ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If he is aware that the piece of land reserved for the use of the public at the Crookwell River, near Goulburn, has been fenced in, and is used as a grazing paddock by a private individual?
4. COMMANDER ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has any tender been accepted for the repair of the Court-house at Berrina; if so, when will the repair commence?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; second reading.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
2. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Documents in the possession of the Council of Education relating to parents being prohibited from sending their children to the Public Schools.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.
5. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867."
6. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
7. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd September, from certain inhabitants and landholders of Burrawang, Kangaloon, Yarrawa, and Mittagong, in favour of the Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill, be printed.
8. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate certain rights of parties in Law and Equity.
9. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th September, from Mrs. Jane Simpson, be printed.
10. MR. SPRING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Act 24 Vic. No. 21, intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships.'
11. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of a Petition, signed by certain artizans and others, in favour of an eight hours system of labour, which was presented by him on the 20th September, and rejected by the House in consequence of an informality.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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  - (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
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  - (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.
2. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Report from the Sydney Infirmary, which Report appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 17th September, together with the evidence upon which that Report was founded.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
2. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER.

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1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
5. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

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  - (1.) Is the Government aware that nearly all the established crossing-places for stock on the great rivers of the interior have been stopped by floods for nearly four months ?
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1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia ?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water ?
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  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 20th August, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Wollombi, in room of Joseph Eckford, Esquire, insolvent, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of Joseph Eckford, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Payment of Workmen on Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that the workmen on the Great Northern Railway have to wait from ten to twelve, and sometimes fourteen days, before they get their wages, after they become due?

(2.) Have the men employed on the Great Northern Railway memorialized the Minister for Works to have their wages paid more punctually, as it involves them in both inconvenience and loss, their wages being kept from them so long after they become due?

(3.) Was any reply sent to that memorial; and, if so, what was the substance of that reply?

(4.) Has the Government caused notices to be posted up in the various Railway workshops, to the effect that the men will in future be paid only once a month, instead of fortnightly, as before, and what reasons have induced the Government to adopt such a system in paying workmen's wages?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) At the commencement of this year the men were not paid on several occasions until after a delay of from twelve to fourteen days, owing to the supplies having to be voted by the Assembly monthly. There is always a lapse of from seven to nine days after the men's time has been made up before they are paid, and this arises from the necessity of transmitting the pay-sheets to Sydney, to be passed by the Treasury; in effect, however, the men are paid, after the first delay, regularly twice a month.

(2 and 3.) In April last a memorial was addressed by the men to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and I requested Mr. Whitton to inform the men, in reply, that any delay that had taken place was unavoidable, in consequence of the Parliament not having voted the supplies, and that every means would always be taken to ensure punctual payment of wages.

(4.) The proposal to pay the men monthly has not yet been decided upon; but, in accordance with the strong recommendation of the Board appointed to inquire into the system of railway accounts, notice was given to the men that it was proposed to adopt monthly payments, with a view of ascertaining if they had any objection to that course.

- (2.) Volunteer Rifle Range:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether it has been represented to the Government that there is no embankment or other obstacle to stop the course of the bullets from the Volunteer Rifle Range?

(2.) Whether any sum will be placed on the Estimates, or other steps be taken, to obviate this danger?

Mr. Cowper answered,—From the inquiries I have made I have not been able to trace any representation made to the Government upon the subject. Colonel Richardson was, however, at the Colonial Secretary's Office in the course of the day, and stated to the Under Secretary that the subject was one worthy the consideration of the Government. It shall therefore be looked into.

(3.)

- (3.) Reserve at the Crookwell River:—Commander Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If he is aware that the piece of land reserved for the use of the public at the Crookwell River, near Goulburn, has been fenced in, and is used as a grazing paddock by a private individual?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I can only say that I am entirely unaware of it, but I have made inquiries to-day, and I have not been able to ascertain clearly to what reserve the honorable gentleman refers. If he will, on a slip of paper, describe the reserve, it will facilitate the matter, and it shall be further inquired into.

- (4.) Court House, Berrima:—Commander Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Has any tender been accepted for the repair of the Court-house at Berrima; if so, when will the repair commence?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No tender has been accepted, the amount asked being so large, but it is under the consideration of the Government whether it would not be advisable to erect a new building instead of repairing the old.

3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Smith v. Dean*:—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of Robert Burdett Smith against the return of Horace Dean as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings, which was referred to the said Committee on the 18th August last;—

And the said Report having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th August, 1870, under the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1858, to whom was referred, on the 18th August, 1870, a Petition from Robert Burdett Smith, against the return of Horace Dean, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings, have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare:—

“1. That Horace Dean, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer, was not duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of The Hastings,—the said Horace Dean not having, at the time of election, resided in the Colony five years after Naturalization.

“2. That Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, who was not returned by the Returning Officer, was duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of The Hastings,—the votes given in favour of the said Horace Dean having been ‘thrown away.’

“3. That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

“4. That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
“Chairman.”

“No. 2 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,  
“Sydney, 23rd September, 1870”—

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Allen, That the said Report, and Minutes of Proceedings, be printed.

4. Member Sworn:—Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings.

The Speaker said this was the first occasion on which a Report similar to that just laid upon the Table had been made from the Elections and Qualifications Committee, and that therefore it might become of some importance, as a matter of precedent, to determine the proper course to be taken in a case of the kind. The practice of the House of Commons seemed to be hardly applicable to our Legislature. The practice there was, upon the taking of his Seat by a Member not returned by the Returning Officer, to order a certain officer to attend and amend the return. It seemed to him that it would be sufficient,—the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having decided, under the 74th clause of our Electoral Act, that a party was duly elected who was not returned by the Returning Officer—he having taken the oath,—to direct the Clerk to amend the List of Members, and to make a note in the Roll of the House of the causes for which Mr. Dean ceased to be, and Mr. Smith became, a Member, and this he proposed to do, unless the House saw objection.

5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. The Fiji Islands:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from John Dunmore Lang, Doctor of Divinity, praying the House to adopt such measures as will facilitate the annexation of, and the establishment of a regular Government in, the Fiji Islands, as a Dependency of New South Wales,—And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—Petition received.

7. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 25th August, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Motions Withdrawn:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Watson, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

9. Public Schools (“Formal” Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Documents in the possession of the Council of Education relating to parents being prohibited from sending their children to the Public Schools.

Question put and passed.

10. Volunteer Admission Bill (“Formal” Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty’s subjects to serve as Volunteers under the “Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.”

Question put and passed.

11. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd September, from certain inhabitants and landholders of Burrawang, Kangaloon, Yarrawa, and Mittagong, in favour of the Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  12. Law and Equity Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate certain rights of parties in Law and Equity.  
Question put and passed.
  13. Mrs. Jane Simpson (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him, on the 20th September from Mrs. Jane Simpson, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  14. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Act 24 Vic., No. 21, intituled "An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships."  
Question put and passed.
  15. Volunteer Admission Bill:—Mr. W. Forster having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty's Subjects to serve as Volunteers under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
  16. Postponements:—
    - (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday next.
    - (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Bill of 1870, postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day fortnight.
  17. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill, on motion of Commander Onslow, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Commander Onslow, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
  18. Postponements:—
    - (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
    - (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Forster, until Friday next.
  19. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, at twenty-one minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) The number of selections that were made by conditional purchasers under the Lands Alienation Act of 1861, from the 1st July to 31st December, 1868?
  - (2.) The same information for the year 1869?
  - (3.) The amount of balances of purchase money paid by conditional purchasers during the years 1867-1868-1869, respectively?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received for the erection of the Post Office and Custom House in Newcastle?
  - (2.) Are any of such Tenders within the estimate prepared for the work intended; and, if so, which?
  - (3.) When will such Tender or Tenders be accepted?
  - (4.) What time is allowed for the completion of the work?

3. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) What is the nature of the proceedings lately adopted by the Government with reference to the Department or Office of Secretary to the Necropolis at Haslem's Crock, as well with reference to the Secretary himself as the clerks or other public servants formerly under his superintendence?
  - (2.) What arrangements have been, or are intended to be, made, for supervising the management of the Trustees of the several sections or Cemeteries of the said Necropolis, and for checking or inspecting their accounts?
  - (3.) Is there any amount due to the Treasury from the Necropolis Fund, or from any particular Trustees Fund; and, if so, how much?
  - (4.) What steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?
4. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to a Return, laid upon the Table of this House, and, on September 15, ordered to be printed, shewing certain payments made to Ministers of several religious denominations, under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862,"—
- (1.) Is the sum of £2,000, paid to the Bishop of Sydney under the said Act, paid in full from public funds, or only so much as remains after deducting the sum paid from the Bishopthorpe Estate,—that is to say, according to the Return, £500?
  - (2.) Is not the grant, or possession, by the Bishop of Sydney of the Bishopthorpe Estate, charged with a guarantee or condition, that the revenue of that Estate shall be taken by the Bishop in reduction of any amount payable to His Lordship from the public funds by way of stipend, or under the said Act?
  - (3.) If so, what is the total amount of such revenue, and in what manner and under what authority is any surplus disposed of?
  - (4.) Did not the revenue of the Estate once amount to £1,800 a year?
  - (5.) Under what authority is the sum of £100 paid out of the revenue of the said Estate to the Bishop of Goulburn, and to the Revs. Messrs. Hulton S. King and T. C. Ewing, as shewn by the Return?
  - (6.) Under what circumstances do the names of the Reverend gentlemen in question appear in a list of recipients of public money under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862?"
5. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that the engineer of the Waterworks at Gladesville Hospital for the Insane has been suspended or dismissed?
6. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government taken any action, or do they intend to take any action, in reference to the Report of a Select Committee, adopted by this House in the case of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, of Pymont?

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5. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.

6. MR. LEE to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of a Petition, signed by certain artizans and others, in favour of an eight hours system of labour, which was presented by him on the 20th September, and rejected by the House in consequence of an informality.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Act 24 Vict., No. 21, intituled "An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships."

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1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
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2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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## Question:—

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1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

2. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the 'Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

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FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
  - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
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(3.) If so, what is the total amount of such revenue, and in what manner and under what authority is any surplus disposed of?

(4.) Did not the revenue of the Estate once amount to £1,800 a year?

(5.) Under what authority is the sum of £100 paid out of the revenue of the said Estate to the Bishop of Goulburn, and to the Revs. Messrs. Hulton S. King and T. C. Ewing, as shewn by the Return?

(6.) Under what circumstances do the names of the Reverend gentlemen in question appear in a list of recipients of public money under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862?"

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Only £1,500 are paid out of the Schedule Fund—the balances from the Bishopthorpe Estate revenue.

(2.) The grant is not burdened with any condition, but when the Act 19th Victoria was passed the Government undertook to continue to pay the Bishop's stipend out of the Consolidated Fund until the income arising from the rentals of Bishopthorpe Estate should amount to £2,000.

(3.) The total receipts from Bishopthorpe Estate Fund from 1857 to 1869 amount to £15,335 16s. 1d. After deducting expenses of survey, sale, and management of estate, which amount to £1,883 8s. 9d., the surplus of £13,452 9s. 4d. has been paid, or is in course of payment, to the Treasury, under the authority of the Governor and Executive Council, by Minute dated 1857.

(4.) The Bishop's accounts shew that the revenue of the estate never did reach, in any one year, £1,800.

(5.) Under the authority of the Governor and Executive Council.

(6.) The Schedule Fund for Public Worship having been relieved of the payment of a portion of the Bishop's stipend, these allowances were sanctioned in the usual way as a charge upon it.

*Mr. Tunks not asking the Question No. 5, it dropped.*

(4.) The late Mr. Thomas Smith, of Pymont:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Have the Government taken any action, or do they intend to take any action, in reference to the Report of a Select Committee, adopted by this House in the case of the late Mr. Thomas Smith, of Pymont?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—This matter being one connected with the Lands Department, the papers are, of course, with me; and as the Honorable Member, I have no doubt, is aware, it is a case involved in numerous complications—a very old case, and one of great difficulty. I have not yet had time to deal with it; but I intend to take it up, and will let the Honorable Member know, at the earliest possible moment, the course the Government will pursue with regard to it.

2. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others of the Working Population of the Colony, praying the House to authorize that all public works carried on under the direct control of the Executive Government shall be in accordance with the system of eight hours per diem, and that in all future contracts a clause to that effect should be inserted; and further praying for the passing of a measure which shall recognize and constitute eight hours the maximum of a day's labour, wherever practicable in New South Wales.

Petition received.

3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Parramatta, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

4. Mr. Austin Forrest Wilshire:—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition from Austin Forrest Wilshire, of Winbourn, Mulgoa, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, representing that he has suffered great hardship and pecuniary loss from the operation of a certain Act of the Legislature of the Colony, requiring the removal of Tanneries, and other like establishments, beyond the limits of the City of Sydney, and that having submitted his case to the consideration of the Legislature, it was favourably reported upon, but that a certain proposal made by the Government was rejected by the Assembly; and praying for a re-consideration of his case.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

5. Sydney Infirmary ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Report from the Sydney Infirmary, which Report appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 17th September, together with the evidence upon which that Report was founded.

Question put and passed.

6. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Mr. District Court Judge Meymott," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Bawden, on 1st September, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Amendment of the Land Law:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861."

(2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.

(3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required, before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.

(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.

(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.

(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.

(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.

Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adjourned until this day week.

8. The Fiji Islands:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd September, from the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, D.D., relative to annexation of Fiji Islands to New South Wales, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Articles Contraband of War:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the several quantities and values of articles imported or exported to and from this Colony during the present and last years, respectively, which are, or are intended to be, included by the Government in the category of articles contraband of war, and in the case of exports, specifying, if possible, the places of destination.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

10. Rules made by Volunteer Rifle Companies:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 5, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Rules made at any time by the St. Leonards and other Volunteer Rifle Companies under the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867," and submitted to the Government for approval,—whether the same have been approved of or not.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway,"—brought up by him on 29th March last, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Lackey,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Hoskins.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Moses,  
Mr. Dight,

Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Fallon,  
Mr. Spring,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Alexander.

12. Suspension of Standing Orders—The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as precludes the reception of a Petition, signed by certain artizans and others, in favour of an Eight-hour system of labour, which was presented by him on the 20th September, and rejected by the House in consequence of an informality.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Alexander,

Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Spring,  
Mr. Cummings,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Moses,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Hoskins.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th September, in favour of the Eight-hour System of Labour, be received.

Question put and passed.

13. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Act 24 Vict., No. 21, intituled "An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,"—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Spring, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 24 Vict., No. 21, intituled  
 “An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships.”

Mr. Spring then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Spring having presented this Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Act 24 Vict. No. 21 intituled ‘An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,’*”—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at eighteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) What is the nature of the proceedings lately adopted by the Government with reference to the Department or Office of Secretary to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, as well with reference to the Secretary himself as the clerks or other public servants formerly under his superintendence?  
 (2.) What arrangements have been, or are intended to be, made, for supervising the management of the Trustees of the several sections or Cemeteries of the said Necropolis, and for checking or inspecting their accounts?  
 (3.) Is there any amount due to the Treasury from the Necropolis Fund, or from any particular Trustees Fund; and, if so, how much?  
 (4.) What steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the Engineer of the Waterworks at Gladesville Hospital for the Insane has been suspended, or dismissed?  
 (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the offence for which the suspension or dismissal has taken place?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What is the occasion of the delay in proclaiming Ryde a Municipality?
4. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is the Contractor with the Government for the furnishing or supply of furniture, or the maintenance of the same, for the Commodore's residence in this city, a Member of this House?  
 (2.) Is such contract still in operation?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That, with reference to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, presented to this House on Friday, the 23rd instant, this House is of opinion that the said Committee exceeded its jurisdiction in declaring Robert Burdett Smith the sitting Member for the Electorate of The Hastings, and that the Seat for the said Electorate in this House is, and is hereby declared vacant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
5. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
7. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, by the various Acts, on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.

(2.)

(2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th of August last, that such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services which there was no longer any intention to carry out.

(3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of this House.

(4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from certain inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, relative to the Eight-hour system of Labour, be printed.
3. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from Austin Forrest Wilshire, be printed.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from certain electors and inhabitants of Parramatta, in favour of the Retail Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition from certain Artizans and others, in favour of the Eight-hour system of Labour, presented by him on the 20th September, and received on the 27th September, be printed.

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THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Warrego District, in travelling to appraise Runs, takes with him a party whom he insists upon, in all disputed cases, acting as Umpire; and demands in every case, prior to his so acting, that a sum of £10 be paid him?
  - (2.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Minister that at a recent Court of Appraisalment, held on the Narran, the Commissioner positively refused to accept the names of any gentlemen proposed by the owners of Runs as Umpires, and insisted on this travelling Umpire's appointment; that, upon the gentlemen threatening to leave the Court, he so far compromised the business by agreeing to the names of the parties proposed by the owners of the Runs, upon condition that his nominee should in every alternate case be accepted on his behalf; and that in all cases in which he so acted he demanded and was paid the sum of £10?
  - (3.) Has the Commissioner of Crown Lands received any instructions from the Government to warrant him in acting in this manner; and will the Minister make proper inquiry into these statements?
2. MR. HILL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have any, and if so, what steps been taken towards the completion of the Bunnerong Road, leading from Randwick to Botany, for which purpose a sum of £1,500 was voted last Session?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that nearly all the established crossing-places for stock on the great rivers of the interior have been stopped by floods for nearly four months?
  - (2.) That near these places is generally a high bank on one side, with a high bank on the opposite side, several miles distant, by having access to which stock can be crossed in any flood by steamers?
  - (3.) That at most of these places these important natural crossings, in extreme floods, have for the first time been made apparent this year, in consequence of the unusual and continued high floods?
  - (4.) That many of these places are not reserved, and the Crown tenants in occupation have prevented stock from crossing?
  - (5.) Does the Government intend to take a broad and immediate action, for the benefit of the country at large, before these places are monopolized by purchase, to prevent individuals stopping all traffic (and that on Crown Lands) and travelling of live stock, by issuing instructions to the several officers in these regions to immediately report on such places, with a view to the lands so situated being declared reserved as crossing-places for stock and merchandize in times of high floods, or otherwise?
  - (6.) In case Government consider it advisable to take such action, will it see fit to communicate with the Government of Victoria, urging corresponding action on their side of the Murray?
  - (7.) Is the Government aware that while the rivers are in high flood, which may only continue three or four months longer, is the only time when these places can be marked off with certainty?
  - (8.) Will the Government be prompt in seeing to these important matters?
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Whether any and what site has been definitely selected upon which to erect the new Custom House at the Port of Newcastle?
  - (2.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable extension of the trade of the port to the west of the site of the new coal staiths now in course of erection, and of the projected coal dock in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Point, as well as of the one contiguous to Bullock Island, and of the construction of jetties along the frontage now in course of reclamation in the immediate vicinity of the said Island?
  - (3.) If so, whether the Government are prepared to consider the propriety and expediency of further inquiry into the prospective advantages likely to accrue to the shipping interest of the port by the erection of the new Custom House in the locality indicated, and in view of the inevitable extension of the trade and of the chief loading places being established in this direction?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bates and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
2. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways to the charge of the Permanent Way and Works of the Great Southern and Western Railways; together with copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes in reference to that officer's removal from such charge.
  - (2.) Copies of all subsequent Correspondence which may have passed between the Minister for Works and any Officer or Officers of the Government, in reference to the employment of the Chief Assistant Engineer in the public service, since he was relieved from attending to the duties connected with the Permanent Way and Works.
  - (3.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of Mr. Wakeford to perform the duties from which the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways has been relieved.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Amendment of the Land Law:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
  - "(1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861,' and the 'Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.'
  - "(2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - "(3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - "(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - "(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - "(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - "(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose."

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

Question:—

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
  - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

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TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

3. MR. HOSKINS *to move*, That this House is of opinion,—
- (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
  - (2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.
  - (3.) That in all cases the officer, in whose department the work is to be executed, shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works, with an estimate of the probable cost of the work, for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the cost of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.
  - (4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.
  - (5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.
  - (6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.



New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Engineer for Waterworks at Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that the Engineer of the Waterworks at Gladesville Hospital for the Insane has been suspended, or dismissed?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the offence for which the suspension or dismissal has taken place?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) He has been removed from his situation.

(2.) Pointed refusal to obey orders, and gross insubordination. The report of the Superintendent of the Asylum was dated 19th August; and on the 20th August Dr. Manning addressed the Under Secretary in these words:—"Will you kindly let me have an answer to my letter about the Engineer as soon as possible. Howell has been away drunk, the engine is left to take care of itself, and I am entirely without water."

- (2.) Municipality of Ryde:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
What is the occasion of the delay in proclaiming Ryde a Municipality?

Mr. Cowper answered,—It has been delayed for receipt of a counter-petition, should any be intended. The period of three months having expired, the proclamation will now be proceeded with immediately.

- (3.) Contractor for supplying Furniture for the Commodore's Residence:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is the Contractor with the Government for the furnishing or supply of furniture, or the maintenance of the same, for the Commodore's residence in this city, a Member of this House?

(2.) Is such contract still in operation?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition, signed by His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

3. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Brookes presented a Petition, signed by "William Brookes," as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the City of Sydney, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.

Petition received.

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

(1.) Returns under Real Property Act for 1869.

(2.) Papers respecting Prison Discipline. (*In substitution for the papers laid upon the Table on the 13th instant.*)

Ordered to be printed.

5. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—  
 (1.) From certain Inhabitants of Gundagai. By Mr. Macleay.  
 (2.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of the Electoral District of Narellan. By Mr. Leary.  
 Petitions received.
6. Mr. Austin Forrest Wilshire:—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from Austin Forrest Wilshire, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Parramatta, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
8. The Eight-hour System of Labour (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition from certain Artizans and others, in favour of the Eight-hour system of Labour, presented by him on the 20th September, and received on the 27th September, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
9. Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Smith v. Dean*:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That, with reference to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, presented to this House on Friday, the 23rd instant, this House is of opinion that the said Committee exceeded its jurisdiction in declaring Robert Burdett Smith the sitting Member for the Electorate of The Hastings, and that the Seat for the said Electorate in this House is, and is hereby declared vacant.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. R. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Webb,
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Lord,	

10. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Morpeth, in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
 Petition received.
11. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Newcastle, signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, against the passing of this Bill.  
 Petition received.
12. Assent to Loan Bill of 1870:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

*Governor.**Message No. 6.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*" 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, 23th September, 1870.*

13. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Goulburn Meat Preserving Company (Limited) and to enable the said Company better to carry on and to transact the business of the same,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 23th September, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Butler, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

(2.)

## (2.) Industrial Schools Bill of 1870:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Industrial Schools Act of 1866*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 28th September, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## (3.) Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the custody of Money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 28th September, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

14. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from "The Daughters of Temperance" of Newcastle (Star of Hope No. 1 Division), in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. LORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Warrego District, in travelling to appraise Runs, takes with him a party whom he insists upon, in all disputed cases, acting as Umpire; and demands in every case, prior to his so acting, that a sum of £10 be paid him?
  - (2.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Minister that at a recent Court of Appraisement, held on the Narran, the Commissioner positively refused to accept the names of any gentlemen proposed by the owners of Runs as Umpires, and insisted on this travelling Umpire's appointment; that, upon the gentlemen threatening to leave the Court, he so far compromised the business by agreeing to the names of the parties proposed by the owners of the Runs, upon condition that his nominee should in every alternate case be accepted on his behalf; and that in all cases in which he so acted he demanded and was paid the sum of £10?
  - (3.) Has the Commissioner of Crown Lands received any instructions from the Government to warrant him in acting in this manner; and will the Minister make proper inquiry into these statements?
2. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have any, and if so, what steps been taken towards the completion of the Bunnerong Road, leading from Randwick to Botany, for which purpose a sum of £1,500 was voted last Session?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What is the nature of the proceedings lately adopted by the Government with reference to the Department or Office of Secretary to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, as well with reference to the Secretary himself as the clerks or other public servants formerly under his superintendence?
  - (2.) What arrangements have been, or are intended to be, made, for supervising the management of the Trustees of the several sections or Cemeteries of the said Necropolis, and for checking or inspecting their accounts?
  - (3.) Is there any amount due to the Treasury from the Necropolis Fund, or from any particular Trustees Fund; and, if so, how much?
  - (4.) What steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?
4. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did the Colonial Secretary receive a Petition in June last from the Freeholders and Householders of the Village of Wickham, praying for incorporation. If so, has the Petition been published in the *Government Gazette*, in terms of the Municipalities Act of 1867; if not, when will the said Petition be published?
  - (2.) Has any Counter-Petition been received, or has any objection been made to the said incorporation of the village aforementioned; if so, by whom?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, signed by His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
2. MR. LEARY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from Mothers and Daughters of the Electorate of Narellan, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from Inhabitants of Gundagai, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
4. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Morpeth, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
5. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from the Council of the Municipality of Newcastle, against the passing of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill, be printed.
6. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers, Documents, Agreements, and Contracts, in possession of the Government, relative to the supply of Furniture for the Commodore's Residence in this City.
7. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from the Daughters of Temperance in Newcastle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
8. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move,—
  - (1.) That, by the various Acts, on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.
  - (2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th of August last, that such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services which there was no longer any intention to carry out.
  - (3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of this House.
  - (4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from certain inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, relative to the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.

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FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that nearly all the established crossing-places for stock on the great rivers of the interior have been stopped by floods for nearly four months?
  - (2.) That near these places is generally a high bank on one side, with a high bank on the opposite side, several miles distant, by having access to which stock can be crossed in any flood by steamers?
  - (3.) That at most of these places these important natural crossings, in extreme floods, have for the first time been made apparent this year, in consequence of the unusual and continued high floods?
  - (4.) That many of these places are not reserved, and the Crown tenants in occupation have prevented stock from crossing?
  - (5.) Does the Government intend to take a broad and immediate action, for the benefit of the country at large, before these places are monopolized by purchase, to prevent individuals stopping all traffic (and that on Crown Lands) and travelling of live stock, by issuing instructions to the several officers in these regions to immediately report on such places, with a view to the lands so situated being declared reserved as crossing-places for stock and merchandize in times of high floods, or otherwise?
  - (6.) In case Government consider it advisable to take such action, will it see fit to communicate with the Government of Victoria, urging corresponding action on their side of the Murray?
  - (7.) Is the Government aware that while the rivers are in high flood, which may only continue three or four months longer, is the only time when these places can be marked off with certainty?
  - (8.) Will the Government be prompt in seeing to these important matters?

2. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Whether any and what site has been definitely selected upon which to erect the new Custom House at the Port of Newcastle?
  - (2.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable extension of the trade of the port to the west of the site of the new coal staiths now in course of erection, and of the projected coal dock in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Point, as well as of the one contiguous to Bullock Island, and of the construction of jetties along the frontage now in course of reclamation in the immediate vicinity of the said Island?
  - (3.) If so, whether the Government are prepared to consider the propriety and expediency of further inquiry into the prospective advantages likely to accrue to the shipping interest of the port by the erection of the new Custom House in the locality indicated, and in view of the inevitable extension of the trade and of the chief loading places being established in this direction?
3. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it true that a man named James Leard was convicted of horse-stealing at the Scone Sessions, in June, before Judge Simpson, and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment?
  - (2.) Is it the case that he has been released from gaol, on giving two sureties of £50 each for his good behaviour, after having served but three months of his sentence?
  - (3.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that within the last three years James Leard has been twice committed for cattle-stealing?
  - (4.) Are the Government aware that Leard's brother was liberated from gaol, a short time since, after having served something over two years, of a sentence of five years, for horse-stealing?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROOKES *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, respecting the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER.

## Question:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government come to any determination with reference to the Memorial, presented about three months ago by ninety Colonists, for the Incorporation of Wickham?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
2. MR. WATSON *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
3. MR. WATSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways to the charge of the Permanent Way and Works of the Great Southern and Western Railways; together with copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes in reference to that officer's removal from such charge.
  - (2.) Copies of all subsequent Correspondence which may have passed between the Minister for Works and any Officer or Officers of the Government, in reference to the employment of the Chief Assistant Engineer in the public service, since he was relieved from attending to the duties connected with the Permanent Way and Works.
  - (3.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of Mr. Wakeford to perform the duties from which the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways has been relieved.

ORDER

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Amendment of the Land Law :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, “ That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
- “ (1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the ‘ Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861,’ and the ‘ Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.’
- “ (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
- “ (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
- “ (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
- “ (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
- “ (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
- “ (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose.”

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FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

## Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
- (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
- (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

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TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion,—
- (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
- (2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.

(3.)

(3.) That in all cases the officer, in whose department the work is to be executed, shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works, with an estimate of the probable cost of the work, for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the cost of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.

(4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.

(5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.

(6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.



New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Warrego District:—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Warrego District, in travelling to appraise Runs, takes with him a party whom he insists upon, in all disputed cases, acting as Umpire; and demands in every case, prior to his so acting, that a sum of £10 be paid him?

(2.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Minister that at a recent Court of Appraisement, held on the Narran, the Commissioner positively refused to accept the names of any gentlemen proposed by the owners of Runs as Umpires, and insisted on this travelling Umpire's appointment; that, upon the gentlemen threatening to leave the Court, he so far compromised the business by agreeing to the names of the parties proposed by the owners of the Runs upon condition that his nominee should in every alternate case be accepted on his behalf; and that in all cases in which he so acted he demanded and was paid the sum of £10?

(3.) Has the Commissioner of Crown Lands received any instructions from the Government to warrant him in acting in this manner; and will the Minister make proper inquiry into these statements?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I should scarcely be accurate, if I said that the Government had not heard it from a source to which they attribute some importance; but if the question be, do the Government know it, my answer must be in the negative. I have instituted inquiries into the matter, and, if the allegation be true, the conduct of the Commissioner is most objectionable.

- (2.) Bunnerong Road:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have any, and if so, what steps been taken towards the completion of the Bunnerong Road, leading from Randwick to Botany, for which purpose a sum of £1,500 was voted last Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—On 20th June last a letter was addressed to the Town Clerk of the Sydney Corporation, to ascertain if any objection existed to the expenditure, on the ground of interference with the Water Reserves. No reply has yet been received, and the money has not consequently been expended.

- (3.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What is the nature of the proceedings lately adopted by the Government with reference to the Department or Office of Secretary to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, as well with reference to the Secretary himself as the clerks or other public servants formerly under his superintendence?

(2.) What arrangements have been, or are intended to be, made, for supervising the management of the Trustees of the several sections or Cemeteries of the said Necropolis, and for checking or inspecting their accounts?

(3.) Is there any amount due to the Treasury from the Necropolis Fund, or from any particular Trustees Fund; and, if so, how much?

(4.) What steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The office was cancelled, so far as I can understand, because there was no money to make payments to that officer.

(2.) I have doubts, whether, under the present arrangement, the Government have any right to inspect the accounts of the Necropolis, as that duty will now probably devolve upon the Trustees of the various sections. In accordance with the provisions of the 17th clause of the Necropolis Act of 1867, the Secretary will, however, have to furnish an Annual Abstract of the Accounts, verified by a solemn declaration made and subscribed in the form and to the effect required by the Act of Council 9th Vict. No. 9.

(3.) The expenses of management for the years 1868 and 1869, which were provided for by Parliamentary Appropriation, have not yet been recovered from the Trustees of the various sections. These expenses amount to £923 4s. 6d.

(4.) I am not aware that the Government have arrived at any determination with regard to this matter. It is in the department over which I have control, and I really have not had time, since I have been in office, to determine upon the course of submitting it to the Cabinet. I am therefore hardly in a position to say what steps will be taken.

(4.) Incorporation of the Village of Wickham:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Did the Colonial Secretary receive a Petition in June last from the Freeholders and Householders of the Village of Wickham, praying for incorporation. If so, has the Petition been published in the *Government Gazette*, in terms of the Municipalities Act of 1867; if not, when will the said Petition be published?

(2.) Has any Counter-Petition been received, or has any objection been made to the said incorporation of the village aforementioned; if so, by whom?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Petition has been received, but action in the matter has been deferred, as the land sought to be incorporated forms part of the proposed Municipal District of Waratah, respecting which the Government is awaiting a reply to the letter addressed to Mr. Hannell, on the 2nd June last, as follows:—

“ Colonial Secretary’s Office,  
“ Sydney, 2 June, 1870.

“ Sir,

“ Referring to your letter of the 15th March last, communicating copy of a Resolution “ passed by the Waratah Incorporation Committee, on the subject of the suggested alteration “ the boundaries of the proposed Municipal District of Waratah, I am directed by the Colonial “ Secretary to state, for the information of the Committee and the Petitioners, that the Govern- “ ment is not prepared, upon present information, to include in the projected Municipality the land “ belonging to the Australian Agricultural Company, which is referred to in the accompanying “ copy of a Petition received from the Chairman of that Company, or that comprised in the “ proposed Onibygambah Ward; but is prepared to incorporate with boundaries reduced by the “ extent of those lands, upon being satisfied by Resolution passed at a public meeting, that such “ incorporation would be consonant to the wishes of the residents within the restricted area.

“ I have, &c.,

“ (Signed) HENRY HALLORAN.”

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Fourteenth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table a Circular Despatch conveying instructions to be issued to Pilots with reference to Ships of War of the belligerent Powers, France and Prussia.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (“*Formal*” *Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, signed by His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) *Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of Mr. Leary, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Leary on the 28th September, from Mothers and Daughters of the Electorate of Narellan, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from Inhabitants of Gundagai, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Morpeth, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from the Council of the Municipality of Newcastle, against the passing of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from the Daughters of Temperance in Newcastle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. The Eight-hour System of Labour (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from certain inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, relative to the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales. By Mr. Sutherland.  
(2.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of Tambaroora, in the Electoral District of Wellington. By Mr. Spring.  
Petitions received.
8. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
9. Furniture for the Commodore's Residence:—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers, Documents, Agreements, and Contracts, in possession of the Government, relative to the supply of Furniture for the Commodore's Residence in this City.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Proposed Vote of Censure on the Government:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—  
(1.) That, by the various Acts, on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.  
(2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th August last, that such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services which there was no longer any intention to carry out.  
(3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of this House.  
(4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. R. Forster.
Mr. Alexander,	

Noes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Ryan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Lee,	

11. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
12. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a document relative to the claim of the Auditors for auditing the Accounts of the Borough of Newcastle.  
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. **MR. PHELES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—**
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that nearly all the established crossing-places for stock on the great rivers of the interior have been stopped by floods for nearly four months?
  - (2.) That near these places is generally a high bank on one side, with a high bank on the opposite side, several miles distant, by having access to which stock can be crossed in any flood by steamers?
  - (3.) That at most of these places these important natural crossings, in extreme floods, have for the first time been made apparent this year, in consequence of the unusual and continued high floods?
  - (4.) That many of these places are not reserved, and the Crown tenants in occupation have prevented stock from crossing?
  - (5.) Does the Government intend to take a broad and immediate action, for the benefit of the country at large, before these places are monopolized by purchase, to prevent individuals stopping all traffic (and that on Crown Lands) and travelling of live stock, by issuing instructions to the several officers in these regions to immediately report on such places, with a view to the lands so situated being declared reserved as crossing-places for stock and merchandize in times of high floods, or otherwise?
  - (6.) In case Government consider it advisable to take such action, will it see fit to communicate with the Government of Victoria, urging corresponding action on their side of the Murray?
  - (7.) Is the Government aware that while the rivers are in high flood, which may only continue three or four months longer, is the only time when these places can be marked off with certainty?
  - (8.) Will the Government be prompt in seeing to these important matters?
2. **MR. BROOKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
  - (1.) Whether any and what site has been definitely selected upon which to erect the new Custom House at the Port of Newcastle?
  - (2.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable extension of the trade of the port to the west of the site of the new coal staiths now in course of erection, and of the projected coal dock in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Point, as well as of the one contiguous to Bullock Island, and of the construction of jetties along the frontage now in course of reclamation in the immediate vicinity of the said Island?
  - (3.) If so, whether the Government are prepared to consider the propriety and expediency of further inquiry into the prospective advantages likely to accrue to the shipping interest of the port by the erection of the new Custom House in the locality indicated, and in view of the inevitable extension of the trade and of the chief loading places being established in this direction?
3. **MR. LACKY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**
  - (1.) Is it true that a man named James Leard was convicted of horse-stealing at the Scone Sessions, in June, before Judge Simpson, and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment?
  - (2.) Is it the case that he has been released from gaol, on giving two sureties of £50 each for his good behaviour, after having served but three months of his sentence?
  - (3.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that within the last three years James Leard has been twice committed for cattle-stealing?
  - (4.) Are the Government aware that Leard's brother was liberated from gaol, a short time since, after having served something over two years, of a sentence of five years, for horse-stealing?

*OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—*

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.

*NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—*

1. **MR. BROOKES to move,** That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, respecting the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.
2. **MR. SUTHERLAND to move,** That the Petition presented by him on the 29th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
3. **MR. SPRING to move,** That the Petition presented by him on the 29th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Tambaroora, in the Wellington Electorate, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

*GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—*

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.

6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government come to any determination with reference to the Memorial, presented about three months ago by ninety Colonists, for the Incorporation of Wickham ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
2. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant ; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways to the charge of the Permanent Way and Works of the Great Southern and Western Railways ; together with copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes in reference to that officer's removal from such charge.
  - (2.) Copies of all subsequent Correspondence which may have passed between the Minister for Works and any Officer or Officers of the Government, in reference to the employment of the Chief Assistant Engineer in the public service, since he was relieved from attending to the duties connected with the Permanent Way and Works.
  - (3.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of Mr. Wakeford to perform the duties from which the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways has been relieved.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Amendment of the Land Law :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, " That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - " (1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861,' and the ' Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.'
  - " (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - " (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - " (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - " (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - " (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - " (7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose."

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER.

Question:—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The Receipts and Disbursements from the Tollgate at Mount Victoria during the months of August and September, showing the net proceeds therefrom?
  - (2.) The Receipts and Disbursements at the Nepean Bridge during the months of August and September, shewing the net takings in each case?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proposed Vote of Censure on the Government; resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Sir James Martin,—
  - “ (1.) That, by the various Acts, on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.
  - “ (2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th of August last, that such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services which there was no longer any intention to carry out.
  - “ (3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of this House.
  - “ (4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

Question:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
  - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
  - (2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.
  - (3.) That in all cases the officer, in whose department the work is to be executed, shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works, with an estimate of the probable cost of the work, for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the cost of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.
  - (4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.
  - (5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.
  - (6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Crossing-places for Stock:—Mr. Phelps asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that nearly all the established crossing-places for stock on the great rivers of the interior have been stopped by floods for nearly four months?

(2.) That near these places is generally a high bank on one side, with a high bank on the opposite side, several miles distant, by having access to which stock can be crossed in any flood by steamers?

(3.) That at most of these places these important natural crossings, in extreme floods, have for the first time been made apparent this year, in consequence of the unusual and continued high floods?

(4.) That many of these places are not reserved, and the Crown tenants in occupation have prevented stock from crossing?

(5.) Does the Government intend to take a broad and immediate action, for the benefit of the country at large, before these places are monopolized by purchase, to prevent individuals stopping all traffic (and that on Crown Lands) and travelling of live stock, by issuing instructions to the several officers in these regions to immediately report on such places, with a view to the lands so situated being declared reserved as crossing-places for stock and merchandize in times of high floods, or otherwise?

(6.) In case Government consider it advisable to take such action, will it see fit to communicate with the Government of Victoria, urging corresponding action on their side of the Murray?

(7.) Is the Government aware that while the rivers are in high flood, which may only continue three or four months longer, is the only time when these places can be marked off with certainty?

(8.) Will the Government be prompt in seeing to these important matters?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The matter generally has recently been brought under the notice of our Department, and steps are being taken to procure the fullest information upon the various points referred to.

- (2.) Custom House, Newcastle:—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether any and what site has been definitely selected upon which to erect the new Custom House at the Port of Newcastle?

(2.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable extension of the trade of the port to the west of the site of the new coal staiths now in course of erection, and of the projected coal dock in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Point, as well as of the one contiguous to Bullock Island, and of the construction of jetties along the frontage now in course of reclamation in the immediate vicinity of the said Island?

(3.) If so, whether the Government are prepared to consider the propriety and expediency of further inquiry into the prospective advantages likely to accrue to the shipping interest of the port by the erection of the new Custom House in the locality indicated, and in view of the inevitable extension of the trade and of the chief loading places being established in this direction?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Yes. The site selected faces the Wharf at the corner of Watt-street.

(2.) The attention of the Government has not been directed to the matter in the way indicated by the Honorable Member's question.

(3.) Any site more distant from the entrance of the Harbour would be unsuitable for the Harbour Master's office.

(3.)

- (3.) James Leard:—Mr. Lackey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Is it true that a man named James Leard was convicted of horse-stealing at the Scone Sessions, in June, before Judge Simpson, and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment?
  - (2.) Is it the case that he has been released from gaol, on giving two sureties of £50 each for his good behaviour, after having served but three months of his sentence?
  - (3.) Is it within the knowledge of the Government that within the last three years James Leard has been twice committed for cattle-stealing?
  - (4.) Are the Government aware that Leard's brother was liberated from gaol, a short time since, after having served something over two years, of a sentence of five years, for horse-stealing?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Some of this information has been given in answer to questions by an Honorable Member on a former occasion, but I will answer again.
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes; on the recommendation of their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court.
  - (3.) No.
  - (4.) Yes, after having served two years and nine months of a commuted sentence of three years. The original sentence was five years.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales. By Mr. Wilson.
  - (2.) From certain Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Braidwood. By Mr. Wilson.
  - (3.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of West Sydney. By Mr. Robertson.
  - (4.) From certain Mothers and Daughters residing in West Sydney. By Mr. Windoyer.
  - (5.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Penrith. By Mr. Ryan.
  - (6.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of East Sydney. By Mr. Buchanan.
  - (7.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Richmond. By Mr. Dight.
  - (8.) From certain Inhabitants of Windsor. By Mr. Dight.
  - (9.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Newtown and vicinity. By Mr. S. Brown.
  - (10.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of Newtown. By Mr. S. Brown.
  - (11.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of the Town of Morpeth. By Mr. Campbell.
  - (12.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Canterbury. By Mr. M. C. Stephen.
  - (13.) From certain Mothers and Daughters, mostly dwelling in the Electoral District of Canterbury. By Mr. M. C. Stephen.
  - (14.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the District of Murrurundi. By Mr. Bell.
  - (15.) From certain Inhabitants of New South Wales. By Mr. Watson.
  - (16.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Tumut. By Mr. E. Brown.
  - (17.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales. By Mr. Weaver.
  - (18.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of New England. By Mr. Weaver.
  - (19.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Northumberland. By Mr. Brookes.
  - (20.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Bathurst and West Macquarie. By Mr. Webb.
  - (21.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of Lucknow. By Mr. Webb.
  - (22.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Camden. By Commander Onslow.
  - (23.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Picton. By Commander Onslow.
  - (24.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Goulburn. By Mr. Lord.
  - (25.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Illawarra. By Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Osborne.
  - (26.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of West Maitland. By Mr. Lee.
  - (27.) From certain Inhabitants of New South Wales. By Mr. Lee, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom.
  - (28.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Orange. By Mr. Samuel.
  - (29.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of Woollahra, in the Electorate of Paddington. By Mr. Sutherland.
  - (30.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Paddington. By Mr. Sutherland.
  - (31.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Mudgee. By Mr. M. H. Stephen.
  - (32.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of The Glebe. By Mr. Allen.
  - (33.) From certain Mothers and Daughters in the Electoral District of The Glebe. By Mr. Allen.
  - (34.) From W. A. Huntley, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Inverell. By Mr. Fraser.
  - (35.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Newcastle. By Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
  - (36.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (37.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (38.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of East Sydney. By Sir James Martin.
  - (39.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the District of Nundle. By Sir James Martin.

- (40.) From certain Sons of Temperance, of the "Emblem of Peace" Division No. 80, and other Inhabitants of the District of Tuena. (Praying that the Petitions presented to the House in favour of the Bill may be favourably received.) By Sir James Martin.
- (41.) From certain Mothers and Daughters residing at Parramatta. By Mr. Farnell.
- (42.) From certain Inhabitants of Lismore and its vicinity. By Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Bawden.
- (43.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Shoalhaven. By Mr. Garrett.
- (44.) From certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven. By Mr. Garrett.
- (45.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Kiama. By Mr. Parkes.
- (46.) From certain Inhabitants of Ballina. By Mr. Smith.
- (47.) From Clergymen of various Religious Denominations resident in Sydney and its Suburbs. By Mr. Wearne.
- Petitions received.
3. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Borough of West Maitland, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.  
Petition received.
4. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Revised Rules for the general management and discipline of the members of the Police Force of the Colony.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Tambaroora, in the Wellington Electorate, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Wearne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, adjourned until Friday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER.

### Questions:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government come to any determination with reference to the Memorial, presented about three months ago by ninety Colonists, for the Incorporation of Wickham?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Mr. District Court Judge Simpson refused to try a case at Newcastle, namely, "Patrick and another v. the Waratah Coal Company," on the ground that he was a shareholder in the said Company?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary take steps to prevent any Judge of the land placing himself in a position which so materially interferes with the due and proper performance of his duties, and which results, as in the present case, in a total denial of justice?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the numerous and dangerous accidents occurring in Sydney from the fall of portions of the ceilings in dwelling-houses?
  - (2.) Will the Government introduce at once some measure by which Landlords may be compelled to look to this, by subjecting them to some severe punishment if they let dwelling-houses in a state dangerous to the lives and limbs of the people who inhabit them?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The amount of the Contract for the erection of the iron superstructure of the Yass Bridge?
  - (2.) The amount paid to the Contractor previous to the iron superstructure being swept away from the top of the piers into the bottom of the river?
  - (3.) The amount paid to the Contractor since such occurrence?
  - (4.) Had the Contractor put in the cross girders, and otherwise secured his work?
5. MR. CAMPBELL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the practice of the Government, on the issue of Debentures, to have them at once placed on the Register of the London Stock Exchange?
  - (2.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that serious inconvenience and loss have been sustained by purchasers of Government Debentures on account of this matter not having been punctually attended to?
  - (3.) Whether the Colonial Treasurer can inform him whether Debentures sold in July, 1869, Series F 3, have yet been so placed?
  - (4.) Provided nothing has yet been done, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
2. MR. WARSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 27th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1870 the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, by offering rewards for the discovery of new gold-fields, or in such other manner as may seem most advisable.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways to the charge of the Permanent Way and Works of the Great Southern and Western Railways; together with copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes in reference to that officer's removal from such charge.  
 (2.) Copies of all subsequent Correspondence which may have passed between the Minister for Works and any Officer or Officers of the Government, in reference to the employment of the Chief Assistant Engineer in the public service, since he was relieved from attending to the duties connected with the Permanent Way and Works.  
 (3.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of Mr. Wakeford to perform the duties from which the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways has been relieved.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Contractor for the Yass Bridge, which has taken place before and after the superstructure was swept away from the top of the piers into the river.
6. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales residing in East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Braidwood, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
8. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents in West Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
9. MR. WINDYER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of West Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
10. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from the Electors and Inhabitants of Newtown, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
11. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Newtown, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
12. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of Morpeth, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
13. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Canterbury, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
14. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales dwelling in the Electoral District of Canterbury, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
15. MR. BELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the District of Murrurundi, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
16. MR. WATSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents of Young and Grenfell, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
17. MR. E. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of the Electoral District of The Tumut, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
18. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
19. MR. WEAVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales, residing in Armidale, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
20. MR. WEAVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of the Electorate of New England, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

21. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Northumberland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
22. MR. WEBB to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Bathurst and West Macquarie, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
23. MR. WEBB to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Lucknow, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
24. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Goulburn, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
25. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Orange, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
26. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Sir Alfred Stephen and other electors of Paddington and Woollahra, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
27. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents of Redfern, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
28. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Mudgee, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
29. MR. ALLEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters in the Electoral District of The Glebe, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
30. MR. ALLEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of The Glebe, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
31. MR. DIGHT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Richmond, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
32. MR. DIGHT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Windsor, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
33. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Newcastle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
34. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Liverpool Plains, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
35. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Liverpool Plains, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
36. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and other Inhabitants of East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
37. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain persons at Nundle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
38. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain persons at Tuena—praying that the Petitions presented to the House in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill may be favourably received—be printed.
39. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Lismore, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
40. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
41. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
42. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of any Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. Brookes, as the Mayor of Newcastle, and the Colonial Secretary, in the year 1867, having reference to the management of Municipal affairs in that Borough.
  - (2.) A copy of any memorial that may have been presented to the Colonial Secretary from certain burgesses of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for an inquiry by special auditors into the municipal accounts of the said Borough, under the provisions of the 184th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867.
  - (3.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Colonial Secretary and the special auditors relative to their appointment, and during the progress of the inquiry; together with any report furnished by the said special auditors to the Colonial Secretary having reference thereto.
43. MR. FRASER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Inverell, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
44. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Kiama, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

45. Mr. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Ballina, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
46. Mr. WEARNE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Clergymen of various Religious Denominations, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
47. Mr. LEE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Eight-hour system of Labour, be printed.
48. Mr. LEE to move, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
49. Mr. LEE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
50. Mr. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Parramatta, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
51. Mr. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. Osborne, on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Illawarra, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
52. Mr. BROOKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, respecting the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.
53. Mr. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Amendment of the Land Law :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
  - "(1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861,' and the 'Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.'
  - "(2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.
  - "(3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.
  - "(4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.
  - "(5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.
  - "(6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.
  - "(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose."
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER.

Question :—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The Receipts and Disbursements from the Tollgate at Mount Victoria during the months of August and September, shewing the net proceeds therefrom?
  - (2.) The Receipts and Disbursements at the Nepean Bridge during the months of August and September, shewing the net takings in each case?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain residents in Picton and its vicinity, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents in Camden and its vicinity, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
3. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Mr. C. B. Dobbin from the office of Landing-waiter at the Port of Grafton.
4. MR. RYAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Penrith and Nepean, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
5. MR. MOSES to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Richmond Hill or Ham Common.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Proposed Vote of Censure on the Government; resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Sir James Martin,—
 

“ (1.) That, by the various Acts on the authority of which the Government issued in June last “ Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were “ necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there “ mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, “ or for any purposes other than the works so specified.

“ (2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th of August last, that “ such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid “ for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge “ upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services “ which there was no longer any intention to carry out.

“ (3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of “ this House.

“ (4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the “ Governor.”

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
  - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wearne, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.

(2.)

(2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.

(3.) That in all cases the officer, in whose department the work is to be executed, shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works, with an estimate of the probable cost of the work, for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the cost of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.

(4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.

(5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.

(6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Incorporation of Wickham:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government come to any determination with reference to the Memorial, presented about three months ago by ninety Colonists, for the Incorporation of Wickham?

Mr. Cowper answered,—It seems that Mr. Farnell, the Honorable Member for Parramatta, on the 29th ultimo put a question to me on this subject. Since that time no further communication has been received from Mr. Hannell. The Government, therefore, will not wait any longer, but will proceed at once to the incorporation.

- (2.) Mr. District Court Judge Simpson:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. District Court Judge Simpson refused to try a case at Newcastle, namely, "Patrick and another v. the Waratah Coal Company," on the ground that he was a shareholder in the said Company?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary take steps to prevent any Judge of the land placing himself in a position which so materially interferes with the due and proper performance of his duties, and which results, as in the present case, in a total denial of justice?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have received a communication from Mr. District Court Judge Simpson on this subject, and he states he did refuse to try the case of "Patrick v. the Waratah Company," on the ground that as a shareholder in the said company he had no jurisdiction in the matter. He says, "The case of 'Commercial Bank v. Balgarine and others,' in 3 Supreme Court Reports, page 29, is decisive upon the point. There Sir Alfred Stephen says, 'It is impossible to allow any case—under any circumstances—to be tried by a Judge who is interested in the matter. I do not put the case on the ground of any supposed bias, but on the ground that such a proceeding is contrary to just principles.'" Judge Simpson goes on to state, "My ruling did not amount to a total denial of justice. By consent of both sides it was arranged that the case should be tried by Judge Dowling in December next. The amount sued for was very small—10s. I think—and the Petty Debts Court could have disposed of the matter."

- (3.) Insecurity of Ceilings in Dwelling-houses:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the numerous and dangerous accidents occurring in Sydney from the fall of portions of the ceilings in dwelling-houses?

(2.) Will the Government introduce at once some measure by which Landlords may be compelled to look to this, by subjecting them to some severe punishment if they let dwelling-houses in a state dangerous to the lives and limbs of the people who inhabit them?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Government is not aware of any accidents having arisen from the falling of plaster ceilings; and I do not think the Government should interfere in matters which are properly municipal. No doubt the Common Law provides a remedy against persons letting houses that are dangerous to their inhabitants, or to the public. No necessity has been shewn for special legislation in this matter.

- (4.) Yass Bridge:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) The amount of the Contract for the erection of the iron superstructure of the Yass Bridge?

(2.) The amount paid to the Contractor previous to the iron superstructure being swept away from the top of the piers into the bottom of the river?

(3.) The amount paid to the Contractor since such occurrence?

(4.)

- (4.) Had the Contractor put in the cross girders, and otherwise secured his work?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) £1,980.
  - (2.) £500.
  - (3.) £999 19s.
  - (4.) The Contractor could not have put in the cross girders, as the arches of the old bridge prevented their insertion.
- (5.) Government Debentures:—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is it the practice of the Government, on the issue of Debentures, to have them at once placed on the Register of the London Stock Exchange?
  - (2.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that serious inconvenience and loss have been sustained by purchasers of Government Debentures on account of this matter not having been punctually attended to?
  - (3.) Whether the Colonial Treasurer can inform him whether Debentures sold in July, 1869, Series F 3, have yet been so placed?
  - (4.) Provided nothing has yet been done, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—
- (1.) I believe it is the practice of the Government Financial Agents to do so when a complete issue of Debentures is sent home for negotiation.
  - (2.) I am not aware of any serious loss having been sustained, although it has been represented to me that inconvenience has been experienced by the holders of Debentures purchased in the Colony, in consequence of a rule of the London Stock Exchange that Debentures negotiated here are not permitted to be quoted in the official list of that institution. I have applied to have this rule relaxed, but as yet without success. A correspondence upon the subject is still going on.
  - (3.) Not yet sold, according to last advices, pending decision by the Committee of the Stock Exchange.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) From certain Inhabitants of New South Wales, resident on the Manning River. By Mr. Smith.
  - (2.) From certain Mothers and Daughters of the Manning River. By Mr. Smith.
  - (3.) From certain Inhabitants of Forbes. By Mr. Lord.
  - (4.) From certain Inhabitants of Major's Creek, in the County of St. Vincent. By Mr. Brookes, on behalf of Mr. Baker.
- Petitions received.
3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—
- (1.) The Speaker informed the House that he had this day received a letter from Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, the Honorable Member for The Murray, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—which letter he read to the House, as follows:—
- “ Warbreccan, Deniliquin,  
“ 27 September, 1870.
- “ Sir,  
“ I have the honor to request that you will permit me to resign as a Member of the  
“ Elections and Qualifications Committee.  
“ My temporary absence from Parliamentary duties has been unavoidably prolonged in a  
“ manner and by a cause unforeseen by me.
- “ I am,  
“ Your obedient servant,  
“ P. A. JENNINGS.
- “ The Hon. The Speaker Legislative Assembly.”
- (2.) The Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing James Henry Neale, Esquire, to be a Member of 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 1858, I do hereby appoint  
“ James Henry Neale, Esquire,  
“ being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Quali-  
“ cations in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the  
“ room of Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, resigned.  
“ Given under my Hand at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,  
“ Sydney, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
“ eight hundred and seventy.
- “ W. M. ARNOLD,  
“ *Speaker.*”
4. Papers:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return to an Address, in reference to “ Goods imported by Mr. Dibbs in the ‘ Clara Hargraves,’ ” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Watson, on 13th September, 1870.
  - (2.) Return to an Address, in reference to “ Seizure of a Boat landed from the ‘ Clara Hargraves,’ ” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Watson, on 13th September, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. The Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways (“ *Formal* ” *Motion*):—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Letters, Memoranda, and Reports, forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways by the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways, upon the defective and inferior quality of the Rails laid down on the Permanent Way of the Great Southern and Western Railway.
- (2.)

- (2.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways to the charge of the Permanent Way and Works of the Great Southern and Western Railways; together with copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes in reference to that officer's removal from such charge.
- (3.) Copies of all subsequent Correspondence which may have passed between the Minister for Works and any Officer or Officers of the Government, in reference to the employment of the Chief Assistant Engineer in the public service, since he was relieved from attending to the duties connected with the Permanent Way and Works.
- (4.) Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Minutes connected with the appointment of Mr. Wakeford to perform the duties from which the Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways has been relieved.
- Question put and passed.
6. Yass Bridge ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Contractor for the Yass Bridge, which has taken place before and after the superstructure was swept away from the top of the piers into the river.
- Question put and passed.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales residing in East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Braidwood, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents in West Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) *Mr. M. C. Stephen*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by Mr. S. Brown on the 30th September, from the Electors and Inhabitants of Newtown, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) *Mr. M. C. Stephen*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by Mr. S. Brown on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Newtown, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of Morpeth, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Canterbury, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales dwelling in the Electoral District of Canterbury, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Mr. Bell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the District of Murrurundi, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents of Young and Grenfell, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. E. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 17, That the Petition presented by Mr. E. Brown on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of the Electoral District of The Tumut, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 18, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.

- (13.) Mr. Weaver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 19, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales, residing in Armidale, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) Mr. Weaver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 20, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of the Electorate of New England, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 21, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Northumberland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (16.) Mr. Webb moved, pursuant to Notice No. 22, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Bathurst and West Macquarie, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (17.) Mr. Webb moved, pursuant to Notice No. 23, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of Lucknow, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (18.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 24, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Goulburn, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (19.) Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 25, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Orange, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (20.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice No. 26, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Sir Alfred Stephen and other electors of Paddington and Woollahra, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (21.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice No. 27, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents of Redfern, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (22.) *Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. M. H. Stephen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 28, That the Petition presented by Mr. M. H. Stephen on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Mudgee, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (23.) Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 29, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters in the Electoral District of The Glebe, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (24.) Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 30, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of The Glebe, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (25.) *Mr. Hill*, on behalf of Mr. Dight, moved, pursuant to No. 31, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dight on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Richmond, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (26.) *Mr. Hill*, on behalf of Mr. Dight, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 32, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dight on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Windsor, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (27.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 33, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Newcastle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

- (28.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 34, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Liverpool Plains, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (29.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 35, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Liverpool Plains, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (30.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 36, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and other Inhabitants of East Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (31.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 37, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain persons at Nundle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (32.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 38, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain persons at Tuena—praying that the Petitions presented to the House in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill may be favourably received—be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (33.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 39, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, on the 30th September, from Inhabitants of Lismore, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (34.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 40, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (35.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 41, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (36.) *Mr. W. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Fraser, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 43, That the Petition presented by Mr. Fraser on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Inverell, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (37.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 44, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Kiama, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (38.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 45, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Ballina, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (39.) Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 46, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Clergymen of various Religious Denominations, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. The Eight-hour System of Labour (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 47, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lee on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Eight-hour system of Labour, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 48, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lee on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 49, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lee on the 30th September, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of West Maitland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 50, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from Mothers and Daughters of Parramatta, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 51, That the Petition presented by Mr. Byrnes, on behalf of Mr. Osborne, on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Illawarra, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. The Eight-hour System of Labour (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 52, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th September, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, respecting the Eight-hour System of Labour, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice No. 53, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of New South Wales, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Paper:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Furniture for the Commodore's Residence," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Brookes, on 29th September, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Return shewing the total amount of Arrears of Interest due on Conditional Purchases to the 13th September, 1870, inclusive.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by Mr. Windeyer on the 30th September, from certain Mothers and Daughters of West Sydney, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
17. Borough of Newcastle:—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 42, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A copy of any Correspondence that may have passed between Mr. Brookes, as the Mayor of Newcastle, and the Colonial Secretary, in the year 1867, having reference to the management of Municipal affairs in that Borough.  
(2.) A copy of any memorial that may have been presented to the Colonial Secretary from certain burgesses of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for an inquiry by special auditors into the municipal accounts of the said Borough, under the provisions of the 184th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867.  
(3.) A copy of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Colonial Secretary and the special auditors relative to their appointment, and during the progress of the inquiry; together with any report furnished by the said special auditors to the Colonial Secretary having reference thereto.  
Question put and passed.
18. Amendment of the Land Law:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—  
" (1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861,' and the 'Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861.'  
" (2.) That, with a view to the alienation of Crown Lands which are, or may be, unsaleable at the present minimum price, and of inferior Crown Lands generally, the minimum price of such lands when sold, or intended for sale by auction, should be reduced.  
" (3.) That every applicant for the purchase of Crown Lands by auction should, in future, be required before such lands are put up to auction, to pay thereon a deposit proportionate to, and computed upon, the value of such lands, at the upset price, upon the condition that such deposit be returned, or included in the upset price in the event of the land being sold.  
" (4.) That the settlement, alienation, and improvement of Crown Lands, should be further encouraged by extension of the area at present open to selection without competition by any single purchaser, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence upon lands conditionally purchased, or open to conditional purchase.  
" (5.) That in consideration of the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands sold, or intended for sale by auction, existing conditional purchasers who are not in arrears, or who have fulfilled all legal obligations, should be offered facilities for converting their tenures into absolute freeholds by cash payments in commutation of all amounts payable by such conditional purchasers upon their holdings, and by relaxation or modification of the condition of residence thereon.  
" (6.) That inducements should be held out to occupants of Crown Lands for the expenditure of capital thereon, by securing to such occupants from or at the cost of incoming purchasers of such lands, the value of all useful or necessary improvements erected thereon by such occupants.  
" (7.)

"(7.) That the present system of periodical pastoral leases should be converted into a system of tenures from year to year, renewable in favour of the holders thereof, in the event of the land not being required for any public purpose or for purposes of sale by auction, or conditional, or otherwise, " but subject to resumption by the Government upon due notice, for any such purpose,"—resumed and continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Flood, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Spring, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes before Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER.

### Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) The Receipts and Disbursements from the Tollgate at Mount Victoria during the months of August and September, shewing the net proceeds therefrom?  
(2.) The Receipts and Disbursements at the Nepean Bridge during the months of August and September, shewing the net takings in each case?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Statement of Public Debts sent to England, certified to by the Auditor General, by the Treasurer, and other Officers, and verified by His Excellency the Governor, referred to in the Treasurer's Speech of 29th September last; also copies of any Correspondence connected therewith?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Under what arrangement, and with whom made, was Mr. Pennington paid only half salary for performing the duties of Examiner of Titles after Mr. Dick's death was known to the Government?  
(2.) If such an arrangement existed, was it not made on the understanding that the appointment was to be conferred on Mr. Pennington permanently?  
(3.) Does the Government intend to pay Mr. Pennington the balance of salary appertaining to the above office, for the period which elapsed from the time of Mr. Dick's death till Mr. Pennington ceased to perform the duties?
4. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government come to any, and if so, what decision, on the Petition presented to the Colonial Secretary in April last, praying for a remission of the sentence passed on one James Beales at the Quarter Sessions held in Yass in January last?
5. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the present year towards erecting Post and Telegraph Office at Burrowa?

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

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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“ (1.) That, by the various Acts on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.

“ (2.) That it appears by a Return laid on the Table of this House on the 18th of August last, that such issue of Debentures included Debentures for works which by law were required to be paid for out of sums received for the sale of Crown Lands—for works which were no longer a charge upon the public funds—for works which had been long since completed and paid for, and for services which there was no longer any intention to carry out.

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THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER.

Question:—

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  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
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FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

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  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
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1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
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  - (6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.
2. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.



New South Wales.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Toll-gates at Mount Victoria and Nepean Bridge:—Mr. Ryan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The Receipts and Disbursements from the Tollgate at Mount Victoria during the months of August and September, shewing the net proceeds therefrom?

(2.) The Receipts and Disbursements at the Nepean Bridge during the months of August and September, shewing the net takings in each case?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will give an answer to the Honorable Member's question including a period dating further back than he has asked for. He has asked for a return of the receipts and disbursements for the last two months; but I do not think it would be fair to the public, who will be called upon to tender for these toll-gates in a few weeks, to confine myself to the months mentioned:—

## MOUNT VICTORIA, 1870.

Month.	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Net proceeds.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March .....	54 0 1	9 6 0	44 14 1
April .....	35 13 2	9 0 0	26 13 2
May .....	36 8 8	9 6 0	27 2 8
June .....	18 7 8	9 0 0	9 7 8
July .....	18 9 2	9 6 0	9 3 2
August .....	14 6 5	9 6 0	5 0 5
September .....	12 17 8	9 0 0	3 17 8

This toll-bar was in the hands of a lessee for the months of January and February.

Total net proceeds.....£125 18 10

## PENRITH BRIDGE, 1870.

Month.	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Net proceeds.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January .....	33 11 8	10 17 0	22 14 8
February .....	32 2 4	9 16 0	22 6 4
March .....	86 17 6	10 17 0	76 0 6
April .....	56 9 0	10 10 0	45 19 0
May .....	81 17 10	10 17 0	71 0 10
June .....	42 8 9	10 10 0	31 18 9
July .....	45 19 11	10 17 0	35 2 11
August .....	50 17 7	10 17 0	40 0 7
September .....	29 13 5	10 10 0	19 3 5

Total net proceeds.....£364 7 0

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*Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Question No. 2.*

(2.) Examiner of Titles:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Under what arrangement, and with whom made, was Mr. Pennington paid only half salary for performing the duties of Examiner of Titles after Mr. Dick's death was known to the Government?

(2.) If such an arrangement existed, was it not made on the understanding that the appointment was to be conferred on Mr. Pennington permanently?

(3.) Does the Government intend to pay Mr. Pennington the balance of salary appertaining to the above office, for the period which elapsed from the time of Mr. Dick's death till Mr. Pennington ceased to perform the duties?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Pennington was appointed *locum tenens* of Mr. Dick during his leave of absence for twelve months on half salary. Mr. Dick died in three months, but Mr. Pennington was permitted to remain in office for the remainder of the term. For the thirteen months during which Mr. Pennington was acting, he was paid half salary. No record appears of a promise that he should be permanently appointed, or paid more than half salary.

(3.) James Beales:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Has the Government come to any, and if so, what decision, on the Petition presented to the Colonial Secretary in April last, praying for a remission of the sentence passed on one James Beales at the Quarter Sessions held in Yass in January last?

Mr. Cowper answered,—No Petition appears to have been presented in April, nor at any time, respecting James Beales; but one was received from James Beales, in favour of his brother George Beales, at the end of May, 1870. Three Magistrates also signed the Petition, expressing their assurance that the conviction was wrong. After receiving the report of His Honor Sir Alfred Stephen, and on the advice of the Attorney General, His Excellency ordered the discharge of Beales, there being strong grounds for believing him to be innocent. George Beales was tried by Sir Alfred Stephen at the Goulburn Circuit Court, in October, last year. Of the decision Mr. James Beales was informed.

(4.) Post and Telegraph Office at Burrowa:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the present year towards erecting Post and Telegraph Office at Burrowa?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No.

2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Despatch notifying that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise Her power of disallowance with respect to the Promissory Oaths Act of 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Public Vehicles:—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Newtown, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.

4. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition, signed by Stephen Brown, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Operative Stonemasons of the City of Sydney and Suburbs,—in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.  
Petition received.

5. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain residents in Picton and its vicinity, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Residents in Camden and its vicinity, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

6. Mr. C. B. Dobbin, late Landing-waiter at Grafton ("Formal" Motion):—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Mr. C. B. Dobbin from the office of Landing-waiter at the Port of Grafton.  
Question put and passed.

7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Inhabitants of Penrith and Nepean, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

8. Member Sworn:—Joseph Eckford, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Wollombi.

9. Ham Common Resumption Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Moses moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Richmond Hill or Ham Common.  
Question put and passed.

10. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motions*) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Lord*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Lord* on the 4th October, from Inhabitants of Forbes, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) *Mr. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from certain Inhabitants of the Manning River, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) *Mr. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from certain Mothers and Daughters of the Manning River, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) *Mr. Brookes* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of *Mr. Baker* on the 4th October, from certain Inhabitants of Major's Creek, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive, postponed, on motion of *Mr. Cowper* until to-morrow.
12. Proposed Vote of Censure on the Government :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Sir James Martin*,—
- "(1.) That, by the various Acts on the authority of which the Government issued in June last Debentures for £450,000, the power to make such issues was limited to such amounts as were necessary for the various works specified in such Acts respectively not exceeding the sums there mentioned, and could not properly be used to any greater extent than such necessity demanded, or for any purposes other than the works so specified.
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- "(3.) That the conduct of the Government in issuing such Debentures calls for the disapproval of this House.
- "(4.) That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—resumed and continued.
- Mr. Parkes* moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1870, A.M.,—

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. E. Brown,	Commander Onslow,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Windcyer,	Mr. Flood,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. King,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Church.

Debate on Original Question continued.

*Mr. Piddington* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Original Question stated.

*Mr. Tunks* moved, That the debate on this Question be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Original

Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. King,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lee,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
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Mr. Morrice,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at ten minutes before Three o'clock P.M., until Three o'clock P.M. this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER.

*Questions:—*

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(1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?  
(2.) Has any Tender been accepted?  
(3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
- MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Statement of Public Debts sent to England, certified to by the Auditor General, by the Treasurer, and other Officers, and verified by His Excellency the Governor, referred to in the Treasurer's Speech of 29th September last; also copies of any Correspondence connected therewith?
- MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Were any seizures made by any other Officers of the Customs than Landing-waiters from the 1st of January, 1867, to 25th March, 1870?  
(2.) If so, why do they not appear in the Return laid on the Table of the House on 12th August?
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(1.) Are any Trial or other Surveys being performed for the Extension of Railways from the points already authorized; if so, where?  
(2.) If Surveys are being performed, how many Civil Engineers are engaged thereon; what are their names; and under whose direction in the field are they?
- MR. E. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he can state when the claim of James Harris, for goods supplied to the Intestate Estate of Andrew Demery, as stated in certain letters to D. B. Hutchinson, Esq., will be paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
- Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
- Supply; resumption of the Committee.
- Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
- Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
- Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
- The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
- Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
- Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

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- MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from the Municipal Council of Newtown, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.
- MR. WILSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from Mr. Stephen Brown, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Operative Stonemasons, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.

3. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

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  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?
2. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary sought for any further explanation, or received any further communication, from His Honor Mr. Judge Simpson, with reference to the charge brought against him by the honorable and learned Member for West Sydney, Mr. Windeyer, on the 20th of September last; if so, will he furnish the information to the House?

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(4.)

(4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.

(5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.

(6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.

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New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1870.

Mr. Lackey being the only Member present, the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
  - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
  - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?
2. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary sought for any further explanation, or received any further communication, from His Honor Mr. Judge Simpson, with reference to the charge brought against him by the honorable and learned Member for West Sydney, Mr. Windeyer, on the 20th of September last; if so, will he furnish the information to the House?
3. MR. ALLEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Statement of Public Debt sent to England, certified to by the Auditor General, by the Treasurer, and other Officers, and verified by His Excellency the Governor, referred to in the Treasurer's Speech of 29th September last; also copies of any Correspondence connected therewith?

5. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Were any seizures made by any other Officers of the Customs than Landing-waiters from the 1st of January, 1867, to 25th March, 1870?
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  - (2.) If Surveys are being performed, how many Civil Engineers are engaged thereon; what are their names; and under whose direction in the field are they?
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## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
6. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from the Municipal Council of Newtown, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from Mr. Stephen Brown, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Operative Stonemasons, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
  - (2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.

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(3.) That in all cases the officer in whose department the work is to be executed shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works with an estimate of the probable cost of the work for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the costs of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.

(4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.

(5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.

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New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Ham Common Resumption Bill:—Mr. Moses having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Richmond Hill or Ham Common,*"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
2. Questions on Notice paper for to-day:—
  - (1.) Well-sinking on Road between Booligal and Wilcannia:—Mr. Phelps asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) What progress is being made in the sinking of wells, and the finding of fresh water, on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia?
    - (2.) Is the Government aware that that region of New South Wales is now, and has been for months, a vast plain, covered generally with rain-water?
    - (3.) Has the Government given to the officers in charge of these well-sinkings instructions to map and report on such places as collect most readily the largest quantities of rain-water, with a view to making such places reserves for sinking tanks for storage of water when it happens that these regions get rains, to enable stock to travel?
    - (4.) If not, does the Government intend to give such instructions this season,—it being so very exceptionally fortuitous for these most important objects, which have been so long neglected?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—

    - (1.) All the wells and one tank are in progress. The only work required, not yet in hand, is the tank between Mount Munaro and Teryaweynga Lake, which cannot be proceeded with at present.
    - (2.) Yes.
    - (3.) Yes, in the vicinity in which they are employed. The officers of the Harbours and Rivers Department have also been making inquiries.
    - (4.) The Crown Lands Commissioner and Surveyors have been so instructed.
  - (2.) Mr. District Court Judge Simpson:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary sought for any further explanation, or received any further communication, from His Honor Mr. Judge Simpson, with reference to the charge brought against him by the honorable and learned Member for West Sydney, Mr. Windeyer, on the 20th of September last; if so, will he furnish the information to the House?  
*Mr. Cowper* answered,—I apprehend the letter to which the Honorable Member alludes is one signed by Judge Simpson, and dated 27th ultimo, which I will read to the House:—"I notice that Mr. Windeyer asserted in the Assembly, on Tuesday last, that my conduct in the case of *Regina v. Harris* was 'the talk of the place,' and that the common theme of observation was that the Judge must have known the woman Jones. I can only give you my assurance that this is utterly untrue. The gentlemen who signed the letter, addressed to you and the Attorney General, were all in Maitland and about the Court for fully a week after the trial, and they all deny the existence of any scandal as that suggested. Fortunately for me, nearly all the Hunter Members were in and about Maitland during the week, and they will, I am sure, be glad to state to you whether they ever heard any remarks at all made. I feel that I have been most grossly treated by Mr. Windeyer, and that an aspersion has been cast

cast upon me altogether unwarranted. If the common talk of the place was as stated by Mr. Windeyer, it is most likely that some of the Members would have heard it. Mr. Dodds, Mr. Lee, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Dillon, and Mr. Nowlan, would be able to tell you whether they ever heard anything, and if you ascertain from them the real state of the matter, I trust I am not going too far in asking you to state, in a public manner, what you have been able to learn. If any remarks were made at all, they were caused by Mr. Windeyer himself, who, I am informed, went about asserting that some time or other I had known the woman 'Jones,' and that in a private conversation I had told him so. I assert, upon my honor, that no such conversation ever did take place; that I never did tell Mr. Windeyer anything of the kind; and I assert also, on my honor, as a fact, that I never did know the woman; that I never spoke to her in my life, and that I never heard her voice before I heard it in the East Maitland Court-house, on Monday, the 12th instant, during the trial of Harris Jacobs. I beg that you will do me the justice of making this denial known in as public a manner as the suggestion was made. I am induced to bring this matter under your notice, not from any personal feeling, (though I would be quite justified, as one holding a judicial office, in soliciting your protection of my character against false charges made in Parliament,) but solely for the purpose of upholding the dignity of my office, and protecting the administration of justice."

I have not had this letter in my possession long enough to enable me to give it due consideration, but I have abstained from laying it upon the Table, because I am unwilling to obtrude personal matters upon the House. As, however, an Honorable Member asks for the information, I have felt it to be my duty not to withhold it.

*Mr. Allen withdrew the Question No. 3.*

- (3.) The Public Debt:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the Statement of Public Debts sent to England, certified to by the Auditor General, by the Treasurer, and other Officers, and verified by His Excellency the Governor, referred to in the Treasurer's Speech of 29th September last; also copies of any Correspondence connected therewith?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—The papers to which the Honorable Member refers shall be laid upon the Table on Tuesday. I may say that I never used the word "public debts," but I referred to the public debt of the Colony.
- (4.) Seizures made by Customs Officers:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Were any seizures made by any other Officers of the Customs than Landing-waiters from the 1st of January, 1867, to 25th March, 1870?
- (2.) If so, why do they not appear in the Return laid on the Table of the House on 12th August?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—Yes; it appears that the Honorable Member gave two notices. In the first notice he did not include the words "other officers;" in the second this omission was supplied. By mistake the first notice was cut out of the paper, and sent to the Custom-house, and I did not notice it at the time. The amended return shall be given immediately.
- (5.) Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Are any Trial or other Surveys being performed for the Extension of Railways from the points already authorized; if so, where?
- (2.) If Surveys are being performed, how many Civil Engineers are engaged thereon; what are their names; and under whose direction in the field are they?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—
- (1.) Yes; from Goulburn to Yass, and from Bathurst to Orange.
- (2.) Six surveyors are employed, viz., Messrs. Jamieson, Kennedy, Mann, Melrose, Palmer, and Francis. They are under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief.
- (6.) Claim of James Harris against the Estate of Andrew Demery:—Mr. E. Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Whether he can state when the claim of James Harris, for goods supplied to the Intestate Estate of Andrew Demery, as stated in certain letters to D. B. Hutchinson, Esq., will be paid?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—There are no funds available for any such purpose.
3. Public Vehicles:—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Redfern, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.
- Petition received.
4. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Camperdown.
- (2.) By-laws of the Council of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. Public Vehicles:—Mr. Hill presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Randwick, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.
- Petition received.
6. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) From certain Inhabitants of New South Wales, residing at Araluen. By Mr. Wilson.
- (2.) From certain Inhabitants of New South Wales, residing at Balmain. By Mr. Allen.
- (3.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of East Maitland. By Mr. Dodds.
- (4.) From Mothers and Daughters, in the Electoral District of Argyle. By Mr. E. Brown.
- (5.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Bombala. By Mr. Clarke.
- (6.) From certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Central Cumberland. By Mr. Lackey.

7. Public Vehicles ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from the Municipal Council of Newtown, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. The Eight-hour System of Labour ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from Mr. Stephen Brown, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Operative Stonemasons, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Petition of Hugh Maguire:—Mr. Spring, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 18th August, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Bill of 1870 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday, 21st October.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeterics Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
11. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wearne, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed and continued.  
Mr. Brookes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.  
Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Windeyer.

Nocs, 6.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Driver.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Wearne then moved, That the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—  
No. 4, until Friday next, by Mr. W. Forster.  
No. 5, until Friday next, by Mr. Brookes.  
No. 6, until Friday next, by Mr. Wilson.  
No. 7, until Tuesday next, by Mr. Driver.  
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No. 9, until Friday next, by Mr. W. Forster.  
No. 10, until Friday next, by Mr. Wilson.
13. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
14. Payments made to Members of Parliament for Services rendered to the Government:—Mr. Morrice proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—<sup>6</sup>/<sub>10</sub>  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Church, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fifteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Government intend placing a sum of money on the Estimates for the purchase of two or more Boats for the use of the residents in the Valley of Burragorang during flood time?
3. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is there any official impediment to the transfer of the Orders for Free Grants of Land issued to certain Members of the Volunteer Corps, under the Act 31st Victoria No. 5, for long service?
  - (2.) If so, what is the nature of such impediment, and will the Government remove the same?
4. MR. BUTLER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that twenty-two Roman Catholics were recently discharged from a gang of about forty labourers employed by Government upon the Railway line?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the place of those men was filled by Protestant labourers?
  - (3.) If those men were so discharged, is it a fact that they had been all, or nearly all, for a considerable time in this same employment?
  - (4.) If their place was so filled, is it a fact that the labourers who were put in their place were, many of them, taken from distant parts of the line; and that they had been all, or nearly all, only a short time in the employment of Government upon the Railway?
  - (5.) By what Government official or officials were those men discharged and Protestant labourers substituted for them, if such discharge and substitution took place respectively?
  - (6.) If so, what is the cause, real or alleged?
  - (7.) Do the Government intend to sanction the discharge of those men, if such discharge took place?
  - (8.) If such discharge took place, what action do the Government intend to take in regard to the official or officials who discharged those men?
5. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has any reply been received from the Ulladulla Bench to the Petition of William Booth, referred to them by the Government?
  - (2.) If so, of what nature is such reply?
6. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the workmen on the Southern Line of Railway do not usually receive their wages till two, and sometimes three, weeks after they are due?
  - (2.) Will the Minister for Works see that they are in future paid punctually?
7. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Has any money, the value of certain unclaimed deposits at the Mint, been appropriated by the Government?
  - (2.) If so, what is the amount, and what steps have been taken to discover the depositors?

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11. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Bombala, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
12. MR. E. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from Mothers and Daughters of the District of Argyle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
13. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from Residents of Central Cumberland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
14. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from certain Electors and Residents within the Electoral District of East Maitland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
15. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
16. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.

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TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Allen, withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Boats for Burragorang :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Commander Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Do the Government intend placing a sum of money on the Estimates for the purchase of two or more Boats for the use of the residents in the Valley of Burragorang during flood time?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—At the instance of the Honorable Member who is the colleague of Commander Onslow, the Government have made provision, out of a fund at their disposal, for one Boat; which appears to be sufficient for the purpose.

- (2.) Grants of Land to Volunteers :—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is there any official impediment to the transfer of the Orders for Free Grants of Land issued to certain Members of the Volunteer Corps, under the Act 31st Victoria No. 5, for long service?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of such impediment, and will the Government remove the same?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—I think it must be clear that difficulties will arise with regard to these transfers unless regulations are framed for the purpose, and with that view I have prepared regulations for dealing with the question. Under the Volunteer Act, I am afraid Grants cannot be dealt with in a manner that will be satisfactory to the House or to the public, but as I have now only to deal with the administration of the law, I shall endeavour to administer it in its letter and in its spirit.

- (3.) Discharge of Railway Labourers :—*Mr. Butler* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it a fact that twenty-two Roman Catholics were recently discharged from a gang of about forty labourers employed by Government upon the Railway line?

(2.) Is it a fact that the place of those men was filled by Protestant labourers?

(3.) If those men were so discharged, is it a fact that they had been all, or nearly all, for a considerable time in this same employment?

(4.) If their place was so filled, is it a fact that the labourers who were put in their place were, many of them, taken from distant parts of the line; and that they had been all, or nearly all, only a short time in the employment of Government upon the Railway?

(5.) By what Government official or officials were those men discharged and Protestant labourers substituted for them, if such discharge and substitution took place respectively?

(6.) If so, what is the cause, real or alleged?

(7.) Do the Government intend to sanction the discharge of those men, if such discharge took place?

(8.) If such discharge took place, what action do the Government intend to take in regard to the official or officials who discharged those men?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) 122 men were discharged during the months of August and September, but nothing is known as to their religion in this department.

(2.) No.

(3.)

(3.) The men discharged had been employed as extra hands at various times and for different periods, varying from 5½ to 32½ months.

(4.) Their places were not so filled. The men discharged were principally pick and shovel men; those retained were skilled labourers, and their services have also been since dispensed with.

(5.) No such substitution took place. The men were discharged in the usual way by the Engineer-in-Chief, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Permanent Way.

(6.) Because their services were no longer required.

(7 and 8.) As the men were discharged in the usual way, when their services were no longer required, no action by the Government appears necessary in the case.

Having answered the Honorable Member's questions as far as possible, I may now say that the matter to which they refer had previously been brought under my attention. Inquiry was at once instituted, and the following report, made to me by the Engineer-in-Chief, will shew the result of that inquiry:—"The result of the inquiry conveys to my mind the distinct impression that the dismissal of these men was neither attributable to their religion nor politics; but solely because their services were no longer required in the Department. I do not believe that any man has ever been dismissed from or appointed to any office in any of my Departments, on account of his religion; but if such a thing can be proved to have taken place, I will recommend the dismissal of the officer who could so far forget his duty. In dealing with subordinates I look neither to their religion, country, or politics. I only want efficiency."

I have already informed the gentleman who in the first instance drew my attention to this matter that, if he is prepared with any further evidence of the truth of the allegations made, I will myself personally investigate the charges.

(4.) William Booth—Ulladulla Bench of Magistrates:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has any reply been received from the Ulladulla Bench to the Petition of William Booth, referred to them by the Government?

(2.) If so, of what nature is such reply?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have received a reply from the Ulladulla Bench with reference to the petition of William Booth. Upon reading the depositions, however, I am disposed to entertain some doubts upon the subject, and have referred the documents to the Crown Law Officers.

(5.) Payment of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Is it true that the workmen on the Southern Line of Railway do not usually receive their wages till two, and sometimes three, weeks after they are due?

(2.) Will the Minister for Works see that they are in future paid punctually?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(6.) Unclaimed Deposits at the Sydney Mint:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has any money, the value of certain unclaimed deposits at the Mint, been appropriated by the Government?

(2.) If so, what is the amount, and what steps have been taken to discover the depositors?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

Four parcels, amounting to £197 7s. 8d., paid into the Colonial Treasury on 12th July last, viz:—

A.	Gold received 31st October, 1856	...	...	...	£120	5	8
B.	" 19th March, 1857	...	...	...	45	19	10
C. {	" 26th October, 1863	...	...	...	19	0	9
	" Same date	...	...	...	12	1	5
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					£197	7	8

A. The name of the owner of the first parcel is unknown to the Mint, the gold being found in the Escort Safe when the Escort service and its plant were transferred from the Colonial Treasury to the Mint.

B. The second parcel was deposited by a W. Southern, who never claimed the proceeds.

C. The two last parcels were forwarded anonymously by post to the Mint, and their owners have never been heard of.

2. Papers:—

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

(1.) Further Return to Order in reference to "Customs Statistics," shewing the Seizures made by "Other Officers" of the Customs than Landing-waiters, from the 1st January, 1867, to 25th March, 1870. (See Answer to Question No. 4 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 32.)

(2.) Correspondence respecting Quotation of the Public Debt upon the Official Lists of the London Stock Exchange.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, New Regulations for the Gold Fields.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing James Henry Neale, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 4th October, 1870, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Broughton Creek, and other places in Shoalhaven, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

5. Public Vehicles :—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Marrickville, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Public Vehicles (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by Mr. S. Brown on the 7th October, from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Redfern, relative to Licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Commander Onslow, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Commander Onslow No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Public Vehicles (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Randwick, relative to Licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 14 Vic. No. 30, intituled 'An Act to amend the law relating to the slaughtering of Sheep Cattle and other Animals within certain Towns in the Colony of New South Wales and for the prevention and removal of certain Nuisances therein.'  
Question put and passed.
11. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motions*) :—
  - (1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from certain Inhabitants of Araluen, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by Mr. Allen on the 7th October, from certain Residents in Balmain, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by Mr. Clarke on the 7th October, from certain Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of Bombala, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. E. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That the Petition presented by Mr. E. Brown on the 7th October, from Mothers and Daughters of the District of Argyle, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (5.) Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th October, from Residents of Central Cumberland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (6.) Mr. Wearne, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 7th October, from certain Electors and Residents within the Electoral District of East Maitland, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Motions Withdrawn :—
  - (1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Morrice No. 15 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  - (2.) Mr. Brookes withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 16 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. Tenders for Public Works :—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That, in order to secure the confidence of the public and contractors for public works in the justice and fairness of the decision arrived at by any Board appointed to decide upon tenders sent in for works about to be executed, and for which tenders were invited, in future all tenders for public works shall be opened in the presence of a Board of Officials, over whom the Secretary for Public Works, or a responsible Minister, shall, in every case, preside as Chairman; and that the various persons tendering, or their agents, shall be required to attend; and that the representatives of the daily press shall be apprised when tenders for public works will be opened.
  - (2.) Tenders must be accompanied by bank notes or a bank draft in favour of the Chairman of the Tender Board for 10 per cent. of the amount of security required, which will be returned within ten days to unsuccessful tenderers; such deposit to be forfeited in the event of the successful tenderer failing to complete the security within ten days of the acceptance of the tender.

(3.) That in all cases the officer in whose department the work is to be executed shall furnish the Chairman presiding at the Board appointed for the opening of tenders for public works with an estimate of the probable cost of the work for which tenders have been invited—such estimate to specify, in detail, the costs of the various descriptions of work comprised in said contract, and to be laid on the table of the office where tenders are opened, for the information and guidance of the Board appointed to open tenders for public works.

(4.) That all persons tendering for public works shall, on application, be furnished by the Government Engineer with a printed copy of the conditions, specifications, and quantities of the different descriptions of work comprised in such contract, and the Public Works Department shall be empowered to charge for such printed documents.

(5.) That when tenders are opened for public works, the Chairman of the Board shall declare the name of the lowest tenderer; and, in all cases, contracts shall be given to the party who will undertake to execute the work for the lowest amount; provided that, after proper examination of the tender as to the conditions, &c., the Secretary for Public Works is satisfied of the ability of the party tendering to execute the work.

(6.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolutions.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sutherland moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. King, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes before Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER.

### Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The number of Professors officiating in St. John's College at the present time?
  - (2.) The amount of salary paid to each?
  - (3.) The number of Students in attendance?
2. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the owners of one of the Bowenfells Coal Mines for a supply of coal for the locomotive engines running on the Western Line of Railway, at a lower price than is paid for coal supplied in Sydney?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Bowenfells coal is used only between the Mount Victoria and Rydal Stations?
  - (3.) Would it not be a saving to the country if Bowenfells coal were more generally used than it now is on the Western Line of Railway; and if so, why is it not used in preference to coal supplied in Sydney?
  - (4.) Will the Government adopt measures to bring the Western coal into more general use on the Western Line of Railway?

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

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.
2. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Criminal Statistics, ordered by the House on the 22nd September last, shall specify the number of convictions against each offender, and the nature of the offence in every instance.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER.

## Question :—

1. MR. ALLEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Department, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Barren Grounds of Sutton Forest Road, at its intersection with the south boundary of Henry Badgery's 1,920 acres.

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TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
4. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.
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FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1870.

There being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Neale, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Suttor, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The number of Professors officiating in St. John's College at the present time?
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  - (3.) The number of Students in attendance?
2. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the owners of one of the Bowenfells Coal Mines for a supply of coal for the locomotive engines running on the Western Line of Railway, at a lower price than is paid for coal supplied in Sydney?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Bowenfells coal is used only between the Mount Victoria and Rydal Stations?
  - (3.) Would it not be a saving to the country if Bowenfells coal were more generally used than it now is on the Western Line of Railway; and if so, why is it not used in preference to coal supplied in Sydney?
  - (4.) Will the Government adopt measures to bring the Western coal into more general use on the Western Line of Railway?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
8. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.
2. MR. BUTTER to move, That the Criminal Statistics, ordered by the House on the 22nd September last, shall specify the number of convictions against each offender, and the nature of the offence in every instance.
3. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant ; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862 ; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER.

## Question:—

1. MR. ALLEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp ?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted ?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Department, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Barren Grounds of Sutton Forest Road, at its intersection with the south boundary of Henry Badgery's 1,920 acres.

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TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.

2. Mr. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Mr. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
4. Mr. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

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WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

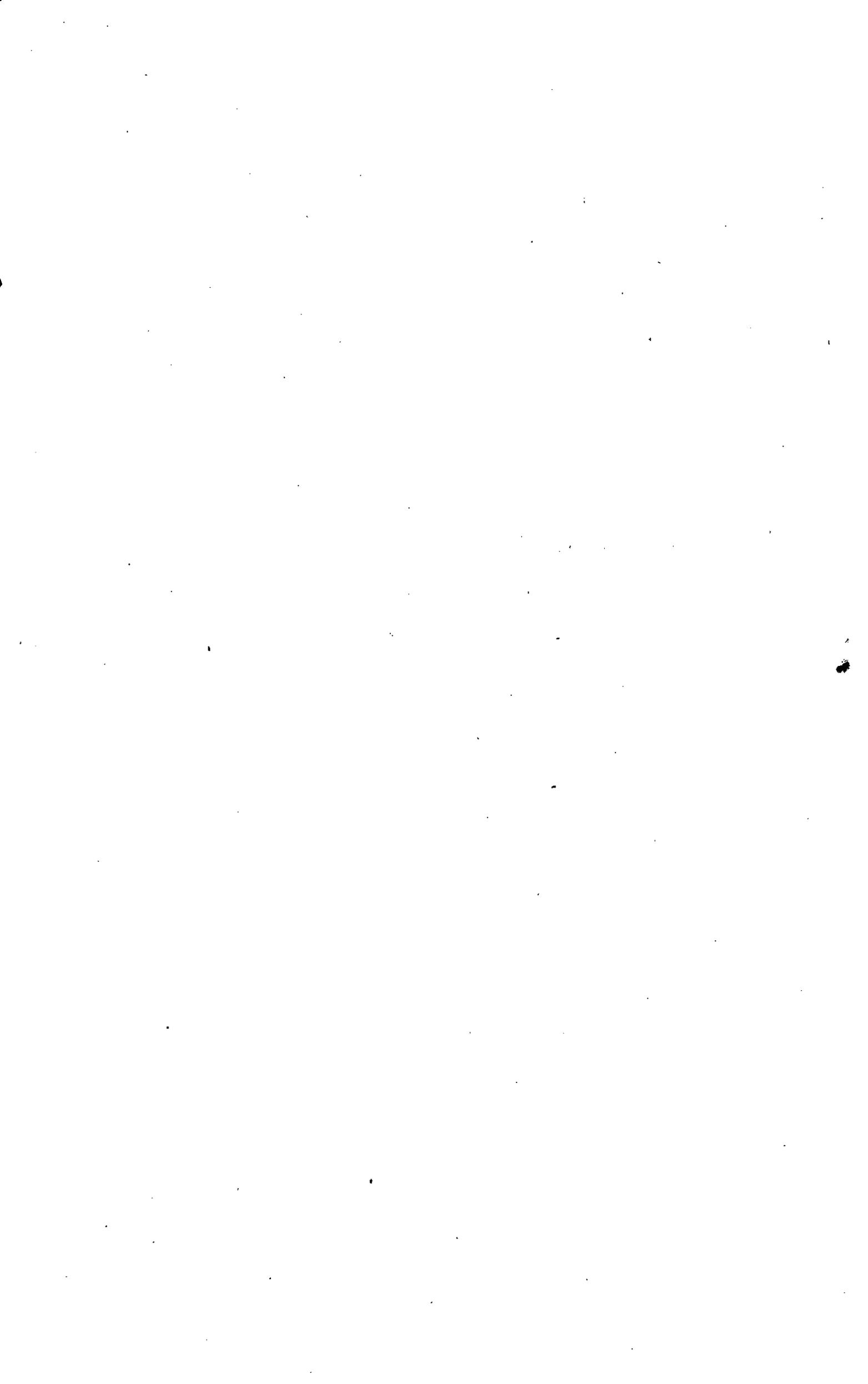
1. Mr. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

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FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) St. John's College :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) The number of Professors officiating in St. John's College at the present time?  
(2.) The amount of salary paid to each?  
(3.) The number of Students in attendance?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

- (1.) The only Professor at St. John's College, at present, is the Rector—the Rev. Dr. Forrest.  
(2.) The salary is £500 per annum, by statute.  
(3.) I understand there are six Students in attendance.

*Mr. Neale withdrew the Question No. 2.*

2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—James Henry Neale, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
3. Amendment of the Land Law :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers, Crown Landholders, and others, residing in the District of Monaro, alleging, among other things, that the existing Regulations under which Pre-emptive Leases are granted are unsatisfactory and detrimental to the interests of a large body of the electors of the Colony ; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.  
Petition received.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

5. Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, and Supplementary Estimates for 1870 and previous Years :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1871, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1870 and previous years.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 30 Sept., 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

6. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

7. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony.  
Question put and passed.
8. Criminal Statistics ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Criminal Statistics, ordered by the House on the 22nd September last, shall specify the number of convictions against each offender, and the nature of the offence in every instance.  
Question put and passed.
9. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 28th October.
11. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to follow next after Order No. 11.
12. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Samuel "That this Bill be now read a second time."  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."  
Debate continued.  
On motion of Mr. King, Debate adjourned (after debate), and its resumption ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 27th October.
13. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—  
(1.) Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means,—until Thursday next.  
(2.) Resumption of the Committee of Supply,—until Wednesday next.
14. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870,—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
16. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, as follows:—  
(1.) The second reading of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill,—until Tuesday next.  
(2.) The second reading of the Contraband of War Regulation Bill,—until Wednesday next.
17. Roads Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1870, A.M.,—

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Church, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Egan, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wilson—the Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ALLEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Returns relative to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creck, ordered on the 23rd August, be laid upon the Table?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Return, ordered by the House on the 19th of August last, relating to the Loans Account, be laid upon the Table?
4. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—How much of the £1,078 voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church has been given to the Macquarie-street congregation?
5. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has a Petition been received by the Government, signed by the necessary number of ratepayers, praying that the Municipality of Kiama may be divided?
  - (2.) Has a counter Petition been received by the Government?
  - (3.) How many signatures are attached to each Petition?
  - (4.) What action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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9. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
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11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Department, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Barren Grounds of Sutton Forest Road, at its intersection with the south boundary of Henry Badgery's 1,920 acres.
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the area in square miles of all Municipalities established under any law relating to Municipalities, shewing the total area included in Municipalities each year; the area of each Municipality, and the area of the Police District and Electoral District, respectively, of which any Municipality forms a part, as compared with the area of such district included in any Municipality or Municipalities.
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return of all sums of money paid by the authority of the Government under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862," specifying the amount paid each year to each individual recipient, and to each denomination; also the amount so paid or supplied from the revenue or proceeds of the Bishopthorpe Estate to any Clergyman of the Church of England, whether in lieu of any amount payable under the said Act, or in supplement thereof.
  - (2.) A Return of all sums of money paid by like authority, since the passing of the said Act, out of the revenue or proceeds of the Church and School Estates, specifying as above.
  - (3.) Copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, or of other documents authorizing any such payment.
  - (4.) Copies of all documents shewing, or purporting to shew, any contract or arrangement between the Government of this Colony and the Church of England or any Bishop of Sydney or Australia, or other recognized head of the Church of England, relative to the disposal of the revenue or proceeds of the Bishopthorpe Estate, or implying any condition for public purposes upon the grant of the said Estate.
4. MR. LACKEY *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the gross receipts for the conveyance of wood from the Stations of South Creek, Rooty Hill, and Fairfield, respectively, during the month of September, 1869; also a similar Return for the month of September, 1870.
5. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th October, from Conditional Purchasers, Crown Landholders, and others residing in the District of Monaro, relative to amendments in the Land Acts, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; third reading.
2. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.
4. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—That in regard to the amount of arrears of interest due to the Government on Conditional Purchases, as per Return laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 4th October,—Is there any objection in allowing Conditional Purchasers, who have fully complied with residence and improvements, but may have thoughtlessly omitted paying the interest, to resume their lapsed or forfeited portions of land, on payment of all arrears of interest; or, if in a position to do so, on payment of any balance due?
2. MR. R. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that a large portion of the Hay sent down in trucks for sale at the Railway Terminus, Redfern, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, is by some mismanagement constantly arriving too late for the sale, and is in consequence compelled to remain in the trucks at the Station till the following market,—entailing loss of the use of trucks for the time being upon the Government, and also seriously injuring the consignees of the Hay?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to ensure greater punctuality for the future?
3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School have, in contravention of the Act of Parliament under which that Institution exists, reduced by one-fourth, or thereabouts, the fees payable by the parents of the boys attending the school, without making any corresponding reduction in the capitation fees payable to certain of the Masters of the School?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware of the fact that, by reason of such reduction as aforesaid, the funds available for the payment of those Masters of the School who are not in receipt of capitation fees are insufficient for the purpose; and that in consequence of this the salaries paid to the Junior Masters are disproportionate to those received by the Foundation Masters?
  - (3.) Are the Government further aware that in consequence of such reduction, as aforesaid, the funds do not increase in such proportion to the increase of pupils as to enable the Trustees to engage a sufficient number of Assistant Masters at reasonable salaries?
  - (4.) Will the Government inquire forthwith into the affairs of the School, with a view to the adjustment of the salaries of the Masters, and in placing them on a more equitable footing than that on which they at present stand?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
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4. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
5. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1869, with Salary or Wages paid in each case?
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1869, up to the 30th September, 1870?
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal?
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause?
6. MR. WATSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

Question :—

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the owners of one of the Bowenfells Coal Mines for a supply of coal for the locomotive engines running on the Western Line of Railway, at a lower price than is paid for coal supplied in Sydney ?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Bowenfells coal is used only between the Mount Victoria and Rydal Stations ?
  - (3.) Would it not be a saving to the country if Bowenfells coal were more generally used than it now is on the Western Line of Railway ; and if so, why is it not used in preference to coal supplied in Sydney ?
  - (4.) Will the Government adopt measures to bring the Western coal into more general use on the Western Line of Railway ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act ; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.
- " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. Allen withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek :—*Mr. W. Forster* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Returns relative to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, ordered on the 23rd August, be laid upon the Table?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—The Papers are in course of preparation, and will probably be ready to lay on the Table in the course of next week.

- (2.) Loans Account :—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Return, ordered by the House on the 19th of August last, relating to the Loans Account, be laid upon the Table?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—On Thursday next.

- (3.) Compensation for Land promised to the Jewish Church :—*Mr. Byrnes*, on behalf of *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—How much of the £1,078 voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church has been given to the Macquarie-street congregation?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—None of the money has been given to any one; but a letter has been addressed to five of the leading members of the Jewish community, informing them that the money is available. The names of the gentlemen are Saul Samuel, S. H. Levy, Maurice Alexander, S. A. Joseph, and — Valentine, Senr., Esquires.

- (4.) Municipality of Kiama :—*Mr. Byrnes*, on behalf of *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has a Petition been received by the Government, signed by the necessary number of ratepayers, praying that the Municipality of Kiama may be divided?

(2.) Has a counter Petition been received by the Government?

(3.) How many signatures are attached to each Petition?

(4.) What action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—

(1.) Three Petitions have been received from certain ratepayers of the Borough of Kiama for separation from that Borough, viz. :—

- (1.) From 61 persons, stating themselves to be more than two-thirds of the ratepayers of Broughton Vale and Brogher's Creek, a portion of the Gerringong Ward, Borough of Kiama, for separation and erection into a separate Municipality, under the name of "Municipal District of Broughton's Vale." The substance and prayer of this Petition were published in the *Government Gazette* of the 28th August, 1868.

- (2.) From 174 persons, stating themselves to be more than two-thirds of the ratepayers of Gerringong Ward, for separation from the Borough of Kiama, and erection into a separate Municipality, under the name of the "Municipal District of Gerringong." The substance and prayer of this Petition were published in the *Government Gazette* of the 20th November, 1868.

(3.)

- (3.) From 168 persons, ratepayers of Jamberoo Ward, for separation from the Borough of Kiama, and erection into a separate Municipality, under the name of the "Municipal District of Jamberoo." The prayer and substance of this Petition were published in the *Government Gazette* of the 14th April, 1869. A counter Petition from 94 persons, stating themselves to be ratepayers in the Kiama Ward, in the Borough of Kiama, against the area set forth in the Jamberoo Petition, was also received, and the substance and prayer thereof published in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd August, 1869.
- (2.) Yes; from 94 persons of the Kiama Ward, as stated above.
- (3.) 61 to Broughton Vale and Brogher's Creek Petition; 174 to the Gerringong Petition; 168 to the Jamberoo Ward Petition; and 94 to the counter Petition.
- (4.) As before stated, the substance and prayer of each Petition have been published in the *Government Gazette*, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867; but in consequence of conflicting interests in respect to the areas applied for, it has been found impossible, notwithstanding repeated conferences with the various parties, to decide upon boundaries satisfactory to all. The whole of the Correspondence has been forwarded to the Land Department, with a view to the appointment of a Surveyor who will visit the different localities for the purpose of obtaining such information as will enable the Government, by an arrangement of boundaries, to carry out the views of the Petitioners, by the establishment of the Municipalities prayed for. A gentleman has just been appointed, and he will carry out the instructions given to him without any unnecessary delay.
2. Ham Common Resumption Bill:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Frecholders, Residents, and Commoners, having right and interest in Ham Common, situated in the Police District of Windsor, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Electoral Rolls for 1870-71.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Goulburn Meat Preserving Company (Limited) and to enable the said Company better to carry on and to transact the business of the same.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Goulburn Meat Preserving Company (Limited) and to enable the said Company better to carry on and to transact the business of the same,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 14th October, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
5. Areas of Municipalities ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the area in square miles of all Municipalities established under any law relating to Municipalities, shewing the total area included in Municipalities each year; the area of each Municipality, and the area of the Police District and Electoral District, respectively, of which any Municipality forms a part, as compared with the area of such district included in any Municipality or Municipalities.  
Question put and passed.
6. Grants in aid of Public Worship ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Return of all sums of money paid by the authority of the Government under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862," specifying the amount paid each year to each individual recipient, and to each denomination; also the amount so paid or supplied from the revenue or proceeds of the Bishopthorpe Estate to any Clergyman of the Church of England, whether in lieu of any amount payable under the said Act, or in supplement thereof.  
(2.) A Return of all sums of money paid by like authority, since the passing of the said Act, out of the revenue or proceeds of the Church and School Estates, specifying as above.  
(3.) Copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, or of other documents authorizing any such payment.  
(4.) Copies of all documents shewing, or purporting to shew, any contract or arrangement between the Government of this Colony and the Church of England or any Bishop of Sydney or Australia, or other recognized head of the Church of England, relative to the disposal of the revenue or proceeds of the Bishopthorpe Estate, or implying any condition for public purposes upon the grant of the said Estate.  
Question put and passed.
7. Conveyance of Wood by Railway ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the gross receipts for the conveyance of wood from the Stations of South Creek, Rooty Hill, and Fairfield, respectively, during the month of September, 1869; also a similar Return for the month of September, 1870.  
Question put and passed.
8. Amendment of the Land Law ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th October, from Conditional Purchasers, Crown Landholders, and others residing in the District of Monaro, relative to amendments in the Land Acts, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

9. The Eight-hour System of Labour :—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition, signed by Hubt. Whitlock, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Bricklayers, of the City of Sydney and Suburbs,—in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.  
Petition received.
10. Electoral Rolls for '1870-71.—Order for Printing rescinded :—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the order for printing this document (recorded in entry 3 above) be rescinded.  
Question put and passed.
11. John Kelleher :—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from John Kelleher, formerly Foreman of Works on Cockatoo Island, alleging that during the time he was employed in the above capacity he did not receive the amount of pay to which he was entitled ; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
12. Henry Fitzgerald :—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from Henry Fitzgerald, formerly Foreman of Works on Cockatoo Island, containing a similar allegation and prayer.  
Petition received.
13. Ham Common Resumption Bill :—Mr. Moses moved, That this Bill be “now read a second time.”  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words “now read a second time,” with a view to inserting in their place the words, “referred to a Select Committee, to inquire as to, and report thereon.”  
“ (2.) That such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and consist of the following Members :—Mr. Dight, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.”  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
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14. Cemeteries Regulation Bill :—Mr. W. Forster proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-eight minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
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9. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will Tenders for the erection of the Court House at Cowra be called for ?
10. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Has any report been received from Mr. District Surveyor Fisher upon the Petition from the Residents at and near Carcoar, praying for a road from Carcoar to Forest Reef ?
- (2.) When was such Petition received ?
- (3.) When was it referred to Mr. Fisher ?
11. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it true that a prisoner named John Archibald has recently been placed in solitary confinement in Berrima Gaol ?
- (2.) If true, for what offence, and by whose orders ?
- (3.) Was any charge preferred against the said John Archibald ; and if so, was the same inquired into, and by whom ?
- (4.) Was the said John Archibald heard upon the said charge, or any opportunity afforded him of replying thereto ?
12. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Was Mr. D. Flynn until recently a Contractor for the supply of Goods to the Police at Carcoar ?
- (2.) Has such Contract been cancelled ; if so, when, and for what reason ?
- (3.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any Reports or Correspondence in respect thereto ?
13. MR. ALLEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp ?
- (2.) Has any Tender been accepted ?
- (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
- (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FARNELL *to move*,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

4. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
5. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1869, with Salary or Wages paid in each case?
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1869, up to the 30th September, 1870?
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal?
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause?
6. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
7. MR. J. SUTTOR to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
8. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Richmond, relative to the Ham Common Resumption Bill, be printed.
9. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from Mr. Whitlock, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Bricklayers, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
10. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from John Kelleher, relative to his employment on Cockatoo Island for some years without receiving the gold increase to his salary, be printed.
11. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from Henry Fitzgerald, foreman of the works on Cockatoo Island, relative to his not having received the addition of the gold increase to his salary, during the term of his service, be printed.
12. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Department, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Barren Grounds of Sutton Forest Road, at its intersection with the south boundary of Henry Badgery's 1,920 acres.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
9. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Roads Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 14th October, A.M., be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
3. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; third reading.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER.

## Question:—

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the owners of one of the Bowenfells Coal Mines for a supply of coal for the locomotive engines running on the Western Line of Railway, at lower price than is paid for coal supplied in Sydney?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act ; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and " papers.  
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FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
The Speaker reported that he had received a letter from Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Kiama; which letter he read to the House, as follows:—  
“ To the Honble. the Speaker,  
“ Legis. Assembly.  
“ SIR,  
“ I have the honor to resign my Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Kiama.  
“ I am, Sir,  
“ Your obt. servt.,  
“ HENRY PARKES.”  
“ Sydney, Oct. 14th, 1870.
2. Death of the Honorable Daniel Egan, Esq., M.P.:—Mr. Cowper said, as it had been usual upon the death of any Member for the House to adjourn, it would not be proper, in consequence of the death of the late Member for Monaro, Mr. Egan, to proceed to any business to-day,—and he therefore moved that this House do now adjourn, in token of respect to his memory,—  
And Mr. Wilson having seconded the motion,—  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

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  - (2.) When was such Petition received?
  - (3.) When was it referred to Mr. Fisher?
13. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a prisoner named John Archibald has recently been placed in solitary confinement in Berrima Gaol?
  - (2.) If true, for what offence, and by whose orders?
  - (3.) Was any charge preferred against the said John Archibald; and if so, was the same inquired into, and by whom?
  - (4.) Was the said John Archibald heard upon the said charge, or any opportunity afforded him of replying thereto?
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  - (1.) Was Mr. D. Flynn until recently a Contractor for the supply of Goods to the Police at Carcoar?
  - (2.) Has such Contract been cancelled; if so, when, and for what reason?
  - (3.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any Reports or Correspondence in respect thereto?

15. **MR. ALLEN** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
- GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—
1. **MR. ROBERTSON** to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Roads Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 14th October, A.M., be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
- ORDERS OF THE DAY :—
1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
  2. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
  3. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 ; to be further considered in Committee.
  4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
  5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ; third reading.
  6. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  7. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill ; second reading.
  8. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
- OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—
1. **MR. BROOKES** to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act ; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.
  2. **MR. DODDS** to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
  3. **MR. J. SUTTON** to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
    - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
  4. **MR. FARNELL** to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petitions of Mr. John Murray Bate and Mr. Percy Simpson, presented to this House on the 29th March and the 13th April, 1870, respectively.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Dight, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
  5. **MR. MORRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
  6. **MR. BYRNES** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
    - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1869, with Salary or Wages paid in each case?
    - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1869, up to the 30th September, 1870?
    - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service ; by whom ; and the cause of dismissal?
    - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another ; at whose instance ; and for what cause?
  7. **MR. WATSON** to move,—
    - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant ; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
    - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
  8. **MR. J. SUTTON** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862 ; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
  9. **MR. PIDDINGTON** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Richmond, relative to the Ham Common Resumption Bill, be printed.
  10. **MR. WILSON** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from Mr. Whitlock, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Bricklayers, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.

11. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from John Kelleher, relative to his employment on Cockatoo Island for some years without receiving the gold increase to his salary, be printed.
12. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th October, from Henry Fitzgerald, foreman of the works on Cockatoo Island, relative to his not having received the addition of the gold increase to his salary, during the term of his service, be printed.
13. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Department, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Barren Grounds of Sutton Forest Road, at its intersection with the south boundary of Henry Badgery's 1,920 acres.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
4. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
8. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.
9. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and " papers.  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."

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FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Bowenfells Coal:—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Have the Government entered into a contract with the owners of one of the Bowenfells Coal Mines for a supply of coal for the locomotive engines running on the Western Line of Railway, at a lower price than is paid for coal supplied in Sydney?

(2.) Is it true that the Bowenfells coal is used only between the Mount Victoria and Rydal Stations?

(3.) Would it not be a saving to the country if Bowenfells coal were more generally used than it now is on the Western Line of Railway?

(4.) Will the Government adopt measures to bring the Western coal into more general use on the Western Line of Railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No; the coal is at present too earthy, and makes a large quantity of dirt in the fire-box, which would necessitate stopping the Engine on the road to clean out if the coal were used between Penrith and Mount Victoria.

(4.) Attention has for some time been directed to the working of this coal with a view to its more general use; but it has not yet sufficiently improved to admit of its being further used, either with convenience or economy.

(2.) Messrs. G. A. Lloyd & Co.:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Copy of a Letter addressed by him, as Colonial Treasurer, to Messrs. G. A. Lloyd & Co., dated about the end of 1859, or the commencement of 1860, after they had resigned the appointment as Agents for the Government of New South Wales in England, approving their conduct of that agency?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I have no objection, and will lay the letter upon the Table to-morrow.

*Mr. Brookes not asking the Question No. 3, it dropped.*

(3.) Carriage of Hay by Railway:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. R. Forster, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large portion of the hay sent down in trucks for sale at the Railway Terminus, Redfern, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, is by some mismanagement constantly arriving too late for the sale, and is in consequence compelled to remain in the trucks at the Station till the following market,—entailing loss of the use of trucks for the time-being upon the Government, and also seriously injuring the consignees of the hay?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to ensure greater punctuality for the future?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No. There has been recently some slight delay in bringing in a few trucks of hay, owing to the large quantity to be conveyed, and the present inadequate haulage power. Every exertion has, however, been made to meet the requirements in this respect, and the latest Train with hay arrives at 11 o'clock, A.M.

(2.) Additional locomotives and trucks are in course of supply, and it is confidently expected that in a short time the Department will be able to meet all demands.

(4.)

- (4.) Sydney Grammar School :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School have, in contravention of the Act of Parliament under which that Institution exists, reduced, by one-fourth, or thereabouts, the fees payable by the parents of the boys attending the school, without making any corresponding reduction in the capitation fees payable to certain of the Masters of the School?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware of the fact that, by reason of such reduction as aforesaid, the funds available for the payment of those Masters of the School who are not in receipt of capitation fees are insufficient for the purpose; and that in consequence of this the salaries paid to the Junior Masters are disproportionate to those received by the Foundation Masters?
  - (3.) Are the Government further aware that in consequence of such reduction, as aforesaid, the funds do not increase in such proportion to the increase of pupils as to enable the Trustees to engage a sufficient number of Assistant Masters at reasonable salaries?
  - (4.) Will the Government inquire forthwith into the affairs of the School, with a view to the adjustment of the salaries of the Masters, and the placing of them on a more equitable footing than that on which they at present stand?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—I am assured that the Trustees have done nothing in contravention of the Act. The Masters receive no fees, except what they are entitled to under the terms of the original agreements made with them, and they are paid in proportion to the value of their services. The Government does not interfere with the management of the School, which is placed by the Act of Incorporation in the hands of Trustees.
- (5.) Electoral Reform :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- What steps do the Government intend taking in regard to the question of Electoral Reform, and what has become of, or is intended to be done with, the Bill prepared by the Government last Session, for dealing with this question?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—As yet no determination has been arrived at; but if the state of public business will permit, a Bill will, if possible, be submitted to Parliament for dealing with the question during the present Session.
- (6.) Village Reserve at Nellanglo Creek :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7.—
- (1.) Is the Village Reserve at Nellanglo Creek, Yass River, or any portion of it, under lease to any person?
  - (2.) If so, to whom, and on what terms?
  - (3.) Is it usual to dispose of such Reserves by lease; and if so, how many of such Reserves are so disposed of at present; and how much in each case?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Charles A. Massey holds a pre-emptive lease of 380 acres in virtue of 850 acres, and the rent is £1 3s. 9d.
  - (3.) It seems that the practice has grown up comparatively recently. I will shortly lay a return upon the Table, exhibiting all the cases.
- (7.) Mr. Austin, Coroner for Grenfell :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- (1.) Is it true that a Mr. Austin has been appointed Coroner for the district of Grenfell?
  - (2.) Is it true that Mr. Austin, although practising as a medical man, has no diploma?
  - (3.) If the Colonial Secretary has no knowledge as to Mr. Austin being without a medical diploma, will he inquire into the matter, and inform the House of the result?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Austin has been so appointed on the application of certain Magistrates and others, resident at Grenfell. I am not aware of his being a medical man, but as a rule I do not consider such a qualification any recommendation to the office.
- (8.) Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate, Moruya :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Correspondence in the matter of a complaint made by Mr. T. T. Gannon against Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya, to the Attorney General?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—I was not aware till yesterday of any such letter having been written, and I have not yet been able to read it, but it seems to me better to allow the investigation which is being conducted by Judge Macfarland to close, without being encumbered with fresh matter.
- (9.) St. John's College :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to amended Notice No. 10,—Is it the intention of the Government, considering the number of Students in attendance at St. John's College—namely one—and further considering that the salary paid to the teacher of this one Student is £500, to take any steps to protect the public against this outlay until the number of Students so increase that the work of teaching may bear some reasonable proportion to the large salary paid?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—The salary of £500 is paid under the Affiliated Colleges Act, with which the Government at present has no intention to interfere.
- (10.) Court House at Cowra :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to notice No. 11,—When will Tenders for the erection of the Court House at Cowra be called for?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—On Tuesday next, 25th instant.
- (11.) Road from Carcoar to Forest Reef :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—
- (1.) Has any report been received from Mr. District Surveyor Fisher upon the Petition from the Residents at and near Carcoar, praying for a road from Carcoar to Forest Reef?
  - (2.) When was such Petition received?
  - (3.) When was it referred to Mr. Fisher?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) 29th July last.
  - (3.) 15th August last.

- (12.) Prisoner John Archibald :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—
- (1.) Is it true that a prisoner named John Archibald has recently been placed in solitary confinement in Berrima Gaol?
  - (2.) If true, for what offence, and by whose orders?
  - (3.) Was any charge preferred against the said John Archibald; and, if so, was the same inquired into, and by whom?
  - (4.) Was the said John Archibald heard upon the said charge, or any opportunity afforded him of replying thereto?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) John Archibald was not in "solitary" but in "separate" confinement, which latter is not a punishment.
  - (2.) For no specific offence,—for security; the Visiting Justice, concurred in by the Sheriff.
  - (3 & 4.) No. The circumstances were inquired into by the Visiting Justice, and reported to the Sheriff.
- (13.) Mr. D. Flynn :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 14,—
- (1.) Was Mr. D. Flynn, until recently, a Contractor for the supply of Goods to the Police at Carcoar?
  - (2.) Has such Contract been cancelled; if so, when, and for what reason?
  - (3.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any Reports or Correspondence in respect thereto?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) There has been no Government contract with Mr. Flynn at Carcoar; but the small supplies of firewood, &c., required for the Lock-up and Police Station were for some time purchased from him.
  - (2.) The Sergeant of Police at Carcoar has recently purchased from another party, as he reports Flynn did not give satisfaction.
  - (3.) There are some complaints from Mr. Flynn, and reports thereon, in the Inspector General's Office, and the subject is being looked into. The amount involved is but trifling.
- (14.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp :—Mr. Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 15,—
- (1.) Have any Tenders been received by the Government for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp?
  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) Is there a probability that this work will be soon commenced?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes. Tenders were on three separate occasions invited for this work :—  
1st. On the 26th October, 1869;  
2nd. On the 21st December, 1869; and  
3rd. On the 2nd August last.
  - (2.) The Government, in view of the public interest, did not consider it advisable to accept any of the Tenders, the lowest of which, for only a portion of the work, was £11,500, upwards of three times the amount that was paid for similar work at Farm Cove and Woolloomooloo Bay. This would have entailed a loss of about £7,785 on the portion offered to be reclaimed had the Tender been accepted, and a loss of £33,862 had the reclamation of the whole of the upper portion of the Bay been included at the same price.
  - (3.) Yes. Arrangements having been made with the Pymont Bridge Company, subject to Parliamentary sanction being obtained, for the purchase of their causeway and other property in that locality, which will enable the Government to reclaim the swamp at the head of Blackwattle Bay, at a reasonable price to the public. Tenders are now invited for the formation of a rubble-stone dyke, as well as for the filling in of the shallow portions of the swamp which can be got at from the shore. Should reasonable Tenders be received, the work will be immediately gone on with.
2. Vacant Seats :—
- (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kiama, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Henry Parkes, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of the Honorable Daniel Egan, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Monaro, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Daniel Egan, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.
3. Papers :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Land taken for Railway Purposes," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Clarke, on 22nd September, 1870.
  - (2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Railway Contracts," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on 3rd February, 1870.
  - (3.) Further Correspondence respecting the quality of Iron used in the manufacture of Rails for this Colony.
  - (4.) Returns shewing the particulars of Revenue derived from the conveyance of Passengers, Goods, &c., on the Government Railways of New South Wales, during the year 1869, and the details of the working expenditure of such Railways during the same period.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. The Eight-hour System of Labour :—Mr. Wilson presented the undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870 :—
- (1.) From William Chapman, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Carpenters and Joiners of the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
  - (2.) From William Gillespie, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the United and other Labourers connected with the Building Trades of the City of Sydney and Suburbs.
- Petitions received.

5. The Unemployed:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from William Jennett, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain unemployed Mechanics, Artizans, and Labourers of the City of Sydney and Suburbs, alleging that great depression of business exists in Sydney and Suburbs, and consequently a large number of men are at present out of employment; and praying that the House will insist on the Government at once proceeding with certain public works already sanctioned by Parliament.  
Petition received.
6. *Point of Order*:—Mr. W. Forster proceeding to lay a Paper upon the Table relative to the refusal to admit certain persons into the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifles Corps, and to move that it be printed,—  
Mr. Piddington requested the ruling of the Speaker as to whether the document was of such a nature as to bring it within the scope of the 28th Standing Order of this House.  
The Speaker said that the document was not such a one as was contemplated by the 28th Standing Order, and therefore a motion (without notice) to print it would be irregular, and ought not to be entertained.
7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. Roads Bill (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Roads Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 14th October, A.M., be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
9. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill (*“Formal” Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be *“An Act for the Appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank.”*  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, *“An Act for the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank,”*—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th October, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
10. Motions withdrawn:—  
(1.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Brookes No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. Dodds withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(3.) Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(4.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(5.) Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—That the Petition, presented by him on the 14th October, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Richmond, relative to the Ham Common Resumption Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. The Eight-hour System of Labour (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition, presented by him on the 14th October, from Mr. Whitlock, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Bricklayers, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. John Kelleher (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—That the Petition, presented by him on the 14th October, from John Kelleher, relative to his employment on Cockatoo Island for some years without receiving the gold increase to his salary, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. Henry Fitzgerald (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—That the Petition, presented by him on the 14th October, from Henry Fitzgerald, Foreman of the Works on Cockatoo Island, relative to his not having received the addition of the gold increase to his salary, during the term of his service, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Commander Onslow, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Commander Onslow, No. 13 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—on motion of Mr. Samuel the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—  
(8.) *Resolved*, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,530, to defray the Salaries and Contingencies of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to. 17.

17. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Cowper, as follows :—
- (1.) The second reading of the Contraband of War Regulation Bill,—until this day week.
  - (2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Friendly Societies Bill of 1870,—to follow next after Order No. 7.
  - (3.) The second reading of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill,—until Tuesday next.
18. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. King,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lee,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Neale.

Bill 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 of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

19. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
20. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 (*Postponed Order, No. 3*) :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—  
Mr. Sutherland moved, "That" that Report be now adopted.  
Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,— "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clause 6."  
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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clause 6,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, 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.
21. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
22. Motions Postponed :—
- (1.) *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. J. Suttor, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Suttor No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
  - (2.) Mr. Morrice postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
  - (3.) *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
23. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows :—
- Nos. 1, 2, and 3, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
  - No. 4, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday week.
  - No. 5, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
  - No. 6, by Mr. Wilson, until Friday next.
  - No. 7, by Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 28th October.
  - Nos. 8 and 9, by Mr. Driver, until Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the requisition, with the names attached, sent to the Government, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Caswell, the Police Magistrate of Moruya?
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  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church, in equal shares to the York-street and Macquarie-street Congregations.
  - (2.) Will the Government ascertain the wishes of the Macquarie-street Congregation before they hand over the whole of the above sum to the five gentlemen communicated with, viz.:—Mr. Saul Samuel, Mr. S. H. Levy, Mr. Maurice Alexander, Mr. S. A. Joseph, and Mr. Valentine, Senr.
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  - (1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the Engineer appointed to the Steam Dredge "Fitzroy" is now in Sydney superintending the engineering department of the Steamer "Governor Blackall," now building for the Queensland Government?
  - (2.) If so, does the Minister intend to retain him in the service of this Government?
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  - (2.) Has any Tender been accepted?
  - (3.) What course does the Government intend to take with regard to this matter?
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  - (1.) How long has the Office of Under Secretary for Lands been vacant?
  - (2.) When will it be filled up?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That there be a Call of the House on Thursday, the 10th of November next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
5. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Mr. William Chapman, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Carpenters and Joiners, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
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6. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner to the Old South Road.
7. MR. J. SUTTOR *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.

## 9. Mr. WATSON to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

## FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers-Extension Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.
2. Mr. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood, for compensation for alleged loss of water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.
3. Mr. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, shewing,—
  - (1.) The number of Bonded Warehouses in Sydney, where each Warehouse is situated, the cubical contents of each Warehouse, and by whom each Warehouse is owned.
  - (2.) The amount of License paid for each Warehouse.
  - (3.) The number of Lockers employed in each Bonded Warehouse, from 1st July, 1869, to 30th June, 1870, the names of said Lockers, and the amount of salary paid to each.

## TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER.

## Question:—

1. Mr. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) How many Reserves are there available for Stock travelling between Seville's Range, in the District of Liverpool Plains, and Jerry's Plains?
  - (2.) Do the Lessees of Crown Lands, or any other persons, pay to the Government, any sum of money as yearly rent for the use of any Village Reserves on the line of road between Liverpool Plains and the Jerry's Plains Districts?
  - (3.) Are the Lessees of Crown Lands or the owners of freehold land permitted to fence in Village Reserves on the line of road between the District of Liverpool Plains and Jerry's Plains?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
2. Mr. BURNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1869, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause.
3. Mr. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
2. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870, *recommitted*; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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## THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
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## FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.
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## TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate, Moruya:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the requisition, with the names attached, sent to the Government, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Caswell, the Police Magistrate of Moruya?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The papers are all now in the hands of Mr. District Court Judge M'Farland, and I think it would be very undesirable to interfere with the inquiry now going on.

- (2.) Compensation for Land promised to the Jewish Church:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church, in equal shares to the York-street and Macquarie-street Congregations?

(2.) Will the Government ascertain the wishes of the Macquarie-street Congregation before they hand over the whole of the above sum to the five gentlemen communicated with, viz.:—Mr. Saul Samuel, Mr. S. H. Levy, Mr. Maurice Alexander, Mr. S. A. Joseph, and Mr. Valentine, Senr.?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I do not see how the Government can interfere with the question of Congregations. They have authorized that the money shall be placed in the custody of the five gentlemen mentioned by the Honorable Member, believing that they fairly represent the whole of the Jewish people in this city.

- (3.) Engineer of Steam Dredge "Fitzroy":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the Engineer appointed to the Steam Dredge "Fitzroy" is now in Sydney superintending the engineering department of the Steamer "Governor Blackall," now building for the Queensland Government?

(2.) If so, does the Minister intend to retain him in the service of this Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Engineer of the Steam Dredge "Fitzroy" is not superintending the Engineering Department of the Steamer "Governor Blackall." Mr. Rorison was engaged by the Agents for the Queensland Government as Consulting Engineer prior to being appointed to the "Fitzroy," and having commenced to act in that capacity, was appointed to the "Fitzroy," upon the understanding with the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers that he might continue to act in such capacity until the completion of the "Governor Blackall."

(2.) Mr. Rorison was permitted to arrange with the Engineer of the "Hercules" to exchange places temporarily, and as the little time devoted to the "Governor Blackall" does not interfere with his duties as Engineer for the Steam Dredge, the Government have no intention of removing him from the Service on this account.

- (4.) Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have Tenders been received for the erection of the Bridge authorized by this House last Session over the Broughton Mill Creek?

(2.) Has any Tender been accepted?

(3.) What course does the Government intend to take with regard to this matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Answered by reply to the second question.

(5.)

- (5.) Under Secretary for Lands:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) How long has the Office of Under Secretary for Lands been vacant?
  - (2.) When will it be filled up?
- Mr. Robertson answered:—The Office has been vacant only since the 8th day of September. It was filled up yesterday, at the first Executive Council which has been held since the Governor's return to the Colony.
2. Public Vehicles:—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woollahra, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.
  3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Abram Orpen Moriarty, Esq.," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. M. C. Stephen, on 15th September, 1870,—and moved that the document be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  4. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 (*Government Business*) on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  5. The Eight-hour System of Labour ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—
    - (1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Mr. William Chapman, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Carpenters and Joiners, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
    - (2.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Mr. William Gillespie, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the United and other Labourers connected with the Building Trades, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  6. The Unemployed ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Mr. William Jennett, as the Chairman of a Public Meeting, relative to the distress of large numbers of the Unemployed, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  7. Government Printing Office ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the name of Mr. Wilson be added to the Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the Government Printing Office.  
Question put and passed.
  8. Motions Withdrawn:—
    - (1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Brookes, No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
    - (2.) Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
    - No. 1, to follow after No. 4. By Mr. Samuel.
    - No. 2, to follow after No. 1, as postponed. By Mr. Robertson.
    - No. 3, to follow after No. 2, as postponed. By Mr. Samuel.
  10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Moscs,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Garrett,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.

## Noes, 9.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. S. Brown.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cowper, *passed*.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes.'*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,'*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th October, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Statistical Register of New South Wales for 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.

12. Ways and Means (*Postponed Order No. 1*):—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

13. Paper:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at eleven minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the Government Printer has suspended 14 men, being the whole of the Supernumerary Staff of the Office, for a week, without any notice?
  - (2.) Is there any precedent for such a proceeding?
  - (3.) In the absence of such Staff, who print the Votes and Proceedings of this House?
  - (4.) Will those so employed be paid on piece, or time work; if time, how much per hour?
  - (5.) What was the price per hour paid to the Supernumerary Staff?
  - (6.) Will the House Hands so employed work on the following day?
2. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The estimated amount it will cost to complete the Great Western Line of Railroad, from the end of No. 8 Section to Kelso?
  - (2.) The distance from Kelso Station to the site for the Bathurst Station?
  - (3.) The amount it will cost, including bridges and all expenses, to complete the line from Kelso to Bathurst?
  - (4.) The number of miles as per survey of the extension of the line to Orange; estimated cost per mile, including all expenses?
3. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether a Commission has been appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th October, 1869?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the instrument by which the Commission was appointed?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That there be a Call of the House on Friday, the 11th of November next.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 21st September, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Braidwood, in the room of Michael William Kelly, Esquire, who was declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications not to have been duly elected, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of "Edward Greville" to serve as such Member.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Government Printing Office Supernumerary Staff:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice, No. 1,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government Printer has suspended 14 men, being the whole of the Supernumerary Staff of the Office, for a week, without any notice?

(2.) Is there any precedent for such a proceeding?

(3.) In the absence of such Staff, who print the Votes and Proceedings of this House?

(4.) Will those so employed be paid on piece, or time work; if time, how much per hour?

(5.) What was the price per hour paid to the Supernumerary Staff?

(6.) Will the House hands so employed work on the following day?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I respectfully decline to answer these questions, as being an interference with the department under my control. I have heard complaints against some of these men, and until these have been dealt with, I decline to answer questions with reference to the matter.

*Mr. Cummings withdrew the Question No. 2.*

(2.) Law Reform—Proceedings in Supreme Court:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 3,—

(1.) Whether a Commission has been appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th October, 1869?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the instrument by which the Commission was appointed?

Mr. Cowper answered,—No Commission has been appointed, in accordance with the Resolutions passed by this House on the 19th October, 1869, to inquire into the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court; but a Commission has been appointed to consolidate and amend the Laws of the Colony, and I shall have no objection to lay upon the Table of the House a copy of that Commission.

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

(1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Public Schools," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 23rd September, 1870.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill.

(3.) Return of Labour performed by Prisoners in certain Gaols in the Colony, during the half-year ended 30th June, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Unclaimed Suitors Fund Appropriation Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the custody of Money unclaimed by Suitors in the Courts of Requests and District Courts," 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, 20th October, 1870.

(2.) Industrial Schools Bill of 1870:—

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Government House,  
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5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others of the Working Population of the Colony, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.  
Petition received.
7. Paper:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, copy of a letter addressed to Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, & Co., by the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, conveying the approval of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer of the business-like manner in which the Commercial Agency had been conducted by them. (*See Answer to Question No. 2, in Votes and Proceedings No. 38.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Public Vehicles ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 20th October, from the Municipality of Woollahra, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson, No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 (*Government Business*) on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Bill of 1870 postponed, on Motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday, 4th November.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
11. Volunteer Admission Bill:—Mr. W. Forster proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Robertson, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and Mr. Tunks,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at Eighteen minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
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11. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner to the Old South Road.
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4. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

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New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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1. Volunteer Admission Bill ; second reading.
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4. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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 THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and " papers.  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."

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 FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LACKY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.

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 TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
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 FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Reserves for Travelling Stock :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many Reserves are there available for Stock travelling between Seville's Range, in the District of Liverpool Plains, and Jerry's Plains?

(2.) Do the Lessees of Crown Lands, or any other persons, pay to the Government any sum of money as yearly rent for the use of any Village Reserves on the line of road between Liverpool Plains and the Jerry's Plains Districts?

(3.) Are the Lessees of Crown Lands or the owners of freehold land permitted to fence in Village Reserves on the line of road between the District of Liverpool Plains and Jerry's Plains?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) There are two reserves available for the purpose—one at the junction of Hall's Creek with the Goulburn River, and the other at the junction of Coulson's Creek with Gammuni Creek.

(2.) There are two village reserves leased—one to Mr. J. O'Reilly, who pays a rental of £2 7s. per annum for 750 acres of the village reserve at the junction of Wybong Creek with the Goulburn River; another to W. Peberdy, who pays £4 per annum for 1,280 acres of the village reserve at the crossing over Worondi Rivulet.

(3.) No.

(2.) Great Western Railway :—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The estimated amount it will cost to complete the Great Western Line of Railroad, from the end of No. 8 Section to Kelso?

(2.) The distance from Kelso Station to the site for the Bathurst Station?

(3.) The amount it will cost, including bridges and all expenses, to complete the line from Kelso to Bathurst?

(4.) The number of miles as per survey of the extension of the line to Orange; estimated cost per mile, including all expenses?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) About £37,000.

(2.) About 1½ miles.

(3.) About £60,000.

(4.) 36 miles; and the estimated cost per mile is £7,000.

(3.) Registration of Dogs :—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Under what law, or by whose authority, are the inhabitants of the Suburbs of Sydney, which have been proclaimed Towns under the Country Towns Police Acts, compelled to register their Dogs in Sydney?

(2.) By whose authority do the Police enter upon Borough Ratepayers' property, in the vicinity of Sydney, searching for unregistered Dogs?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—

- (1.) Under the 2nd section of the 6th William 4th, No. 4. The Water Police and Central Police Offices are the Police Offices of all the Sydney Suburban Towns in the Metropolitan Police District.
- (2.) By direction of the principal Officers of Police, and under the authority of the 12th section of the same Act, which makes it imperative on the Police to report all unregistered dogs in their respective districts. The Police have no means of ascertaining the fact of non-registration, except by making inquiries at premises where dogs are kept.
2. Horace Dean :—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from Horace Dean, of the Manning River, in the Colony of New South Wales, representing that he was elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly as Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings, and was deprived of his Seat from the construction put upon the 8th section of the Electoral Act of 1858 by a majority of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; and praying that the said Act may be amended so as to define more precisely the rights and privileges of naturalized subjects of Her Majesty. Petition received.
3. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Cowper not making the Motion standing in his name No. 1 (*Government Business*) on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
4. Motions Withdrawn :—The following Motions were withdrawn by the Members named :—  
No. 2, by Mr. Byrnes.  
No. 6, by Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Watson.  
No. 12, by Mr. Morrice.
5. Bonded Warehouses (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, shewing:—  
(1.) The number of Bonded Warehouses in Sydney, where each Warehouse is situated, the cubical contents of each Warehouse, and by whom each Warehouse is owned.  
(2.) The amount of License paid for each Warehouse.  
(3.) The number of Lockers employed in each Bonded Warehouse, from 1st July, 1869, to 30th June, 1870, the names of said Lockers, and the amount of salary paid to each.  
Question put and passed.
6. Refreshment Room Committee :—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the name of Mr. Bell be added to the Refreshment Room Committee.  
Question put and passed.
7. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Contraband of War Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday, 9th November.
8. Ways and Means :—Mr. Samuel moved, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means be postponed until to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Church,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Flood.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Phelps,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins.

9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
10. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870, *recommitted* :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Government Savings Bank Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled *“An Act to grant additional facilities for Depositing Small Savings at Interest with the Security of the Government for due repayment thereof,”* with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th Oct., 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to grant additional facilities for depositing small Savings at Interest with the Security of the Government for due repayment thereof," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 26th October, 1870.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "officer in the Public Service or other person" *insert* "Postmaster or other officer of the Post Office or the Shipping Master at any port within the Colony"
- " " line 12. *Omit* "Treasury" *insert* "General Post Office"
- " clause 2, line 14. *Omit* "such" *insert* "Postmaster or other"
- " " line 18. *After* "such" *insert* "Postmaster or other"
- " " line 18. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 19. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "the proper" *insert* "such Postmaster or other"
- " " line 9. *Omit* "said Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 13. *After* "thereof" *add* "nor of greater amount whether by one or by successive payments than two hundred pounds to the credit of any one account"
- " clause 4, lines 24 and 25. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 25. *Add* the letter "s" to "officer" and thereafter *insert* "or persons"
- " clause 5, line 28. *After* "be" *insert* "by him"
- " " line 28. *Omit* "the" at the end of the line, *insert* "a"
- " " line 29. *Omit* "or" *insert* "to be called the Government Savings Bank Trust "Fund and shall so soon as the same shall from time to time amount to the sum of five thousand pounds"
- " " line 29. *Omit* "may"
- " " lines 30 to 32. *Omit* "or deposited with such Incorporated Banking Company as the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may from time to time appoint"
- " " line 37. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 6. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 9. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 11. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " clause 11, line 20. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 23. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " lines 26 and 27. *Omit* "Colonial Treasurer" *insert* "Postmaster General"
- " " line 32. *Omit* "deposit" *insert* "pass"
- " " line 32. *Omit* "officer or person" *insert* "Postmaster or other officer"
- " clause 13, line 54. *After* "depositors" *insert* "and of the cash and securities then held"
- Page 4, clause 15. *Omit* clause 15.

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Samuel, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. Roads Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
14. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. J. Sattor,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. R. Forster.
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Lackey,	

Bill 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 of the Bill.

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The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Cowper, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at nineteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.;

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to impose any duty on English Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals, arriving by the Mail Steamer in cases?  
(2.) Will the Government arrange to measure the cases by the Mail Steamer immediately on arrival, so as to ensure early delivery to the consignees?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the copies of Rules made by Volunteer Rifle Corps, ordered by the House on 27th September, be laid upon the Table?
3. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the payments made out of the vote of £2,675, for payments to Medical Advisers—Fees to Medical Officers, country districts—for attendance on Police; Fees to Medical Practitioners in Lunacy Cases and Coroners Inquests, and for attendance on Aborigines?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all Communications made by Police Sergeant Merrins, stationed at Carcoar, to the Inspector General of Police, in reference to contracts entered into by D. Flynn, of Carcoar, for the supply of wood and light to the Police, and particularly any communications in which Police Sergeant Merrins recommends that D. Flynn should have no more contracts of the kind?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to make a similar inquiry into the causes which led to the dismissal of 100 Protestant labourers from the Railway Works to that which has already taken place in consequence of the dismissal of 22 Roman Catholic labourers?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will he state to the House who recommended Mr. Eneas McDonald and Mr. J. F. Mooney, residing at Taralga, for appointment as Magistrates of the territory?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) The amount that has been paid to Mr. Baker, the Hon. Member for the Southern Gold Fields, up to this date?  
(2.) Was the Government privy to any communication sent to the Hon. Member for the Southern Gold Fields, requesting him to leave his duties and make his appearance in this House?  
(3.) Is it true that only two members of the Gold Commission are left to perform the duties; and if so, where are the other members?  
(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish this Commission without delay?  
(5.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the cost to the country of this Commission, so far as it has gone?
8. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Have the Government selected a site for the erection of a platform on the Great Northern Railway for the use of the residents of Camberwell and the surrounding district, at or near the intersection of the Great Northern Railway with the parish road leading from Coorangoola to Camberwell, on the north-western side of Glennie's Creek?  
(2.) If so, when will such platform be erected?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
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2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
4. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; third reading.
5. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Roads Bill; third reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; adoption of Report.
9. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th October, from Horace Dean, relative to a proposed alteration of the Electoral Law, be printed.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence and Reports relating to complaints from Mr. D. Flynn to the Inspector General of Police.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, Reports, and Documents, relating or in anywise referring to the separate confinement in Berrima Gaol of John Archibald.
4. MR. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
5. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 18th of October, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
6. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st October, from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others, resident chiefly at West Maitland, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
8. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.
9. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood, for compensation for alleged loss of water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.
10. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.
11. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner to the Old South Road.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
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3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.
2. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other Documents, relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River, at Casino.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER.

Question:—

1. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have not the Registrars at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, been relieved from all duties in connection with the Courts of Quarter Sessions—that is to say, from acting as Clerks of the Peace at the places named?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
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3. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the District Courts at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland; the dates of their respective appointments to the public service, and what other offices, if any, held by them, in conjunction with the aforesaid offices.
4. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
5. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.

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FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
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WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) English Newspapers and Periodicals :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to impose any duty on English Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals, arriving by the Mail Steamer in cases?

(2.) Will the Government arrange to measure the cases by the Mail Steamer immediately on arrival, so as to ensure early delivery to the consignees?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; and every means will be adopted to facilitate the delivery of these cases; and to prevent delay, where it can be done, a guarantee will be taken that the duty will be paid.

- (2.) Rules made by Volunteer Rifle Companies :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the copies of Rules made by Volunteer Rifle Corps, ordered by the House on 27th September, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I will lay them upon the Table this afternoon.

- (3.) Fees to Medical Practitioners :—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the payments made out of the vote of £2,675 for payments to Medical Advisers—Fees to Medical Officers, country districts, for attendance on Police; Fees to Medical Practitioners in Lunacy Cases and Coroners Inquests, and for attendance on Aborigines?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have no objection whatever, but it will take some little time to prepare the document.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 4.*

- (4.) Discharge of Railway Labourers :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to make a similar inquiry into the causes which led to the dismissal of 100 Protestant labourers from the Railway Works to that which has already taken place in consequence of the dismissal of 22 Roman Catholic labourers?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No. Further inquiry into the causes which led to the recent discharge of railway labourers is unnecessary.

- (5.) Appointment of Messrs. M'Donald and Mooney as Magistrates :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Will he state to the House who recommended Mr. Eneas M'Donald and Mr. J. F. Mooney, residing at Tarauga, for appointment as Magistrates of the territory?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The appointment of these gentlemen was petitioned for by a considerable number of residents in the district, and their appointment was recommended by the Member, Mr. Butler.

- (6.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) The amount that has been paid to Mr. Baker, the Hon. Member for the Southern Gold Fields, up to this date?
  - (2.) Was the Government privy to any communication sent to the Hon. Member for the Southern Gold Fields, requesting him to leave his duties and make his appearance in this House?
  - (3.) Is it true that only two members of the Gold Fields Commission are left to perform the duties; and if so, where are the other members?
  - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish this Commission without delay?
  - (5.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the cost to the country of this Commission, so far as it has gone?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—
- (1.) £345 9s.
  - (2.) No such circumstance is within my knowledge.
  - (3.) I am not aware of any such circumstance.
  - (4.) I am not aware of any such intention.
  - (5.) £1,909 16s.
- (7.) Platform on Great Northern Railway, near Glennie's Creek:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- (1.) Have the Government selected a site for the erection of a platform on the Great Northern Railway for the use of the residents of Camberwell and the surrounding district, at or near the intersection of the Great Northern Railway with the parish road leading from Coorangoola to Camberwell, on the north-western side of Glennie's Creek?
  - (2.) If so, when will such platform be erected?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Instructions have been given to proceed with the work at once.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Rules made by Volunteer Rifle Companies," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 27th September, 1870. (*See Answer to Question No. 2, above.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Horace Dean ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th October, from Horace Dean, relative to a proposed alteration of the Electoral Law, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. The Eight-hour System of Labour ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 21st October, from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others, resident chiefly at West Maitland, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, copy of a Commission appointed to Consolidate and Amend the Laws of the Colony. (*See Answer to Question No. 2 in Votes and Proceedings No. 40.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Windsor:—Mr. Moses presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Windsor, Wilberforce, and the adjacent districts, representing that it is desirable and expedient that a Bridge should be erected across the Hawkesbury at Windsor; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.  
Petition received.
7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 9.
8. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
- No. 3, by Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 4, by Mr. Sutherland, until to-morrow.
  - No. 5, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
  - No. 6, by Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
  - No. 7, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
10. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill was adopted.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
- No. 9, by Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 1 (further postponed), by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
12. Motions Dropped:—
- (1.) Mr. Driver not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
  - (2.) Mr. Dodds not making the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

13. **Motions Withdrawn:—**  
 (1.) Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 5 and 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
 (2.) Mr. Wilson withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 8 and 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. **Motions Dropped:—**  
 (1.) Mr. Brookes not making the Motion standing in his Name No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
 (2.) Commander Onslow not making the Motion standing in his name No. 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. **Postponements:—**The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—  
 Nos. 1, 2, and 3, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 4th November.  
 No. 4, by Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.  
 Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER.

*Questions:—*

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**  
 (1.) Has the inquiry into the charges brought against Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya, been concluded?  
 (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the result to the House?  
 (3.) Will the Colonial Secretary now lay upon the Table of the House the Papers I have already asked for, viz., the Memorial (with the signatures attached) which was sent to the Colonial Secretary, against Mr. Caswell, and the Communication sent to the Attorney General by Mr. T. T. Gannon, J.P., complaining of Mr. Caswell's conduct; also all other papers connected with the late inquiry?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**  
 (1.) What is the name of the contractor who supplies the Railway Department with Coal?  
 (2.) What is the contract price per ton?

**OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. **MR. LACKEY to move,** That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.
2. **MR. BAWDEN to move,** That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other Documents, relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River, at Casino.
3. **MR. MOSES to move,** That the Petition presented by him on the 27th October, from certain Inhabitants of Windsor, Wilberforce, and the adjacent Districts, relative to the erection of a Bridge over the Hawkesbury, at Windsor, be printed.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870; third reading.
2. Roads Bill; third reading.
3. Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill; third reading.

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TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER.

*Question:—*

1. **MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**Have not the Registrars at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, been relieved from all duties in connection with the Courts of Quarter Sessions—that is to say, from acting as Clerks of the Peace at the places named?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, that this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £30, for the purpose of providing the inhabitants of Burraborang with a second Boat, to secure life and property in time of floods.
3. MR. R. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the District Courts at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland; the dates of their respective appointments to the public service, and what other offices, if any, held by them, in conjunction with the aforesaid offices.
4. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
5. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
6. MR. J. SURROR to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 4th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. MR. J. SURROR to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.
9. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood, for compensation for alleged loss of water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
2. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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 WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
  2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
  3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
  4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
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WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Mr. Caswell, Police-Magistrate, Moruya :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the inquiry into the charges brought against Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya, been concluded?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the result to the House?

(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary now lay upon the Table of the House the Papers I have already asked for, viz., the Memorial (with the signatures attached) which was sent to the Colonial Secretary, against Mr. Caswell, and the Communication sent to the Attorney General by Mr. T. T. Gannon, J.P., complaining of Mr. Caswell's conduct; also all other papers connected with the late inquiry?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have not yet received the Report of Mr. District Court Judge Macfarland.

- (2.) Coal for Railway Department :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the name of the contractor who supplies the Railway Department with Coal?

(2.) What is the contract price per ton?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) For the Southern and Western Lines—William Robson; for the mountain traffic—Woolley, Anderson, and Poole; for the Great Northern Railway—Waratah Coal Company.

(2.) Southern and Western Lines	...	{ Newcastle coal	...	13s. 6d.	per ton.
		{ Wollongong coal	...	12s.	"
		{ Best screened coal	...	8s.	"
		{ Unscreened	...	7s. 6d.	"
Great Northern Railway	...	{ Red coal	...	6s. 6d.	"
		{ Nuts	...	5s.	"
		{ Small coal	...	2s. 6d.	"
Mountain Traffic	...	{ Bowenfells coal	...	7s. 8d.	"

2. Assent to Goulburn Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,

Message No. 10.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Goulburn Meat Preserving Company (Limited) and to enable the said Company better to carry on and to transact the business of the same,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th October, 1870.

3. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Borough of Newcastle," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Brookes, on 4th October, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Lackey withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Bridge over the Hawkesbury, at Windsor (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Moses moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th October, from certain Inhabitants of Windsor, Wilberforce, and the adjacent Districts, relative to the erection of a Bridge over the Hawkesbury, at Windsor, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Friendly Societies Bill of 1870 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Sutherland then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th October, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Smith,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

8. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 11th November.
9. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wearne, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such consideration.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 11th November.
10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
11. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill,—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
12. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Driver, That the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. Postponements:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
  - (2.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Bawden No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday, 8th November.
  - (3.) The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Tuesday next.
  - (4.) The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER.

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10. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports (from January, 1860), of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Old South Road.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY

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3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

## FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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## WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1870.

There being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Morrice, Captain Onslow, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER.

*Question:—*

1. MR. R. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have not the Registrars at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, been relieved from all duties in connection with the Courts of Quarter Sessions—that is to say, from acting as Clerks of the Peace at the places named?

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5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill; third reading.
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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, that this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £30, for the purpose of providing the inhabitants of Burraborang with a second Boat, to secure life and property in time of floods.
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  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

District Court Registrars:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have not the Registrars at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, been relieved from all duties in connection with the Courts of Quarter Sessions—that is to say, from acting as Clerks of the Peace at the places named?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The District Court Registrars at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland, were, in the month of January last, for purposes of economy and other reasons, relieved from the performance of their duties in connection with the Courts of Quarter Sessions at all other places than the above, when the appointments of Clerks of the Peace were revoked for the several Quarter Sessions Districts of the Colony, and the Officer resident in Sydney was appointed Clerk of the Peace for the Colony, with power to nominate and appoint such and so many deputies as might from time to time be required. And it was directed that all Registrars of District Courts and Clerks of Petty Sessions, (other than such Officers in the Sydney District Court and Police Districts,) should from time to time receive such appointments, under approval of the Attorney General for the time being, to act as Deputy Clerks of the Peace for the Districts which would be assigned to them respectively.

2. Public Vehicles:—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Darlington, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.

3. Paper:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to “Bonded Warehouses,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on the 26th October, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. Ham Common Resumption Bill:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 14th October, 1870, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 18th November.

Question put and passed.

5. Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott:—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from Joseph Palmer Abbott, of Murrurundi, in the Colony of New South Wales, Solicitor, alleging that he, with his mother and brothers, inherit a piece or parcel of land originally granted by the Crown to one Samuel Onions, and that recently, upon the said land being surveyed for the purpose of sale, it was discovered that there was a large deficiency in the quantity stated to have been granted according to the Deed of Grant; and praying for inquiry into the case, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.

6. Ham Common Resumption Bill:—Mr. Dight presented a Petition from certain Landowners, Occupiers of Land, and Residents in the District of Richmond Hill, in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.

7. Member Sworn :—Edward Greville, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood.
8. District Court Registrars (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the District Courts at Albury, Armidale, Bathurst, Goulburn, and Maitland; the dates of their respective appointments to the public service, and what other offices, if any held by them, in conjunction with the aforesaid offices.

Question put and passed.

9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act 24 Vict. No. 21 intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships.'*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act 24 Vict. No. 21 intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,'*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 2nd November, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

11. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at fifteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER.

### Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Colonial Secretary state to the House who recommended Messrs. John Anthony Fernance, St. Albans, and Henry Riversdale Wilson, McDonald River, for appointment to the Commission of the Peace?
2. MR. WILSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What quantity of land belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell, for which the sum of £5,000 is placed on the Estimates as compensation, was resumed by the Government for Railway purposes; and how much for coal staiths at Newcastle?
  - (2.) Where is this land situated, and by what title was it held by the late Dr. Mitchell?
3. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount of duty received under the proposed new Tariff on goods imported per steam-ship Avoca?
  - (2.) The amount payable under the ad valorem duties on same goods?
  - (3.) The amount received as duty on printed books and periodicals per same ship?
4. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Has any report been received from the gentlemen appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Keating?
  - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the report?

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## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

## Questions:—

1. MR. BAKER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
2. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What amount the Government have paid during the years 1865-66-67-68 and 1869 for the supplying of winter clothing—viz., coats, waistcoats, and trousers—to the various Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools of the Colony; specifying the amount paid during each of the above years for each Institution; and how much of the several amounts has been paid for clothing made from cloth manufactured in the Colony?
3. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?

(3.)

- (3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract ?
- (4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney ; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared ?
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- (1.) Are the plans for the new Grenfell Court-house ready ?
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- (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Appointment of Messrs. Fernance and Wilson as Magistrates :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Will the Colonial Secretary state to the House who recommended Messrs. John Anthony Fernance, St. Albans, and Henry Riversdale Wilson, McDonald River, for appointment to the Commission of the Peace?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Government received a Petition, signed by upwards of thirty persons resident in the district, stating that there was a great want of Magistrates there, that considerable inconvenience was felt, that the requirements of an increasing population, and the interests of justice demanded that other Magistrates should be appointed. The names of these gentlemen were submitted, the recommendation being headed by the name of the local Magistrate, and they were appointed. I have since had representations made to me upon the subject, stating objections to the appointments, and I am now instituting inquiries to ascertain how far the statements are worthy of consideration.

*Mr. Wilson withdrew the Questions Nos. 2 and 3.*

- (2.) Case of Mr. Keating :—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has any report been received from the gentlemen appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Keating?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the report?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I will lay the Report upon the Table in a few minutes.

2. Paper :—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting the cases of Mr. Marshall Bayley, Custom House Agent, and Mr. Elijah Keating.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd November, from Mr. J. P. Abbott, relative to deficiency in Grant of Land, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Public Vehicles (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. S. Brown, on the 2nd November, from the Municipality of Darlington, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Dight moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd November, from certain residents of Windsor and surrounding Districts, relative to the Ham Common Resumption Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 6. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—

(1.) *Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker.—Gold Fields South*:—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom it was referred, on the 18th August, 1870, to inquire and report as to whether or not Ezekiel Alexander Baker was incapable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly, by reason of his holding the appointment of a member of the Gold Fields Commission,—together with Appendix.

And the said Report having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 11th August, 1870, under the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1858, to whom was referred on the 18th August, 1870, the case of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, a Member of this House, who has been appointed as one of the Commissioners to inquire into the state and management of the Gold Fields of this Colony, with instructions to inquire into the circumstances relating to such appointment and to report specially whether or not the holding of such office of profit by the said Ezekiel Alexander Baker, rendered him incapable of being elected a Member of this House,—have inquired into the circumstances relating to such appointment, and do hereby determine and report,—

“ That Mr. Ezekiel Alexander Baker, at the time of his election as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South, held an office of profit under the Crown, within the meaning of the eighteenth Section of the Constitution Act, rendering him incapable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN,  
“ Chairman.”

“ No. 2 Committee Room,  
“ Legislative Assembly,  
“ Sydney, 3rd November, 1870 ”—

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Allen, That the said Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of Committee*:—Mr. Allen then moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

7. *Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill*:—Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Cattle Slaughtering Act of 1850*,”—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 18th November.

8. *Postponements*:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 7 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 8.

9. *Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill*:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be “ now ” read a third time.

Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “ now,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “ recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clause 3.”

Debate ensued.

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

## Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dight,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Captain Onslow,	

## Noes, 10.

Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Webb,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell.

Original Question then put. The House divided.

## Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. M. C. Stephen.
Mr. Ryan,	

## Noes, 3.

Mr. Wilson,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Piddington.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cowper, passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “ *An Act to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of and to provide a more suitable site and premises for the Sydney Female School of Industry.* ”

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of and to provide a more suitable site and premises for the Sydney Female School of Industry,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd November, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. BAKER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
2. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What amount the Government have paid during the years 1865-66-67-68 and 1869 for the supplying of winter clothing—viz., coats, waistcoats, and trousers—to the various Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools of the Colony; specifying the amount paid during each of the above years for each Institution; and how much of the several amounts has been paid for clothing made from cloth manufactured in the Colony?
3. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?
  - (3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (5.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, into Sydney; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (6.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other materials, from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Railway Station, Redfern?
  - (7.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what is the rate per ton paid for the cartage of such Railway Iron, &c.?
  - (8.) On what date did the parties to whom the said contract has been given sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (9.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of Railway Iron and other material; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (10.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other material from the Circular Quay and other wharfs in the City, to the Railway Station; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (11.) On what date does the contract for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Redfern Station, and Railway Iron, &c., from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Redfern Station, terminate?
4. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the plans for the new Grenfell Court-house ready?
  - (2.) When will the Government be in a position to call for tenders for that building?
5. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer any reward for the detection and conviction of the persons, at present unknown, by whom Mr. Rodd's woolshed was, according to the verdict of the Coroner's jury, wilfully set on fire on the night of the 14th, or morning of the 15th October?

6. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any, and if any, what decision has been arrived at by the Government in the matter of the Petition presented to him in the month of August last, praying for aid towards the repair of the Road from Braidwood to Araluen, via Reidsdale.
7. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) The amount of duty received under the proposed new Tariff on goods imported per steam-ship *Avoca*?  
 (2.) The amount payable under the ad valorem duties on same goods?  
 (3.) The amount received as duty on printed books and periodicals per same ship?
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Does the Government take any cognizance of the proceedings of the Gold Commission, appointed some time ago, at a cost up to this date of over £2,000?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to insist upon this Gold Commission performing and completing its duties expeditiously, and without any unnecessary delay?  
 (3.) Is the Government aware of what this Gold Commission is doing at the present moment?  
 (4.) Does the Government permit the members of this Gold Commission to throw up their duties in connection with it whenever they think proper, and give their attention to matters in no way connected with the purposes for which they were appointed?  
 (5.) Does the Government know where the members of this Gold Commission are at the present moment?  
 (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to put an end to this most expensive and notable farce without delay?
9. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has the inquiry into the charges brought against Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya, been concluded?  
 (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the result to the House?  
 (3.) Will the Colonial Secretary now lay upon the Table of the House the Papers already asked for, viz., the Memorial (with the signatures attached) which was sent to the Colonial Secretary against Mr. Caswell, and the Communication sent to the Attorney General by Mr. T. T. Gannon, J.P., complaining of Mr. Caswell's conduct; also, all other papers connected with the late inquiry?
10. MR. FLOOD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Report and Evidence upon the Sydney Infirmary, ordered by this House on the 27th ultimo, be laid upon the Table of the House?
11. MR. CHURCH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the case that Mr. W. W. Stephen, Under Secretary for Lands, is junior in the service to both Mr. G. J. Armytage and Mr. A. O. Pretious?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; second reading.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; third reading.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £30, for the purpose of providing the inhabitants of Burragorang with a second Boat, to secure life and property in time of floods.
3. MR. WATSON *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
4. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.  
 (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.  
 (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.  
 (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
5. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 4th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.

6. MR. J. SUTOR to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 13th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.
8. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood, for compensation for alleged loss of water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.
9. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports (from January, 1860), of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Old South Road.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
5. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Roads Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. WILSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) What quantity of land belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell, for which the sum of £5,000 is placed on the Estimates as compensation, was resumed by the Government for Railway purposes ; and how much for coal staiths at Newcastle ?  
 (2.) Where is this land situated, and by what title was it held by the late Dr. Mitchell ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
2. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.
3. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other Documents, relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River, at Casino.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That this House, disapproving of the office of Postmaster General being made a Political Office, by being attached to a seat in Parliament, recommends that this subject be taken into consideration by the Government before the present vacancy is filled up.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
  2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
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## FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee
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## TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
    - (1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold ; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.
    - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
  2. MR. FARNELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
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## FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
  2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?

(2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?

(3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—I am not prepared to-day to answer these questions, but I will endeavour to obtain the required information by Tuesday next.

- (2.) Clothing supplied to Government Institutions:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What amount the Government have paid during the years 1865–66–67–68 and 1869 for the supplying of winter clothing—viz., coats, waistcoats, and trousers—to the various Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools of the Colony; specifying the amount paid during each of the above years for each Institution; and how much of the several amounts has been paid for clothing made from cloth manufactured in the Colony?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—The answer to this question will involve the preparation of a Return requiring lengthy searches. These searches are now being made, and the information shall be laid before the House as soon as I can obtain it.

*Mr. Farnell withdrew the Question No. 3.*

- (3.) Court House, Grenfell:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Are the plans for the new Grenfell Court-house ready?

(2.) When will the Government be in a position to call for tenders for that building?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Tenders have already been invited; to be opened on the 22nd instant.

- (4.) Burning of *Mr. Rodd's* Woolshed:—*Mr. Greville* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer any reward for the detection and conviction of the persons, at present unknown, by whom *Mr. Rodd's* woolshed was, according to the verdict of the Coroner's jury, wilfully set on fire on the night of the 14th, or morning of the 15th October?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—It is not customary for the Government to offer a reward in such cases, except to supplement rewards offered by parties interested. In this instance no private reward has been offered. The matter, however, is being investigated, and will be further considered.

- (5.) Road from Braidwood to Araluen, *via* Reidsdale:—*Mr. Greville* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether any, and if any, what decision has been arrived at by the Government in the matter of the Petition presented to him in the month of August last, praying for aid towards the repair of the Road from Braidwood to Araluen, *via* Reidsdale?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, but the matter will be determined before the Schedules of Minor Roads are laid on the Table of the House.

(6.)

(6.) Duty on Goods per "Avoca":—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) The amount of duty received under the proposed new Tariff on goods imported per steam-ship "Avoca"?

(2.) The amount payable under the ad valorem duties on same goods?

(3.) The amount received as duty on printed books and periodicals per same ship?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) £185 11s. 2d.

(2.) £370 9s. 3d.

(3.) £13 13s. 9d.

The whole of the entries by the "Avoca" are not yet passed.

(7.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Does the Government take any cognizance of the proceedings of the Gold Commission, appointed some time ago, at a cost up to this date of over £2,000?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to insist upon this Gold Commission performing and completing its duties expeditiously, and without any unnecessary delay?

(3.) Is the Government aware of what this Gold Commission is doing at the present moment?

(4.) Does the Government permit the members of this Gold Commission to throw up their duties in connection with it whenever they think proper, and give their attention to matters in no way connected with the purposes for which they were appointed?

(5.) Does the Government know where the members of this Gold Commission are at the present moment?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to put an end to this most expensive and notable farce without delay?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I am not sure that this question is in order. It contains an assertion that may or may not be accurate; however, I do not desire to refuse to answer the question as far as I can. The Government have taken this mode of cognizance: They have received a Progress Report from the Commissioners, and are aware that they have carried out their Commission in accordance with its terms. If it be the wish of the House, I will lay that Progress Report upon the Table.

(2.) The Progress Report points out the time the Commissioners believed they would require, and in their view the Government concurred.

(3.) It would be difficult for me to say where the Gold Commissioners are at the present moment.

(4.) Of course, when gentlemen enter upon a Commission of this kind, they will not neglect all other business; but they will be paid only when attending to the business of the Commission.

(5.) As I have already said, it is impossible for me to say where they are at the present moment.

(6.) I object to answer this question; and I am sure Mr. Speaker will rule it out of order for the Honorable Member to describe a Commission duly appointed by a vote of this House as a farce.

(8.) Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate, Moruya:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Has the inquiry into the charges brought against Mr. Caswell, Police Magistrate of Moruya, been concluded?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state the result to the House?

(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary now lay upon the Table of the House the Papers already asked for, viz., the Memorial (with the signatures attached) which was sent to the Colonial Secretary against Mr. Caswell, and the communication sent to the Attorney General by Mr. T. T. Gannon, J.P., complaining of Mr. Caswell's conduct; also, all other papers connected with the late inquiry?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I very much regret that the Honorable Member should continue to put questions upon this matter so closely on each other. A vast amount of party spirit has been introduced into this district in connection with it. I will not say whose fault it is, but there can be no doubt of the fact; and I think it would have been much better if the inquiry had been allowed to take the usual course. I have had some difficulty in considering the questions just put to me by the Honorable Member, and in deciding what course I should pursue as to answering them; but I hope I shall not be blamed by the House if I am somewhat reticent with reference to them. I may, however, give the concluding sentence in Mr. Judge Macfarland's report, though I abstain from expressing any opinion as to how far I may, upon full consideration, act upon it:—"I must add that the evidence and course of proceedings before me, with the memorial, counter memorial, further memorial, and certificates forwarded to me along with your letter of the 12th ultimo, plainly show that there exists a wide diversity of opinion amongst the people of the district of Moruya, Roman Catholics and Wesleyans, or many of them, on the one side, and Episcopalians and Presbyterians, or many of them, on the other, as to the confidence, or want of confidence, in which Mr. Caswell is held, and should be held, as the local Magistrate and Coroner, and that those opposite opinions are expressed with considerable warmth and frequency. Under all the circumstances of the case, I am of opinion—and I accordingly submit for your consideration—that no sufficient ground has been made out by the Committee, or individual complainants, for the removal of Mr. Caswell by the Government, contrary to his own desire, from Moruya to any other district (the utmost the Memorialists desired); but that he ought to be seriously censured for the improprieties of conduct enumerated in paragraph 4 of this report, and that his serious attention should be called to the failings referred to in 5th paragraph, with a view to their correction in future; and that if, at any time hereafter, Mr. Caswell can effect a voluntary exchange with another Police Magistrate, or other official of corresponding rank, his doing so should be facilitated by the Government, both for the sake of public peace and his own comfort."

(9.) Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Flood asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice No. 10,—When will the Report and Evidence upon the Sydney Infirmary, ordered by this House on the 27th ultimo, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have requested the authorities, or Directors of the Infirmary, to favour me with this document. I have not yet received it, but as soon as it reaches me, it shall be laid upon the Table—I hope by this day week.

(10.)

(10.) The Under Secretary for Lands :—Mr. Church asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—Is it the case that Mr. W. W. Stephen, Under Secretary for Lands, is junior in the service to both Mr. G. J. Armytage and Mr. A. O. Pretious ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—If I were to answer the Honorable Member by the monosyllable No it would be perfectly correct. It seems, however, desirable,—as certain gentlemen, I presume judging my course of action by what would be their own, have indicated their belief that in the appointment of Mr. Stephen to the office of Under Secretary for Lands conduct unjust to other officers, and with dishonorable motives, had been practised by me—that I should state the circumstance under which the appointment was made. The fact is, that Mr. Stephen has been far longer in the chief Ministerial division of the Department of Lands than Mr. Armytage, and that Mr. Pretious is not, and has never been, connected with that division of the public service. Mr. Armytage entered it for the first time in January, 1867 ; Mr. Stephen entered it in November, 1858, nearly nine years earlier. Besides that, Mr. Stephen was connected with the central division of the Lands business long before Responsible Government, having entered upon it so long back as 1st July, 1852, and has been engaged in it ever since, with the only exception of about one year, during which he was engaged in the Colonial Secretary's Office. Mr. Armytage was, I believe, in the Surveyor General's Department from November, 1838, until 1st January, 1867, when he was removed to the Ministerial division of the Department of Lands, as I have before stated. The date of entry into the public service of the Colony of the three officers alluded to was respectively as follows :—

Mr. Armytage, 1st November, 1838.

Mr. Stephen, 1st July, 1852.

Mr. Pretious, 10th April, 1854.

In making choice of the officer to fill the vacancy of Under Secretary for Lands I was influenced alone by my knowledge that Mr. Stephen's experience of the Ministerial division of the Lands Department was far greater than that of any other officer there ; and I believe that he is far more able to perform the duties than any other of them, however able and valuable may be the other officers of the department for the duties they are performing. I may be permitted, I am sure, to read a letter written by me to Mr. W. W. Stephen four years ago, when I was out of office, and when certainly there seemed little prospect of any of Mr. Stephen's relatives becoming Members of this House. I do so because it has been broadly and falsely stated that the fact of two of his brothers being now Members of Parliament had some influence with me in recommending his appointment to the office he now fills :—

“ Sydney, 15th November, 1866.

“ MY DEAR MR. STEPHEN,

“ I have your note of yesterday's date, informing me that you are thinking of making application for the Clerkship at the Table of the Assembly, and asking me for a note stating my opinion of yourself and of your ability for that office ; or for a memorandum, in general terms, without reference to any particular office.

“ I prefer taking the latter course, because I do not know what may be the claims of any other gentleman for the present vacancy, and certainly not in consequence of any doubt of mine as to your ability to fill that or almost any other unprofessional office in connection with the Government of the Colony.

“ During many years while I was Secretary, you served in the Lands Department, and I had ample opportunity of observing, not only your ability for duties of difficulty, but also the very praiseworthy zeal with which you carried them out.

“ I may add that I should regret, for your own sake, and for that of the Department, your leaving it, because, in the event of Mr. Fitzpatrick or Mr. Moriarty being promoted, or otherwise removed from it, your claim to high office there, I think, could not be disputed.”

Having so long since expressed that opinion of Mr. Stephen, I was not very likely to fail to act upon it, and deprive him of the promotion to which I considered him entitled, merely because of any person, that there might be—as I felt there would be—who would make such base insinuations as have been made as to my motives in dealing with the matter as I have done.

2. The Eight-hour System of Labour :—

(1.) Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from James Cook, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Brickmakers and Inhabitants of St. Peter's and Waterloo, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Brookes presented a Petition from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others of the working population of the Colony, to the same effect.

Petition received.

3. Mr. Samuel Gordon :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, complaining of the conduct of certain Government Officials at Newcastle ; and praying the House to inquire into the matter.

Petition received.

4. Proposed Public Wharf at Taree :—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Township of Taree, and others, representing the necessity for the erection of a Public Wharf at Taree ; and praying that the subject may receive the consideration of the House.

Petition received.

5. *Privilege*.—Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esq. :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, who was on the 20th day of June last returned as the Member for the Electoral District of the Gold Fields South, having been at the time of his election the holder of an office of profit under the Crown, such office not being one of the offices mentioned in the Constitution Act 18 and 19 Vict. cap. 54, nor an office the holder of which had been declared capable of being elected a Member of this House, his said election and return are hereby declared to be void, and the Seat for the said Electoral District is hereby declared to be vacant.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. Petition of John Fuller Foster (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations, complaints, and requests contained in the Petition of John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, presented to this House on the 21st April, 1870.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.  
 Question put and passed.
7. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Regulations respecting Grants to Volunteers.  
 Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Bill of 1870 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday, 25th November.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill:—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Brookes, adjourned until Friday next.
10. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.  
 (2.) The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
11. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Piddington,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Eckford,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. M. C. Stephen.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, *passed*.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Reduce the Salaries of Future Governors.*"

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the Affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Reduce the Salaries of Future Governors,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 4th November, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponements:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.  
 (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Forster, until Friday next.  
 (3.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next,  
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER.

Questions :—

1. MR. WILSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What quantity of land belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell, for which the sum of £5,000 is placed on the Estimates as compensation, was resumed by the Government for Railway purposes; and how much for coal staiths at Newcastle?
  - (2.) Where is this land situated, and by what title was it held by the late Dr. Mitchell?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
3. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?
  - (3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (5.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, into Sydney; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (6.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other materials, from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Railway Station, Redfern?
  - (7.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what is the rate per ton paid for the cartage of such Railway Iron, &c.?
  - (8.) On what date did the parties to whom the said contract has been given sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (9.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of Railway Iron and other material; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (10.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other material from the Circular Quay and other wharfs in the City, to the Railway Station; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (11.) On what date does the contract for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Redfern Station, and Railway Iron, &c., from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Redfern Station, terminate?
4. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The distance, as per survey, from the site for the Kelso Station to the site for the Bathurst Station?
  - (2.) The estimated cost, including Bridges, Culverts, and all other expenses, to finish the Line from Kelso to Bathurst?
  - (3.) The distance, as surveyed, of the extension of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Bathurst to Orange, and the cost per mile?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow, at Five o'clock P.M.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.
2. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.
3. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other Documents, relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River, at Casino.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

6. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That this House, disapproving of the office of Postmaster General being made a Political Office, by being attached to a seat in Parliament, recommends that this subject be taken into consideration by the Government before the present vacancy is filled up.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
7. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from certain Brickmakers and Inhabitants of St. Peter's and Waterloo, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
8. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from Certain Inhabitants of the Electorate of Northumberland, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.
9. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.
10. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from Samuel Gordon, relative to the conduct of certain Government Officials at Newcastle, be printed.
11. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Crown Land in and within the distance of ten miles of the Town of Windsor which has been dedicated, or is under promise of dedication, for public or charitable purposes,—such Return to state in each case—  
 (1.) The quantity of land in acres, and the situation of same.  
 (2.) The purpose of the dedication, and the names of the Trustees.
12. MR. TUNKS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney, and to Regulate Boats plying for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson.
13. MR. SMITH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from certain Residents of the Township of Taree, relative to the erection of a Public Wharf at Taree, be printed.
14. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £80, for the purpose of providing the inhabitants of Burragorangy with a second Boat, to secure life and property in time of floods.
15. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
16. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.  
 (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.  
 (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.  
 (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
17. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 11th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
18. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
19. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.
20. MR. WILSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood, for compensation for alleged loss of water frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.
21. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports (from January, 1860), of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Old South Road.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Roads Bill; third reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
(1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.

## FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Estate of the late Dr. Mitchell :—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What quantity of land belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell, for which the sum of £5,000 is placed on the Estimates as compensation, was resumed by the Government for Railway purposes; and how much for coal staiths at Newcastle?

(2.) Where is this land situated, and by what title was it held by the late Dr. Mitchell?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No land belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell has been resumed for Railway or other purposes; but it is proposed to resume about 7½ perches for the coal staiths.

(2.) On the east side of the Australian Agricultural Company's grant. The Government have not examined into the title as yet, and cannot therefore reply to the latter part of this question.

*Mr. Garrett withdrew the Question No. 2.*

*Mr. Farnell withdrew the Question No. 3.*

- (2.) Great Western Railway :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Cummings, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) The distance, as per survey, from the site for the Kelso Station to the site for the Bathurst Station?

(2.) The estimated cost, including Bridges, Culverts, and all other expenses, to finish the Line from Kelso to Bathurst?

(3.) The distance, as surveyed, of the extension of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Bathurst to Orange; and the cost per mile?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) About 1½ miles.

(2.) About £60,000.

(3.) About 44½ miles. The estimated cost is £7,000 per mile.

2. Paper :—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting the Cases of Mr. Marshall Bayley, Custom House Agent, and Mr. Elijah Keating. (*In substitution for paper laid upon the Table on 3rd November, 1870.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Mr. James Ford :—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from James Ford, of Bathurst, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, alleging that a certain Envelope which he had caused to be posted at Bathurst in the month of August, and addressed to the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, had not been duly delivered; and praying for inquiry into the case.

Petition received.

## 4. Papers :—

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

- (1.) Circular Despatch transmitting Foreign Enlistment Act.
- (2.) Circular Despatch transmitting Queen's Proclamation embodying provisions of Foreign Enlistment Act.
- (3.) Correspondence relative to Exploration of the Wellington Caves.
- (4.) Report from Trustees of Australian Museum for 1869.
- (5.) Correspondence respecting proposed conversion of the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, to Hospital purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Mr. C. B. Dobbin, late Landing-waiter at Grafton," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Captain Onslow, on 5th October, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, from the 8th October to the 7th November, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Special Adjournment ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow, at Five o'clock P.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Brookes,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Weaver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Driver.

6. Bridge over Richmond River at Casino ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other Documents, relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River, at Casino.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Captain Onslow withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. The Eight-hour System of Labour ("Formal" Motions) :—
  - (1.) Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from certain Brickmakers and Inhabitants of St. Peter's and Waterloo, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from certain Inhabitants of the Electorate of Northumberland, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Mr. Samuel Gordon ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th November, from Samuel Gordon, relative to the conduct of certain Government Officials at Newcastle, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Crown Land dedicated to Public or Charitable Purposes ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Crown Land in and within the distance of ten miles of the Town of Windsor which has been dedicated, or is under promise of dedication, for public or charitable purposes,—such Return to state in each case—
  - (1.) The quantity of land in acres, and the situation of same.
  - (2.) The purpose of the dedication, and the names of the Trustees.
 Question put and passed.
11. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ("Formal Motion") :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney, and to Regulate Boats plying for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson.  
Question put and passed.
12. Proposed Public Wharf at Taree ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Petition presented by Mr. Smith on the 4th November, from certain Residents of the Township of Taree, relative to the erection of a Public Wharf at Taree, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

13. Motions Withdrawn:—Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 17 and 18 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 20th October, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Kiama, in the room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of Henry Parkes, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
15. Payments made to Members of Parliament for Services rendered to the Government:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the several amounts received by Members of Parliament, other than Ministers of the Crown, for services rendered to the Government since the 1st January, 1867, specifying the names of such Members, and the services so rendered.  
Question put and passed.
16. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adjourned until Friday next.
17. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
18. Office of Postmaster General:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
(1.) That this House, disapproving of the office of Postmaster General being made a Political Office, by being attached to a seat in Parliament, recommends that this subject be taken into consideration by the Government before the present vacancy is filled up.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 5.

Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. W. Forster,

## Tellers.

Mr. Butler,  
Captain Onslow.

## Noes, 28.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. King,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Hill,	Tellers.
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. M. H. Stephen.
Mr. Driver,	

19. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Brookes withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
20. Public Vehicles:—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Alexandria, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.
21. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Sydney Infirmary to inquire into the allegations of the *Protestant Standard* concerning the management of that Institution.  
Ordered to be printed.
22. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) Captain Onslow withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 14 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson No. 15 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(3.) *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes No. 16 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
23. Compensation for Land promised to the Jewish Church:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 19, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the sum of £1,078, voted as compensation for land promised to the Jewish Church.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
24. Claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood for alleged loss of Water-frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 20, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence, Documents, Reports, and Minutes, relative to the claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood for compensation for alleged loss of water-frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay, and for which the sum of £4,454 has been placed on the Estimates for 1871.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

25. Proposed Road from Osborne's Land to the Old South Road:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 21, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, including Minutes and Reports (from January, 1860), of the Officers of the Land and Survey Departments, respecting the proposed opening of a Road from the north boundary of James Osborne's 640 acres, near its north-west corner, to the Old South Road.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
26. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—On motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at six minutes before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at *Five* o'clock.

W. M. AROLD,  
*Speaker.*

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

MEMO.:—*The House meet at Five o'clock P.M. This Day.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) When was the Gold Fields Commission, presided over by Mr. Innes, appointed?
  - (2.) Has the Chairman, Mr. Innes, and the members of the Gold Fields Commission been paid, from the date of the appointment of said Commission up to the date of last payment, for every day in the interim, including Sundays?
  - (3.) If the above is true, has the Commission been paid for many days that they were not engaged on duty?
  - (4.) Has the Government employed Mr. Innes, the Chairman of the Commission, since the date of his appointment to that office, in any other capacity; and if so, in what capacity?
  - (5.) Was it on Mr. Innes' certificate that the members of the Commission were paid on Sundays?
  - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to recover from the Chairman and members of the Gold Fields Commission all moneys paid them for Sundays and other days that they were not on duty?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How much money has been paid to Dr. Badham, Professor of Classics and Logic in the Sydney University, to defray his travelling expenses in his efforts to distribute his Greek and Latin wares throughout the interior?
  - (2.) Who requested Dr. Badham to engage in this duty?
  - (3.) Has Dr. Badham sent in any report to the Government as to the result of his efforts?
  - (4.) Has the Government come under any obligation to defray Dr. Badham's travelling expenses for any fixed period?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Spring, been employed in any capacity by the Government; if so, in what capacity, and what pay was received?
  - (2.) Is the Honorable Member, Mr. Spring, employed in any capacity by the Government at the present time, and on what conditions as to pay?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
7. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Roads Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from the Borough of Alexandria, relative to the Licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?
  - (3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (5.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, into Sydney; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (6.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other materials, from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Railway Station, Redfern?
  - (7.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what is the rate per ton paid for the cartage of such Railway Iron, &c.?
  - (8.) On what date did the parties to whom the said contract has been given sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (9.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of Railway Iron and other material; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (10.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other material from the Circular Quay and other wharfs in the City, to the Railway Station; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (11.) On what date does the contract for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Redfern Station, and Railway Iron, &c., from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Redfern Station, terminate?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BROOKES *to move*, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
2. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the road from Caloola to Tuena is in an impassable state?
  - (2.) How much of the £203 for the repair of the road from Caloola to Tuena, placed on the Schedule of 1870 for subordinate roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about to form two new Batteries of Volunteer Artillery?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend accepting the services, several times offered, of a proposed Battery to be designated, with the permission already obtained of the Duke of Edinburgh, "Prince Alfred's Own"?
4. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was not the office of John Byron, late Principal Warder at Cockatoo Island, abolished on 31st December, 1869?
  - (2.) Is not the Government aware that Byron was then 62 years of age?
  - (3.) Did not Byron, having first served several months in the Police, enter the Government Service on Cockatoo Island on 14th March, 1852, and remain in it continuously till his office was then abolished?
  - (4.) Has his claim under the above circumstances to a pension under the Superannuation Act, or otherwise, been, or will it be, acknowledged?
  - (5.) What is the amount of pension or gratuity, if any, now being, or which has been paid to him; and if the same is less than that authorized under the above Act to a person 62 years of age after 18 years service, will his case receive further consideration?

5. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is he aware that a large encroachment exists on the Enmore Road, leading to the Electorate of Canterbury, and that this road was for half its width, with the encroachment thereon, as aforesaid, handed over by the Government to the Municipality of Newtown?  
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Municipality of Marrickville, who have the other half of the width of such Road, have been required by the Survey Department to carry out their curb-line immediately opposite such encroachment to the proper alignment, and that the effect of this will be to narrow the thoroughfare, so as to obstruct the traffic in a manner which will be dangerous to the public?  
 (3.) What steps in the matter will the Government take to secure freedom of traffic and the public safety on this road?
6. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Has any report been received from the District Surveyor upon objections made against opening or proclaiming the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp; if so, what is the nature of such report.  
 (2.) Is the Minister aware that in consequence of the delay in opening such road it is almost impossible for resident farmers to get their produce to market?  
 (3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have such road opened?
7. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Have instructions been given to any, and what Surveyor, for the survey of a road from Number One Swamp (by Ford's Road) to its junction with the Tea-pot Swamp Road in Lewis Gordon's 791 acres?  
 (2.) If so, when were such instructions given?  
 (3.) Has any, and what portion been surveyed?  
 (4.) Why has such survey not been completed; is it intended to complete same?
8. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Has any application been made for a gold mining lease at Great Britain Reef, Junction Point, Tuena, by Grace and party; if so, what is the date of such application?  
 (2.) Has such application been heard or considered by the Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena; if so, what was the decision arrived at?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that from the great delay in settling this application a large number of persons are kept out of employment?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from Mr. James Ford, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mr. James Ford, presented on the 8th November instant.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Moscs, Mr. Hill, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.

5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 18th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
10. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.  
 (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.  
 (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.  
 (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.

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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Dr. Badham:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
 (1.) How much money has been paid to Dr. Badham, Professor of Classics and Logic in the Sydney University, to defray his travelling expenses in his efforts to distribute his Greek and Latin wares throughout the interior?  
 (2.) Who requested Dr. Badham to engage in this duty?  
 (3.) Has Dr. Badham sent in any report to the Government as to the result of his efforts?  
 (4.) Has the Government come under any obligation to defray Dr. Badham's travelling expenses for any fixed period?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I am not prepared to answer the Honorable Member's questions to-day, but I will obtain such information as I am able—will consider the subject—and shall perhaps to-morrow be prepared to answer such questions as I may be willing to do.

- (2.) Gerald Spring, Esq., M.P.:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. Spring, been employed in any capacity by the Government; if so, in what capacity, and what pay was received?

(2.) Is the Honorable Member, Mr. Spring, employed in any capacity by the Government at the present time, and on what conditions as to pay?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I am not aware of the Honorable Member being employed in any such capacity.

2. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Contraband of War Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday, 23rd November.

3. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow. Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

4. Member Sworn:—Henry Parkes, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Kiama.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at seventeen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?
  - (3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (5.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, into Sydney; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (6.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other materials, from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Railway Station, Redfern?
  - (7.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what is the rate per ton paid for the cartage of such Railway Iron, &c.?
  - (8.) On what date did the parties to whom the said contract has been given sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?
  - (9.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of Railway Iron and other material; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?
  - (10.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other material from the Circular Quay and other wharfs in the City, to the Railway Station; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (11.) On what date does the contract for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Redfern Station, and Railway Iron, &c., from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Redfern Station, terminate?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) When was the Gold Fields Commission, presided over by Mr. Innes, appointed?
  - (2.) Has the Chairman, Mr. Innes, and the members of the Gold Fields Commission been paid, from the date of the appointment of said Commission up to the date of last payment, for every day in the interim, including Sundays?
  - (3.) If the above is true, has the Commission been paid for many days that they were not engaged on duty?
  - (4.) Has the Government employed Mr. Innes, the Chairman of the Commission, since the date of his appointment to that office, in any other capacity; and if so, in what capacity?
  - (5.) Was it on Mr. Innes' certificate that the members of the Commission were paid on Sundays?
  - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to recover from the Chairman and members of the Gold Fields Commission all moneys paid them for Sundays and other days that they were not on duty?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How much money has been paid to Dr. Badham, Professor of Classics and Logic in the Sydney University, to defray his travelling expenses in his efforts to distribute his Greek and Latin wares throughout the interior?
  - (2.) Who requested Dr. Badham to engage in this duty?
  - (3.) Has Dr. Badham sent in any report to the Government as to the result of his efforts?
  - (4.) Has the Government come under any obligation to defray Dr. Badham's travelling expenses for any fixed period?
4. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—With reference to the amount £6,336 on page 18 of Estimates-in-Chief for "Police required to act as Guard in consequence of the withdrawal of the Military,"—
  - (1.) What is the nature of the Military duties performed by the 28 Policemen, including Officer, under the head of "Troop of Mounted Police"?
  - (2.) What is the special nature of the duties performed by the 14 Policemen, under the head "Government House Guard"?
5. MR. WILSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Have the extra Tide-waiters employed during the month of October been paid for their services?
  - (2.) If not, when will they be paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill ; third reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act ; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from the Borough of Alexandria, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; third reading.

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FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney ?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry ?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner ?
2. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the road from Caloola to Tuena is in an impassable state ?
  - (2.) How much of the £203 for the repair of the road from Caloola to Tuena, placed on the Schedule of 1870 for subordinate roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended ?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about to form two new Batteries of Volunteer Artillery ?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend accepting the services, several times offered, of a proposed Battery to be designated, with the permission already obtained of the Duke of Edinburgh, " Prince Alfred's Own " ?
4. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was not the office of John Byron, late Principal Warder at Cockatoo Island, abolished on 31st December, 1869 ?
  - (2.) Is not the Government aware that Byron was then 62 years of age ?
  - (3.) Did not Byron, having first served several months in the Police, enter the Government Service on Cockatoo Island on 14th March, 1852, and remain in it continuously till his office was then abolished ?
  - (4.) Has his claim under the above circumstances to a pension under the Superannuation Act, or otherwise, been, or will it be, acknowledged ?
  - (5.) What is the amount of pension or gratuity, if any, now being, or which has been paid to him ; and if the same is less than that authorized under the above Act to a person 62 years of age after 18 years service, will his case receive further consideration ?
5. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that a large encroachment exists on the Enmore Road, leading to the Electorate of Canterbury, and that this road was for half its width, with the encroachment thereon, as aforesaid, handed over by the Government to the Municipality of Newtown ?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Municipality of Marrickville, who have the other half of the width of such Road, have been required by the Survey Department to carry out their curb-line immediately opposite such encroachment to the proper alignment, and that the effect of this will be to narrow the thoroughfare, so as to obstruct the traffic in a manner which will be dangerous to the public ?
  - (3.) What steps in the matter will the Government take to secure freedom of traffic and the public safety on this road ?
6. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any report been received from the District Surveyor upon objections made against opening or proclaiming the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp ; if so, what is the nature of such report.
  - (2.) Is the Minister aware that in consequence of the delay in opening such road it is almost impossible for resident farmers to get their produce to market ?
  - (3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have such road opened ?

7. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Have instructions been given to any, and what Surveyor, for the survey of a road from Number One Swamp (by Ford's Road) to its junction with the Tea-pot Swamp Road in Lewis Gordon's 791 acres?  
 (2.) If so, when were such instructions given?  
 (3.) Has any, and what portion been surveyed?  
 (4.) Why has such survey not been completed; is it intended to complete same?
8. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Has any application been made for a gold mining lease at Great Britain Reef, Junction Point, Tuena, by Grace and party; if so, what is the date of such application?  
 (2.) Has such application been heard or considered by the Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena; if so, what was the decision arrived at?  
 (3.) Is it a fact that from the great delay in settling this application a large number of persons are kept out of employment?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

## Question:—

1. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much of the £525 for the repair of the road from Bathurst to Ophir, placed on the Schedule 1870 for Subordinate Roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from Mr. James Ford, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mr. James Ford, presented on the 8th November instant.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hill, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 18th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.

7. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
10. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.  
 (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.  
 (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.  
 (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.  
 (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.  
 (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.  
 (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.  
 (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

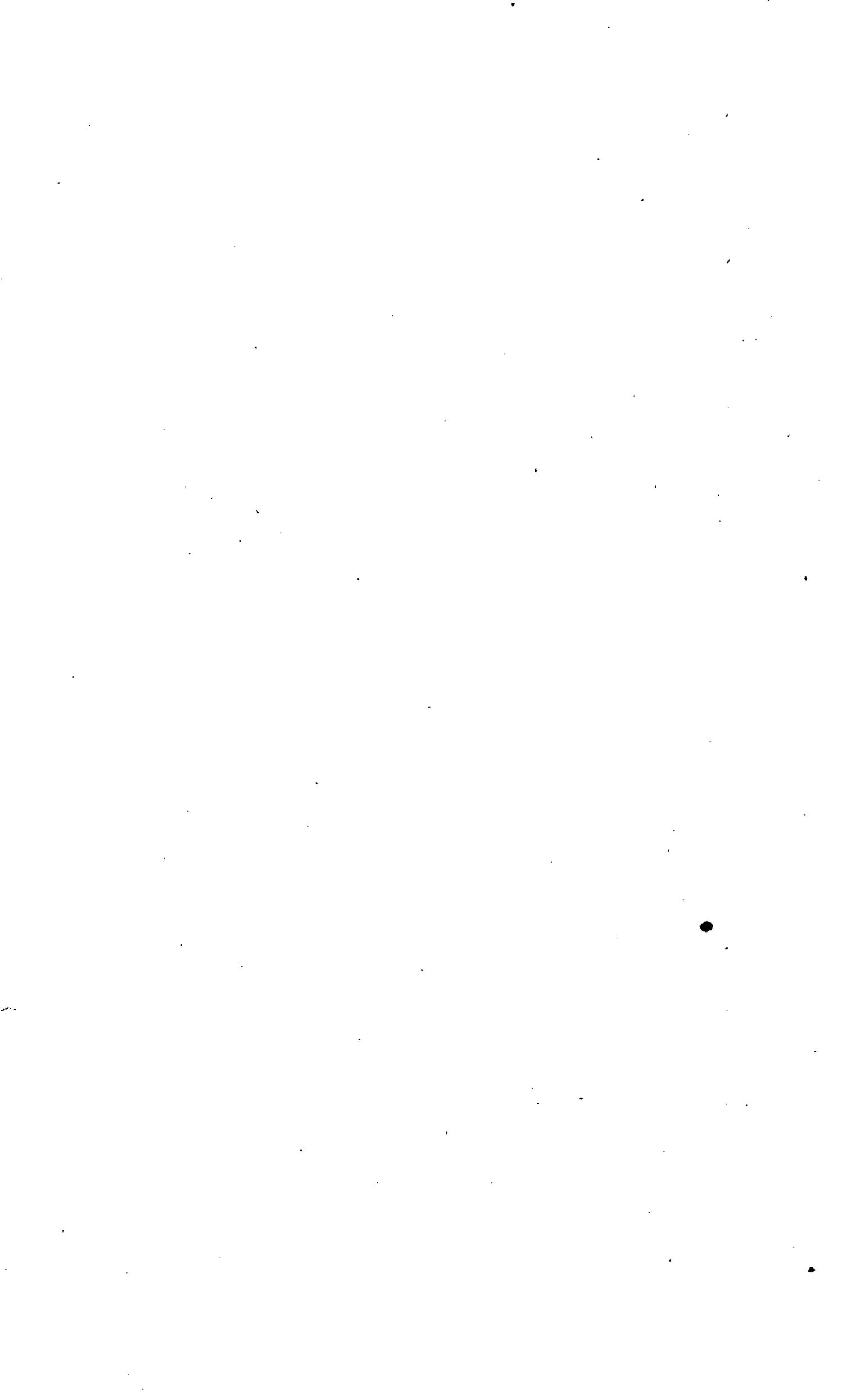
1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Cartage of Wool, &amp;c., from Railway Station, Redfern:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of wool or other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, to the various Wool Stores and Merchants Warehouses in the City of Sydney?

(2.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what rate per ton is paid to such parties for the cartage of the same?

(3.) On what date did the person or persons who have the privilege of carting wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney, sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?

(4.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of wool and produce from the Redfern Station into Sydney; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?

(5.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Railway Station, Redfern, into Sydney; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?

(6.) Has a contract been let by the Government to any person or persons for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other materials, from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Railway Station, Redfern?

(7.) If so, what is the name of the person or persons to whom such contract has been given, and what is the rate per ton paid for the cartage of such Railway Iron, &amp;c.?

(8.) On what date did the parties to whom the said contract has been given sign the bonds and conditions of such contract?

(9.) Were advertisements inserted in the *Government Gazette* and the newspapers inviting persons to tender for the cartage of Railway Iron and other material; if so, how many times were such advertisements inserted, and what are the dates when such advertisements appeared?

(10.) How many persons tendered for the cartage of Railway Iron, Stores, and other material from the Circular Quay and other wharfs in the City, to the Railway Station; what are the names of the various persons who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders?

(11.) On what date does the contract for the cartage of wool and other produce from the Redfern Station, and Railway Iron, &amp;c., from the Circular Quay and other wharfs to the Redfern Station, terminate?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Woods, Shortland, and Co.

*Goods.*

Over 1 cwt., and up to 5 cwt.....4d.	Over 10 cwt., and up to 15 cwt. ....1s. 0d.
"   5   "   "   10   "   .....9d.	"   15   "   "   20   "   .....1s. 6d.

*Parcels.*

56 lbs., and under .....2d.	Over 56 lbs., and up to 112 lbs.....4d.
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*Wool.*

From Redfern Station, at per bale...3d.	To Redfern Station, at per bale.....4d.
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(3.)

(3.) 5th January, 1869.

(4.) Tenders were twice invited for this service in the *Government Gazette*, and in the Sydney daily and weekly papers. In the *Gazette* every issue from 17th November, 1868, to 1st December, 1868; and fresh Tenders in every issue from 12th December to 22nd December, 1868. In every issue of the weekly papers for same dates. And in the daily papers during the above time, as follows:—

*Herald*, every Wednesday and Saturday.

*Empire*, every Monday and Thursday.

(5.) Six Tenders were received in response to the first advertisement, as under:—

Particulars.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	Francis Wright.	George Fox.	R. Shortland.	Michael M'Grade.	Henry Redman.	Mark J. Roman.
<i>Goods.</i>						
Over 1 cwt., and up to 5 cwt. ... ..	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 3	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 3
" 5 " " 10 " ... ..	0 9	0 9	0 8	0 5	0 9	0 6
" 10 " " 15 " ... ..	1 0	1 3	1 5	0 11	1 0	0 9
" 15 " " 20 " ... ..	1 6	1 11	1 11	1 3	1 6	1 0
<i>Parcels.</i>						
56 lbs., and under ... ..	0 1½	0 3	0 2½	0 2	0 1½	0 2
Over 56 lbs., and up to 112 lbs....	0 3	0 5	0 5	0 3	0 3	0 4
Ordinary Wool from Redfern Station, at per bale ... ..	0 3	0 3	0 2½	0 2	0 3	0 2½
In grease ... ..	0 *4½	0 *4½	0 *4	0 *3½	0 *4½	0 *3½
Wool to Redfern Station, at per bale	0 *4½	0 4½	0 5	0 3	0 4½	0 3½

\* Greasy Wool.

The Acting Traffic Manager having reported that there was great difficulty in determining which was the lowest Tender, and that much confusion would arise by the division of the Wool ordinary from greasy—it was decided to invite fresh Tenders without reference to light or heavy wool. In response to the second advertisement five Tenders were received, as under:—

Particulars.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
	Francis Wright.	M. J. Roman.	H. Redman.	Woods, Shortland, and Co.	M. M'Grade.
<i>Goods.</i>					
Over 1 cwt., and up to 5 cwt. ... ..	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 2	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 4	s. d. 0 3
" 5 " " 10 " ... ..	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 9	0 6
" 10 " " 15 " ... ..	0 9	0 9	0 9	1 0	0 9
" 15 " " 20 " ... ..	1 3	1 4	1 2	1 6	1 3
<i>Parcels.</i>					
56 lbs., and under... ..	1½	0 1	0 1½	0 2	0 2
Over 56 lbs., and up to 112 lbs....	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 4	0 3
Wool from Redfern Station, at per bale ... ..	0 3	0 2½	0 2½	0 3	0 2½
Wool to Redfern Station, at per bale ... ..	0 4	0 4½	0 4	0 4	0 3½

The Tender of Woods, Shortland, and Co. was accepted under the following Report from the Traffic Manager (the late Mr. Owen):—

"The difference between these Tenders is very trifling; and as the present Contractors have given every satisfaction for the last two years, and as a change in the middle of the wool season is very inconvenient, I consider it my duty to recommend Tender No. 4 of the present Contractors."

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Woods, Shortland, and Co.

For all goods, materials, packages, or other articles not exceeding ten cwt., each ... .. 3s. per ton.  
For all locomotive engines, boilers, and railway carriages ... .. 20s. "  
For all other bulky articles exceeding ten cwt., each ... .. 6s. "

(8.) On the 1st February, 1870.

(9.) Yes, in every issue of the *Government Gazette* and Sydney weekly papers between 16th and 29th November, 1869; and in the Sydney daily papers, as under:—

*Herald*, every Wednesday and Saturday.

*Empire*, every Monday and Thursday.

*Evening News*, every Monday and Thursday.

(10.)

(10.) Three, as under :—

Particulars.	1. John Free.			2. John Ray.			3. Woods, Shortland, and Co.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
For all goods, materials, packages, or other articles, not exceeding 10 cwt. each, at per ton ... ..	0	3	3	0	1	6	0	3	0
For all locomotive engines, boilers, and railway carriages, at per ton ... ..	1	5	0	0	15	0	1	0	0
For all other bulky articles, exceeding 10 cwt. each, at per ton ... ..	0	7	6	0	4	6	0	6	0

John Ray, the lowest Tenderer, withdrew on the 30th November his Tender dated the 29th November, on the ground that he had made a mistake in his calculation, and was unable to fulfil contract.

(11.) *Wool, &c., Contract.*—The fixed time is 31st December, 1871, and thereafter the contract is terminable on three months notice from either side. Application has been made by the Contractors to be relieved of this Contract, but I have declined to entertain it.

*Railway Material, &c., Contract.*—The fixed time is 31st December, 1872, and thereafter the Contract is terminable on three months notice from either side.

(2.) Gold Fields Commission :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) When was the Gold Fields Commission, presided over by Mr. Innes, appointed?

(2.) Has the Chairman, Mr. Innes, and the members of the Gold Fields Commission been paid, from the date of the appointment of said Commission up to the date of last payment, for every day in the interim, including Sundays?

(3.) If the above is true, has the Commission been paid for many days that they were not engaged on duty?

(4.) Has the Government employed Mr. Innes, the Chairman of the Commission, since the date of his appointment to that office, in any other capacity; and if so, in what capacity?

(5.) Was it on Mr. Innes' certificate that the members of the Commission were paid on Sundays?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to recover from the Chairman and members of the Gold Fields Commission all moneys paid them for Sundays and other days that they were not on duty?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I do not think I can answer the questions of the Honorable Member as he has put them, but he will see the reason before I conclude. In answer to the first question, I say the 6th June, 1870. The second, third, and fifth questions I will answer by a letter written to me by Mr. Innes. To the fourth question, I desire to say that Joseph George Long Innes, Esq., Barrister-at-law, was duly appointed in the month of September to prosecute for the Crown at Wagga Wagga Circuit Court, on 3rd October last. In reply to the other questions I will now read the letter written to me by Mr. Innes, and it deals with the whole matter :—

“ Sir,

“ I desire without delay to set right some misapprehension that appears to exist upon the subject of the remuneration received by myself and the other members of the Gold Commission, more particularly with reference to our receiving payment for Sundays. While we are engaged in the duties of the Commission, we have received, and do receive, payment for Sundays as well as for other days.

“ 2. Some time before the receipt of the formal official letter of appointment (of date 11th June, and to which I shall presently make more particular reference), the Government did me the honor to propose for my acceptance the position of Chairman of this Commission. I do not desire to conceal that the question of remuneration was one which I regarded as a material question;—and those Members of the Government with whom I held communication upon the subject gave me clearly to understand that while my remuneration was to be at the rate of four guineas a day, the weeks were to be weeks of seven days, and upon this understanding I accepted the office.

“ 3. On the 13th or 14th of June I received the formal letter of appointment and instructions. Paragraph 4 of that letter is thus worded, ‘ Your remuneration will be at the rate of four guineas per diem while actually engaged in the duties of the Commission, and that of the other Members three guineas while so engaged. These amounts are to include all travelling and other expenses.’ On reading this paragraph I at once saw that, unexplained, it certainly was not in accordance with my view of the contract into which I had promised to enter. For that, inasmuch as we could not be expected actually to sit and take evidence, or otherwise actually discharge any of the active duties of the Commission on Sundays, the paragraph would, regarded in that view, exclude Sundays from the number of days for which we were to receive pay. So I immediately waited upon Mr. Moriarty, whose signature is to the letter, and pointed out to him why I took exception to the wording of the paragraph. Mr. Moriarty explained to me that the paragraph had been thus shaped specially in view of the contingency of the Commission adjourning the prosecution of its labours for any period, during which interim, of course, the members could not expect to be paid,—or in view of the other contingency, of one or more members being absent on private business for any days together. I of course admitted that there was good sense in that, and that that might remove my objection; but still, as I stated to Mr. Moriarty, I wanted the matter put more

more clearly, and with that view I made several efforts to see Mr. Cowper—the office of Minister of Lands then being vacant—to have the paragraph remodelled. I was, however, unable to see Mr. Cowper; and that Minister went away to Melbourne without my being able to bring personally under his notice what I desired. I knew, however, that we could practically test the question soon, and that before any serious harm could be done, by sending in our pay abstracts at the end of the then month, charging for the two intervening Sundays. Accordingly, the abstracts were sent in, with the two Sundays included. Had any demur been then made, the matter could easily have been set right one way or the other. For myself, I have no scruple in saying that I should have insisted upon either being paid for Sundays, or upon my daily remuneration being proportionately increased. For if I understand that I am to get £29 8s. for a week's work, I expect £29 8s., and not merely £25 4s.

" 4. No demur was made to the charge for Sundays in those first abstracts; nor has there been any demur to any of the abstracts for the succeeding months, though uniformly we have charged for Sundays. I repeat, my understanding throughout has been that we were to be paid for Sundays, and I have only been paid in accordance with that understanding.

" 5. I desire to add one word with regard to the certifying. I have certified to all the abstracts. I have certainly never desired to have this duty imposed upon me, and I have given all parties concerned clearly to understand that I have merely certified upon the statements made by the other members of the Commission. I am in no position (nor would I consent to accept any such position) to challenge the truth of what these other gentlemen in their abstracts say. Each member fills up his own abstract, and my certificate I look upon as merely certifying that the person who sends it in has been, during the period stated therein, one of the Commissioners employed under the existing Commission. The certificate itself is as follows:—"I certify that the above-named person was actually employed in the situation and during the period specified,"—the ordinary form of certificate for all Government employées, very few of whom, I take it, are on Sundays 'actually employed' in the sense now contended for.

" 6. The particular object of my being called upon to certify, I confess I never could quite see (as I am only one of five—merely first among equals—having precedence, but not superiority), while, with regard to the actual service performed by the other members, I am often necessarily in ignorance of the fact. In effect, I desire to say that I am to be considered as responsible for the truth of my own abstracts only; and I do not suppose that those who are associated with me in the Commission would tolerate any necessity for my certificate to the truth of their own statement.

" 7. In conclusion, I have to say that as I write this away from, and without having had any communication with, the other members of the Commission, I must be considered as writing the letter in my capacity merely as an individual member of the Commission."

With reference to the last question No. 6, the Honorable Member will see it is one which I should not like to answer without conference with my colleagues; and I have had no opportunity of such conference since the date of this letter.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Dr. Badham:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) How much money has been paid to Dr. Badham, Professor of Classics and Logic in the Sydney University, to defray his travelling expenses in his efforts to distribute his Greek and Latin wares throughout the interior?

(2.) Who requested Dr. Badham to engage in this duty?

(3.) Has Dr. Badham sent in any report to the Government as to the result of his efforts?

(4.) Has the Government come under any obligation to defray Dr. Badham's travelling expenses for any fixed period?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I hope the House will not consider me wanting in courtesy if I decline to answer the questions of the Honorable Member, which I believe to be couched in insulting language to one of the most eminent scholars of the day, and who holds a high position in the University of Sydney: I mean Dr. Badham.

4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Questions on Notice Paper for to day:—

(1.) Military Duties performed by Police:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—With reference to the amount £6,336 on page 18 of Estimates-in-Chief for "Police required to act as Guard in consequence of the withdrawal of the Military,"—

(1.) What is the nature of the Military duties performed by the 28 Policemen, including Officer, under the head of "Troop of Mounted Police"?

(2.) What is the special nature of the duties performed by the 14 Policemen, under the head "Government House Guard"?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) The troop of mounted police has not been authorized, but, if authorized, will be employed generally on patrol in the suburbs, attendance to preserve order at public gatherings, and to be available, as the Military were, in cases of riot or disturbance.

(2.) The 14 constables are employed at Government House to perform the sentry duty of the main entrance gate, and at Government House. The duty has hitherto been discharged by the Military.

(2.) Extra Tide-waiters:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Have the extra Tide-waiters employed during the month of October been paid for their services?

(2.) If not, when will they be paid?

Mr. Samuel answered,—They have been paid.

6. **Audit Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870.  
Question put and passed.
7. **Public Vehicles ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from the Borough of Alexandria, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. **Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Driver, then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make Assessments and collect Rates and to provide for the conduct of Elections in accordance with the Amended Boundaries of the said City and the several Wards thereof.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
**MR. PRESIDENT,**  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make Assessments and collect Rates and to provide for the conduct of Elections in accordance with the Amended Boundaries of the said City and the several Wards thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 10th November, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
9. **Audit Act Amendment Bill**:—Mr. Cowper having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
10. **Ways and Means**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

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FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1870, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Threc o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER.

*Questions*:—

1. **MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission, which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
2. **MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that the road from Caloola to Tuena is in an impassable state?
  - (2.) How much of the £203 for the repair of the road from Caloola to Tuena, placed on the Schedule of 1870 for subordinate roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?
3. **MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about to form two New Batteries of Volunteer Artillery?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend accepting the services, several times offered, of a proposed Battery, to be designated, with the permission already obtained of the Duke of Edinburgh, "Prince Alfred's Own"?
4. **MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Was not the office of John Byron, late Principal Warder at Cockatoo Island, abolished on 31st December, 1869?
  - (2.) Is not the Government aware that Byron was then 62 years of age?
  - (3.) Did not Byron, having first served several months in the Police, enter the Government Service on Cockatoo Island on 14th March, 1852, and remain in it continuously till his office was then abolished?
  - (4.) Has his claim under the above circumstances to a pension under the Superannuation Act, or otherwise, been, or will it be, acknowledged?
  - (5.) What is the amount of pension or gratuity, if any, now being, or which has been paid to him; and if the same is less than that authorized under the above Act to a person 62 years of age, after 18 years service, will his case receive further consideration?

5. **MR. M. C. STEPHEN** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**.—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large encroachment exists on the Enmore Road, leading to the Electorate of Canterbury, and that this road was for half its width, with the encroachment thereon, as aforesaid, handed over by the Government to the Municipality of Newtown?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the Municipality of Marrickville, who have the other half of the width of such road, have been required by the Survey Department to carry out their curb-line immediately opposite such encroachment to the proper alignment, and that the effect of this will be to narrow the thoroughfare, so as to obstruct the traffic in a manner which will be dangerous to the public?
  - (3.) What steps in the matter will the Government take to secure freedom of traffic and the public safety on this road?
6. **MR. DRIVER** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**.—
- (1.) Has any report been received from the District Surveyor upon objections made against opening or proclaiming the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp; if so, what is the nature of such report?
  - (2.) Is the Minister aware that in consequence of the delay in opening such road it is almost impossible for resident farmers to get their produce to market?
  - (3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have such road opened?
7. **MR. DRIVER** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**.—
- (1.) Have instructions been given to any, and what Surveyor, for the survey of a road from Number One Swamp (by Ford's Road) to its junction with the Tea-pot Swamp Road in Lewis Gordon's 791 acres?
  - (2.) If so, when were such instructions given?
  - (3.) Has any, and what portion been surveyed?
  - (4.) Why has such survey not been completed; is it intended to complete same?
8. **MR. DRIVER** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**.—
- (1.) Has any application been made for a gold mining lease at Great Britain Reef, Junction Point, Tuena, by Grace and party; if so, what is the date of such application?
  - (2.) Has such application been heard or considered by the Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena; if so, what was the decision arrived at?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that from the great delay in settling this application a large number of persons are kept out of employment?
9. **MR. BYRNES** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**.—When the Papers, ordered by this House on 4th October, having reference to the case of the Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways, will be laid upon the Table?

**OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. **MR. CUMMINGS** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. **MR. BROOKES** to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Roads Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.—How much of the £525 for the repair of the road from Bathurst to Ophir, placed on the Schedule 1870 for Subordinate Roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold ; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from Mr. James Ford, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mr. James Ford, presented on the 8th November instant.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hill, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 18th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862 ; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. WATSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant ; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Lcary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
10. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service ; by whom ; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another ; at whose instance ; and for what cause, during the same period.
11. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.

(4.)

- (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
- (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating public vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.
13. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.
- (2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.
14. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of the appointment to the present time, stating whether Sundays are included.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Garrett withdrew the Question No. 1.*

(1.) Road from Caloola to Tuena:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is he aware that the road from Caloola to Tuena is in an impassable state?

(2.) How much of the £203 for the repair of the road from Caloola to Tuena, placed on the Schedule of 1870 for subordinate roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) £24 Gs. 8d. up to the date of the last correspondence.

(2.) Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Are the Government about to form two new Batteries of Volunteer Artillery?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend accepting the services, several times offered, of a proposed Battery to be designated, with the permission already obtained of the Duke of Edinburgh, "Prince Alfred's Own"?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Provision has been included in the Estimates for 1871 for two new Batteries of Volunteer Artillery; and I understand from Colonel Richardson that the parties who offered to be enrolled under the descriptive designation of "Prince Alfred's Own" will be offered positions in the Batteries.

(3.) John Byron, late Principal Warder at Cockatoo Island:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Was not the office of John Byron, late Principal Warder at Cockatoo Island, abolished on 31st December, 1869?

(2.) Is not the Government aware that Byron was then 62 years of age?

(3.) Did not Byron, having first served several months in the Police, enter the Government Service on Cockatoo Island on 14th March, 1852, and remain in it continuously till his office was then abolished?

(4.) Has his claim under the above circumstances to a pension under the Superannuation Act, or otherwise, been, or will it be, acknowledged?

(5.) What is the amount of pension or gratuity, if any, now being, or which has been paid to him; and if the same is less than that authorized under the above Act to a person 62 years of age after 18 years service, will his case receive further consideration?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Byron stated, on the 17th October, 1869, that he was 62 years of age. Captain Mann certified that he believed the statement to be correct.

(3.) Yes.

(4.)

(4.) Mr. Byron was paid by a daily rate from 14th March, 1852, to 30th June, 1860; from 1st July, 1860, by an annual salary. From the latter date only his claim to a gratuity, under the Superannuation Act, has been acknowledged.

(5.) The sum of £135 has been authorized as a gratuity for his service, from 1st July, 1860, to the date his office was abolished,—viz., 9 years. The service rendered by Mr. Byron, from 14th March, 1852, to 30th June, 1860, could not, having regard to the 11th section of the Superannuation Act, be made the foundation of any claim under that Act. It is not intended that his case shall receive further consideration.

(4.) Encroachment on the Enmore Road:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is he aware that a large encroachment exists on the Enmore Road, leading to the Electorate of Canterbury, and that this road was for half its width, with the encroachment thereon, as aforesaid, handed over by the Government to the Municipality of Newtown?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Municipality of Marrickville, who have the other half of the width of such Road, have been required by the Survey Department to carry out their curb-line immediately opposite such encroachment to the proper alignment, and that the effect of this will be to narrow the thoroughfare, so as to obstruct the traffic in a manner which will be dangerous to the public?

(3.) What steps in the matter will the Government take to secure freedom of traffic and the public safety on this road?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) For a short distance the breadth of the Enmore Road, according to the old adjoining grants, is much reduced, but no encroachment is believed to exist. The centre of the road, without reference to width, has been made the boundary of the Municipalities.

(2.) The foot-path on the Marrickville side has alone been aligned, owing to the narrowness of the street at the point referred to, and to the expectation that some arrangement would be made by the Councils interested to obtain by purchase, or otherwise, a strip of land on the Newtown side, to be added to the streets, which has been done in part. As regards the carrying out of the curb-line, no action has been taken by the Survey Department other than to refer a complaint to the Marrickville Council, and to draw their attention to the fact that under the Municipal Act any action must be taken by them in the matter. The present width of the road is 12 feet pathway and 22 feet carriage-way.

(3.) That will be a matter for consideration on the Government receiving an answer from the Marrickville Council, or on the Marrickville Council declining to give that answer.

(5.) Road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Has any report been received from the District Surveyor upon objections made against opening or proclaiming the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp; if so, what is the nature of such report?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that in consequence of the delay in opening such road it is almost impossible for resident farmers to get their produce to market?

(3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to have such road opened?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) A report on the matter has been received from the Surveyor, under which it has been determined to proceed with the opening of the road.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes, as soon as the necessary legal formalities will admit.

(6.) Road from Number One Swamp to Tea-pot Swamp Road:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Have instructions been given to any, and what Surveyor, for the survey of a road from Number One Swamp (by Ford's Road) to its junction with the Tea-pot Swamp Road in Lewis Gordon's 791 acres?

(2.) If so, when were such instructions given?

(3.) Has any, and what portion been surveyed?

(4.) Why has such survey not been completed; is it intended to complete same?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Instructions were issued to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher, on the 14th October, to report on an application for this road. His report has not yet been received.

(2.) Whether survey may be required is in great measure dependent on the facts contained in the report referred to. No instruction for survey has therefore as yet been given.

(3.) For the reasons stated, no survey has been made.

(4.) The foregoing three answers are a full reply to the fourth question.

(7.) Application by Grace and Party for a Gold Mining Lease:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Has any application been made for a gold mining lease at Great Britain Reef, Junction Point, Tuena, by Grace and party; if so, what is the date of such application?

(2.) Has such application been heard or considered by the Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena; if so, what was the decision arrived at?

(3.) Is it a fact that from the great delay in settling this application a large number of persons are kept out of employment?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes; 24th August, 1870.

(2.) It is not shewn by the papers in this office that the claim of these parties has been dealt with by the Bench at Tuena.

(3.) This is not known as a fact, although it is so stated in a letter of the applicants.

(8.) The Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—When the Papers, ordered by this House on 4th October, having reference to the case of the Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Papers will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.

2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Return shewing the cost of Winter Clothing supplied to Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools, during the years 1865-6-7-8 and 9, shewing the proportion of the material used therein made in the Colony. (*See Answer to Question No. 2 in Votes and Proceedings No. 48.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—  
Captain Onslow moved, "That" that report be now adopted.  
Mr. Flood moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of considering a Proviso to be added to Clause 3, and considering a new Clause to stand Clause 11 of the Bill as printed."  
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 the place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of considering a Proviso to be added to Clause 3, and considering a new Clause to stand Clause 11 of the Bill as printed,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Captain Onslow, 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, on motion of Captain Onslow, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—How much of the £525 for the repair of the road from Bathurst to Ophir, placed on the Schedule 1870 for Subordinate Roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The respective amounts that have been paid to the Chairman and members of the Gold Fields Commission since the date of their appointment up to the date of last payment?
  - (2.) The rate at which the Chairman and members of the Commission were paid at per day?
  - (3.) The number of days, from the date of the appointment of the Commission up to the date of last payment, for which the Chairman and members have received payment?
  - (4.) Is there anything now due to the Chairman and members of the Commission; and if so, what is the amount due to each?
  - (5.) Is it true that the Chairman and members of the Commission have been paid for every day since the date of their appointment up to the date of last payment, including Sundays?
  - (6.) If so, over how long a period does this continuous payment extend?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Could he give the House any idea when the Return moved for by Mr. Buchanan about two months ago,—asking for statistical information as to the crimes, nationality, and religious profession of the various prisoners convicted during the last five years, and also the same information as to the present inmates of all the Gaols in the country,—will be laid on the Table of this House?

5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the crews of the Steam Dredge "Pluto," and her tender the "Pearl," have not received any pay for the last three months?  
 (2.) Will the Minister state to the House the reason of this, if such is the case?
6. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has a contract for the supply of books, stationery, or other articles for the public service, been entered into by the Council of Education with Mr. John Ferguson, bookseller, of Sydney?  
 (2.) If so, what are the date, terms, period of duration, and other particulars of the contract?  
 (3.) Were Tenders invited before the contract was entered into?  
 (4.) If so, was Mr. Ferguson, or if not Mr. Ferguson, who was the lowest Tenderer?  
 (5.) If Mr. Ferguson was not the lowest Tenderer, why was he selected by the Council of Education in preference to any other Tenderer?
7. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his questions, and the answers of the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, upon the subject of the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, which appear upon the paper for Thursday, September 29,—  
 (1.) Does the office of Secretary remain, or is it intended to remain, cancelled; and if so, how is it proposed to carry into effect the statement of the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, that "In accordance with the provisions of the 17th clause of the Necropolis Act of 1867, the Secretary will, however, have to furnish an Annual Abstract of the Accounts, verified by a solemn declaration, made and subscribed in the form and to the effect required by the Act of Council, 9th Vict. No. 9"?  
 (2.) Have the Government arrived at any conclusion as to their right to inspect these Accounts?  
 (3.) Have the expenses of management, amounting, as stated by the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, to £923 4s. 6d., or any part of them, been yet "recovered from the Trustees of the various sections"?  
 (4.) If not, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from Mr. James Ford, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mr. James Ford, presented on the 8th November instant.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hill, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. MR. J. SUTOR *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 18th of November, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. MR. J. SUTOR *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. WATSON *to move*,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

10. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating public vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.
13. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.
  - (2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.
14. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of the appointment to the present time, stating whether Sundays are included.
15. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
16. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. A. Haute Wyatt and the Registrar General, as well as of all Minutes or Opinions of the Crown Law Officers, having reference to any application of the said Rev. A. Haute Wyatt to be registered as a Minister or Registrar for the celebration or registration of Marriages, under the Act 19 Vict. No. 34.
  - (2.) A Return of all such applications, since the year 1856, which have been rejected by the Registrar General, or by the Executive Government—shewing, in each case, the date, name of applicant, and the reasons for which the application was rejected.
17. MR. CUMMINGS to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
18. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster. "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Audit Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill ; third reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill ; third reading.
4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road from Bathurst to Ophir:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—How much of the £525 for the repair of the road from Bathurst to Ophir, placed on the Schedule 1870 for Subordinate Roads under the Department for Public Works, has been expended?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—£199.

*Mr. Garrett withdrew the Question No. 2.*

- (2.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The respective amounts that have been paid to the Chairman and members of the Gold Fields Commission since the date of their appointment up to the date of last payment?

(2.) The rate at which the Chairman and members of the Commission were paid, per day?

(3.) The number of days, from the date of the appointment of the Commission up to the date of last payment, for which the Chairman and members have received payment?

(4.) Is there anything now due to the Chairman and members of the Commission; and if so, what is the amount due to each?

(5.) Is it true that the Chairman and members of the Commission have been paid for every day since the date of their appointment up to the date of last payment, including Sundays?

(6.) If so, over how long a period does this continuous payment extend?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) In reply to this question I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a Return which the Honorable Member will, perhaps, pardon me if I do not read.

(2.) President, £4 4s. per diem, and £1 1s. per diem while absent from Sydney. Commissioners, £3 3s. per diem, and 10s. 6d. per diem while absent from Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Innes, 98; Mr. Baker, 99; Mr. Coombes, 102; Mr. Frappell, 103; Mr. Thompson, 103.

(4.) Yes. There are claimed fees and travelling allowance to 31st October, viz., Mr. Innes, £88 4s.; Mr. Coombes, £84 10s. 6d.; Mr. Baker, £102 18s.; Mr. Frappell, £121 5s. 6d.; Mr. Thompson, £113 18s. 6d.

(5.) No.

- (3.) Criminal Statistics:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Could he give the House any idea when the Return moved for by Mr. Buchanan about two months ago,—asking for statistical information as to the crimes, nationality, and religious profession of the various prisoners convicted during the last five years, and also the same information as to the present inmates of all the Gaols in the country,—will be laid on the Table of this House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—In consequence of the question of the Honorable Member, I have referred to the Sheriff, and he states that “The information required by the several motions necessitates the collection of full particulars personally respecting each prisoner throughout the Gaols of the Colony. Six separate returns are being furnished from each Gaol where Quarter Sessions are held, and eleven where there are also Circuit Courts. The principal delay will be in the return of prisoners at present confined in Darlinghurst Gaol, for which there are (in reference to previous convictions) to be looked up 250 histories—some extending twenty years back. The Principal Gaoler reports that he will endeavour to have it ready in a month from this date. Then the returns will have to be transcribed and condensed in this office, which will be done with the least possible delay. The instruction for the return, including previous convictions, was received at this office on the 14th October.”

(4.)

(4.) Crews of the Steam Dredge "Pluto" and Tug "Pearl":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is it true that the crews of the Steam Dredge "Pluto," and her tender the "Pearl," have not received any pay for the last three months?

(2.) Will the Minister state to the House the reason of this, if such is the case?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No. There were two months arrears of pay due to the crews of the Dredge "Pluto" and the Tug "Pearl," but the amount due has been paid.

(2.) The delay has been occasioned by its having been necessary to charge the salaries of the master and crew of the "Pearl" to the credit balance of the vote for the "Pluto's" salaries, the contingent vote being exhausted.

(5.) Contract for Books and Stationery for the Council of Education:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Has a contract for the supply of Books, Stationery, or other articles for the public service, been entered into by the Council of Education with Mr. John Ferguson, bookseller, of Sydney?

(2.) If so, what are the date, terms, period of duration, and other particulars of the contract?

(3.) Were Tenders invited before the contract was entered into?

(4.) If so, was Mr. Ferguson, or if not Mr. Ferguson, who was the lowest Tenderer?

(5.) If Mr. Ferguson was not the lowest Tenderer, why was he selected by the Council of Education in preference to any other Tenderer?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have been furnished by the Council of Education with the following answers to the Honorable Gentleman's questions:—

"(1.) A contract for the supply of School Books and Stationery has been entered into with Mr. John Ferguson, bookseller, of George-street.

"(2.) Mr. Ferguson's Tender bears date 5th June, 1869, and extends over a period of three years, from the 1st April, 1870. Other particulars are supplied in the accompanying schedules of prices, and letters to Tenderers.

"(3.) It was decided by the Council of Education to advertise for Tenders on the 26th April, 1869,—Henry Parkes, Esq. (President), the Honorable George Allen, the Honorable W. M. Arnold, and Professor Smith, M.D., being present. The advertisement inviting Tenders was inserted four times each in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* newspapers. The following is a copy of the advertisement:—

"To Booksellers, Stationers, and others.

"SEALED Tenders will be received at this Office up to Saturday, 5th June next, for the supply of the undermentioned articles to Schools under the Council of Education, for the period of three years, from 1st January, 1870, viz.:—

School Books, School Stationery, School Apparatus,	Maps and Diagrams, Office Stationery, Printing and Bookbinding.
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Specifications under each of the foregoing heads may be seen at this Office until Saturday, the 29th May next.

"By order of the Council of Education,

"Council of Education Office,  
 "Sydney, 28th April, 1869.

"W. WILKINS,  
 "Secretary.

"(4.) Mr. Ferguson was the lowest Tenderer for the supply of School Books and Stationery, and he received the contract accordingly.

"(5.) Mr. John Sands was the lowest Tenderer for Printing and Office Stationery, and he received the contract accordingly."

These answers were sent to me in a letter from the Secretary to the Council of Education, dated to-day, which I will now read:—

"Council of Education Office,  
 "Sydney, 15th November, 1870.

"SIR,

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, requesting to be furnished with information necessary to enable the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to reply to certain questions which Mr. W. Forster is to ask this day in the Legislative Assembly, I have the honor, by direction of the Council of Education, to forward herewith documents, from which the desired information may be obtained.

"I have the honor to be,  
 "Sir,

"Your most obedient Servant,

"Henry Halloran, Esq.,  
 "Principal Under Secretary,  
 "Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 "Sydney."

"(Signed) R. E. WEBSTER,  
 "Pro. Secretary.

I will presently lay upon the Table of the House copies of the Tenders, and of the Minutes of the Council of Education and Correspondence relating thereto.

(6.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—With reference to his questions, and the answers of the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, upon the subject of the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek, which appear upon the paper for Thursday, September 29,—

(1.) Does the office of Secretary remain, or is it intended to remain, cancelled; and if so, how is it proposed to carry into effect the statement of the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, that "In accordance with the provisions of the 17th clause of the Necropolis Act of 1867, the Secretary will, however, have to furnish an Annual Abstract of the Accounts, verified by a solemn declaration, made and subscribed in the form and to the effect required by the Act of Council, 9th Vict. No. 9"?

(2.)

(2.) Have the Government arrived at any conclusion as to their right to inspect these Accounts?  
 (3.) Have the expenses of management, amounting, as stated by the Hon. the Secretary for Lands, to £923 4s. 6d., or any part of them, been yet "recovered from the Trustees of the various sections"?

(4.) If not, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government, to recover or enforce payment of this amount?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The office of Secretary is held, without salary, by Mr. S. H. Pearce.

(2.) The Government have no doubt as to such right.

(3.) No.

(4.) The Government, as at present advised, will take no steps.

2. Papers:—

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

(1.) Statement shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of appointment to the date of last payment. (*See Answer to Question No. 2.*)

(2.) Correspondence respecting Repairs to Sydney Mint Buildings. (*See Answer to Question No. 1, Votes and Proceedings No. 52, Friday, 29 April, 1870.*)

(3.) Further Correspondence respecting the quality of Iron used in manufacture of Rails for this Colony, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "The Chief Assistant Engineer for Railways," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on 4th October, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Documents connected with the Contract for the Supply of Books and Stationery for the Council of Education. (*See Answer to Question No. 5.*)

(2.) Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report respecting Floods in the District of the Hunter River.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Mr. James Ford (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th November, from Mr. James Ford, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. The Rev. A. Haute Wyatt (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Rev. A. Haute Wyatt and the Registrar General, as well as of all Minutes or Opinions of the Crown Law Officers, having reference to any application of the said Rev. A. Haute Wyatt to be registered as a Minister or Registrar for the celebration or registration of Marriages, under the Act 19 Vict. No. 34.

(2.) A Return of all such applications, since the year 1856, which have been rejected by the Registrar General, or by the Executive Government—shewing, in each case, the date, name of applicant, and the reasons for which the application was rejected.

Question put and passed.

5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 17 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. The Civil Service:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working of the Civil Service generally, and particularly whether any change may be effected in any of the departments, and whether any of the officers now employed are unfitted for the positions they hold; that such Commission be further instructed to report upon the advisability of regulating the Civil Service by special legislation.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. Mr. John Busby:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of John Busby, presented to this House on the 25th March, 1870, in reference to a promise of a Grant of Land from the Imperial Government, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Byrnes,  
 Mr. Weaver,  
 Mr. Parkes,  
 Mr. Wearne,  
 Mr. Dodds,  
 Mr. Piddington,

Tellers.

Mr. Tunks,  
 Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. Samuel,  
 Mr. Robertson,  
 Mr. Sutherland,  
 Mr. Wilson,  
 Mr. W. Forster,  
 Mr. Hoskins,  
 Mr. Allen,  
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
 Mr. Cummings,

Mr. Lackey,  
 Tellers.  
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
 Mr. Driver.

8. Mr. James Ford :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mr. James Ford, presented on the 8th November instant.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hill, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
9. Motions Withdrawn :—  
 (1.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Captain Onslow No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
 (2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. J. Suttor, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of Mr. J. Suttor Nos. 6 and 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Amendment of the Land Law :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Garrett, adjourned until Friday next.
11. Motions Dropped :—  
 (1.) Mr. Watson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
 (2.) Mr. Byrnes not making the Motion standing in his name No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. Motions Withdrawn :—The undermentioned Motions were withdrawn by the Members named :—  
 No. 11, by Mr. Buchanan.  
 Nos. 12 and 13, by Mr. Tunks.  
 Nos. 14 and 15, by Mr. Buchanan.  
 No. 18, by Mr. Brookes.
13. Postponements :—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the second reading of the Volunteer Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Friday next,  
 (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Brookes, until Friday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to the question put by him on the 10th instant, respecting the contract for the cartage of wool, and other produce, from the Railway Station, Redfern ;—Was the said contract given to Messrs. Woods, Shortland, and Co. with the sanction and concurrence of the Secretary for Public Works, seeing that the tender of Messrs. Woods, Shortland, and Co. for the cartage of goods from the Redfern Station was higher than the tenders of Messrs. Francis Wright, M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade ; likewise, for parcels, higher than Messrs. Francis Wright, M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade ; and, for wool, higher than the tenders of Messrs. M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Audit Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
7. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Roads Bill ; third reading.

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?
  - (2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?
  - (3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What are the names of the persons who tendered for the conveyance of the Mails from Muscleebrook to Armidale during the year 1871; also the amount of their respective tenders, and the name of the successful tenderer?

## FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; third reading.
4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
4. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of the appointment to the present time, stating whether Sundays are included.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
7. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating public vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.
8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.
  - (2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

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TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Cartage of Wool, &c., from Railway Station, Redfern:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the question put by him on the 10th instant, respecting the contract for the cartage of wool, and other produce, from the Railway Station, Redfern;—Was the said contract given to Messrs. Woods, Shortland, and Co. with the sanction and concurrence of the Secretary for Public Works, seeing that the tender of Messrs. Woods, Shortland, and Co. for the cartage of goods from the Redfern Station was higher than the tenders of Messrs. Francis Wright, M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade; likewise, for parcels, higher than Messrs. Francis Wright, M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade; and, for wool, higher than the tenders of Messrs. M. J. Ronan, H. Redman, and M. M'Grade?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; but for wool the tenders of Francis Wright and M. J. Ronan were as high as that of the accepted tender. The reason for the acceptance of Woods, Shortland, and Co.'s tender was given in my reply to the Honorable Member's previous question. As I before explained, the contractors requested me to relieve them of this contract; but the same reason which induced me to accept their tender weighed with me in declining to accede to their request—namely, that inconvenience would arise by a change of contract in the middle of the wool season.

2. The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from certain Artizans, Manual Labourers, and others of the Working Classes of Goulburn and its vicinity, in favour of the passing of the Labour Bill of 1870.  
Petition received.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Watson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

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3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a Mr. Robert Coulson was appointed to the Stroud Bench some time in August last?
  - (2.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. Coulson appointed to the Magistracy?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Coulson since been dismissed; and if so, for what cause?
  - (4.) Did Mr. Snape, J.P., address the Colonial Secretary a letter on the subject of Mr. Coulson's dismissal; and will the Colonial Secretary lay this letter, and all other correspondence on the subject, on the Table of this House?
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have any intention to fill up the office of Postmaster General; and if so, when?

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## New South Wales.

No. 55.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The total cost to the Country of the Royal Commission which sat some short time since to inquire into the question of Water Supply for the City of Sydney?

(2.) How many Commissioners were there, and how long did it take them to make their inquiry?

(3.) What was the total amount paid by the Government to each Commissioner?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) £1,439 7s.

(2.) Six Commissioners. Twenty months.

	£.	s.	d.
(3.) Professor Smith	254	19	0
Mr. E. O. Moriarty	137	0	6
Mr. P. F. Adams	96	1	6
Mr. F. H. Grundy	661	10	0
Mr. T. Woore	223	13	0
Mr. W. C. Bennett	66	3	0

- (2.) Conveyance of Mails from Muscleebrook to Armidale:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Hoskins, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What are the names of the persons who tendered for the conveyance of the Mails from Muscleebrook to Armidale during the year 1871; also the amount of their respective tenders, and the name of the successful tenderer?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

Cobb and Company	£2,730 per annum.
John Gill	£3,996 " "

Messrs. Cobb and Company were the successful tenderers. It may be stated that Mr. J. Gill sent in another tender, being a bulk one, including the three following services, viz. :—

Muscleebrook and Armidale	} ... .. for £3,996 per annum.
Tamworth and Warialda	
Murrurundi and Gunnedah	

This tender, apart from the fact of its being an informal one, was not the lowest, as will be seen from the following particulars of the tenders which were accepted for the services mentioned in

Mr. J. Gill's bulk tender, viz. :—

Muscleebrook and Armidale: Messrs. Cobb and Co.	£2,730 per annum.
Tamworth and Warialda: Mr. J. Chaffey	400 " "
Murrurundi and Gunnedah: Ditto	200 " "

	£3,330
Amount of Gill's bulk tender	3,996

Difference ... £666

(3.)

- (3.) Appointment of Mr. Robert Coulson as a Magistrate:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Is it true that a Mr. Robert Coulson was appointed to the Stroud Bench some time in August last?
  - (2.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. Coulson appointed to the Magistracy?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Coulson since been dismissed; and if so, for what cause?
  - (4.) Did Mr. Snape, J.P., address the Colonial Secretary a letter on the subject of Mr. Coulson's dismissal; and will the Colonial Secretary lay this letter, and all other correspondence on the subject, on the Table of this House?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Robert Coulson, son of the late Quartermaster Coulson, was appointed to the Stroud Bench some time in August last, upon the nomination of the Rev. Dr. Lang. The appointment had only just been made when some representations were made to me which led me to believe that it had been made unadvisedly, and I recommended the issue of a supersedeas cancelling the appointment. I have no objection to lay the papers on the Table.
- (4.) Office of Postmaster General:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether the Government have any intention to fill up the office of Postmaster General; and if so, when?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Yes, as soon as more pressing matters will admit of their attention being given to it.
2. Law and Equity Bill:—Mr. W. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate certain rights of parties in Law and Equity*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd December.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Morrice moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. The Eight-hour System of Labour ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th November, from Artizans and Labourers of Goulburn, in favour of the Labour Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER.

*Questions:—*

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend repairing the Court-house at Berrima; if so, when?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government appointed a Board to inquire into the working of the Railway Department?
  - (2.) If so, have the Government any objection to laying the Report made by such Board on the Table of the House?
3. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government come to any decision as to the rate to be charged for the conveyance of loose Hay?
4. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee been suspended; and if so, when was he suspended?
  - (2.) Has a Commissioner been sent up to inquire into any charges against him; if so, has any Report been made by the Commissioner?
  - (3.) Will the Colonial Secretary place the Report of the Commissioner on the Table of the House?
  - (4.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee been previously reported for deficiency in his public accounts, and time given him to make up the money deficient?
5. MR. E. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government at present taking any steps to construct a Bridge over the Jugiong Creek, on the Great Southern Road, in the place of the one washed away by the recent floods?
  - (2.) If so, when is the new Bridge likely to be completed?
  - (3.) Are they aware that a private individual is plying with a Government Boat over that Creek, and making arbitrary and exorbitant charges for his own benefit; and if so, by whose sanction is this done?
6. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the information afforded to the House by the Government on the 6th September, have the Law Officers of the Crown prepared the Bill upon which it was said they were then engaged to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony; and if so, when will it be introduced?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill; third reading.
4. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—
  - “ (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - “ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
6. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”
7. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
10. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, “ That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.”

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return of the days of sitting, and of all cases tried or disposed of in the Supreme Court, or in any District Court, during the past and present year;—specifying the number of days of sitting of each Court; the number of cases tried or disposed of each day; and the name of the Judge in each case?
  - (2.) A Return of the travelling expenses of every such Judge; specifying in each case the name of the Judge; the amount paid to each; the rate per day, and per mile; the number of days and miles for which such expenses were incurred or paid;—and, in regard to District Court Judges, distinguishing the days and miles travelled within, from those without their districts, and specifying the number of days during which such Judges resided, or were present in their Districts?
  - (3.) A similar Return of the travelling expenses of Crown Prosecutors, so far as applicable?
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence and Reports relating to complaints from Mr. D. Flynn, of Carcoar, to the Inspector General of Police.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,” upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words “ now read a second time,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “ referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.”
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and “ the Mover.”
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move,
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.

(3.)

- (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
- (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
- (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
- (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
- (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
- (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
4. MR. WATSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of the appointment to the present time, stating whether Sundays are included.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
7. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating public vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.
8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.
- (2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DILLON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

*Question :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?
  - (2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?
  - (3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?
  - (4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

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FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Court-house, Berrima :—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Do the Government intend repairing the Court-house at Berrima; if so, when?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—The Government have not arrived at any determination upon this matter, because, in considering it, it seemed to me a doubtful point whether it would not be better to pull down the present building and to erect another. The Colonial Architect having been referred to, entertains a rather different opinion, and thinks, upon the whole, it would be a better arrangement to repair the present Court-house. No determination has, however, been arrived at. The building was erected upon a scale far beyond the requirements of the district; but whether it can be so altered as to meet more than one object, and combine a Court-house and Lock-up, I cannot say. The expenditure required is very large, unless it can properly be laid out. The lowest tender is £1,157, and, judging from the way in which most of these contracts end, I should not be surprised if it amounted to £2,000 before the completion of the work. The expenditure of so large a sum in a work of this kind requires a good deal of consideration.

- (2.) The Railway Department :—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the Government appointed a Board to inquire into the working of the Railway Department?

(2.) If so, have the Government any objection to laying the Report made by such Board on the Table of the House?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) A Board was appointed in April last to inquire into and examine the previous and present mode of keeping the Railway Accounts, &c.

(2.) No.

- (3.) Loose Hay :—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the Government come to any decision as to the rate to be charged for the conveyance of loose Hay?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee :—*Captain Onslow*, on behalf of Mr. M. H. Stephen, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee been suspended; and if so, when was he suspended?

(2.) Has a Commissioner been sent up to inquire into any charges against him; if so, has any Report been made by the Commissioner?

(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary place the Report of the Commissioner on the Table of the House?

(4.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee been previously reported for deficiency in his public accounts, and time given him to make up the money deficient?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee has been suspended from the 5th October last. After considering various modes of conducting the inquiry, I appointed as Commissioner a barrister of the Supreme Court, Mr. Owen, a gentleman of high character. He was entrusted with the performance of this duty, and has made a report which, having been at the Crown Law Offices for some days, I have not yet had time to read with sufficient care to enable me to determine upon the case. However, a decision will be come to as soon as possible, and the documents will then be laid upon the Table of the House. Under a previous Government this Clerk of Petty Sessions was deficient in his accounts for a short time, but the money deficient was paid up. I am not aware that any time was given him for that purpose. That case did not occur under the present Government.

(5.) Bridge over Jugiong Creek:—Mr. E. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Are the Government at present taking any steps to construct a Bridge over the Jugiong Creek, on the Great Southern Road, in the place of the one washed away by the recent floods?

(2.) If so, when is the new Bridge likely to be completed?

(3.) Are they aware that a private individual is plying with a Government Boat over that Creek, and making arbitrary and exorbitant charges for his own benefit; and if so, by whose sanction is this done?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; cylinders have been cast and are being forwarded to Jugiong, and tenders have been invited for the superstructure.

(2.) In about nine months.

(3.) The Government Boat was put in charge of a man named M'Donald. The Government were not aware that he was making exorbitant charges. A telegram has been sent to stop this, if it is being done.

(6.) Military Defence of the Colony:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—With reference to the information afforded to the House by the Government on the 6th September, have the Law Officers of the Crown prepared the Bill upon which it was said they were then engaged to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony; and if so, when will it be introduced?

Mr. Cowper answered,—No Militia Bill has, as yet, been prepared by the Crown Law Officers, and I have not pressed for the preparation of it, because circumstances have altered so much since the breaking out of the present war. The spirit for Volunteering is on the increase, the applications for enrolling being greatly in excess of what may be found necessary. The Government considers it to be of importance that no expensive organization should be determined upon without the fullest deliberation. The Commanding Officer of the Volunteers has been engaged in endeavouring to enrol Companies of Pensioners or discharged Soldiers, but not, as yet, with any great success. He has, however, taken steps for further action in the event of the news from England being of such a character as to give ground for apprehension. So far as I can gather, Colonel Richardson is rather in favour of a Regular Force, though limited in numbers, than a Militia. The Government is unwilling to incur any heavy expenditure which might prove to be needless; but will adopt such steps as, after consultation with the Defence Commission, may appear to be proper.

2. The Tariff:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Mechanics and others, interested in the Engineering Trade of New South Wales, praying that, in the event of the proposed Tariff becoming law, a measurement or other charge may be levied on Machinery imported into the Colony.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Petition be received.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. Cumberland and Camden Bathurst-burr and Thistle Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Captain Onslow, read a third time, and *passed*.

Captain Onslow then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the destruction of the Bathurst-burr and certain Thistle and other Plants in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Captain Onslow moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the destruction of the Bathurst-burr and certain Thistle and other Plants in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th November, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Business of Supreme and District Courts.—Travelling Expenses of Judges and Crown Prosecutors (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the days of sitting, and of all cases tried or disposed of in the Supreme Court, or in any District Court, during the past and present year;—specifying the number of days of sitting of each Court; the number of cases tried or disposed of each day; and the name of the Judge in each case.

(2.) A Return of the travelling expenses of every such Judge; specifying in each case the name of the Judge; the amount paid to each; the rate per day, and per mile; the number of days and miles for which such expenses were incurred or paid;—and, in regard to District Court Judges, distinguishing the days and miles travelled within, from those without their Districts, and specifying the number of days during which such Judges resided, or were present in their Districts.

(3.) A similar Return of the travelling expenses of Crown Prosecutors, so far as applicable.

Question put and passed.

5. Mr. D. Flynn (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence and Reports relating to complaints from Mr. D. Flynn, of Carcoar, to the Inspector General of Police.  
Question put and passed.
6. Ham Common Resumption Bill,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Farnell, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wearne,	

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Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. M. C. Stephen.	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lackey.

8. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Garrett, Mr. King, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nowlan, Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fifteen minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

*Question:—*

1. MR. WATSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it a fact that workmen employed on the Roads between Cowra and Young, and Cowra and Grenfell, have not been paid their wages for nearly three months; and if so, what is the cause of the nonpayment of such wages?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the progressive interests of this country that the three Great Lines of Railway—South, North, and West—should be simultaneously carried out with as little delay as possible,—Southern Line to Yass, Western Line to Orange, Northern Line to Tamworth.  
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(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.  
(2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the mother country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.  
(3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.  
(4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.  
(5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
4. MR. WATSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the respective amounts paid to each member of the Gold Fields Commission, from the date of the appointment to the present time, stating whether Sundays are included.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
7. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating public vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.
8. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.
  - (2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.
9. MR. BROOKES to move, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 27th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ham Common Resumption Bill; third reading.
2. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—
  - “ (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
  - “ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, “ That this Bill be now read a second time.”
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, “ That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,” upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words “ now read a second time,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “ referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.”
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.”
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been tested, and found not capable of discharging Coal without material alteration?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DILLON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?  
 (2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?  
 (3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?  
 (4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Workmen employed on Cowra Road :—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice—Is it a fact that workmen employed on the Roads between Cowra and Young, and Cowra and Grenfell, have not been paid their wages for nearly three months; and if so, what is the cause of the nonpayment of such wages?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The road Cowra to Young is under Trustees, to whom the money was paid on the 10th June last. I am not in a position to state whether the Trustees paid their labourers. On the road Cowra to Grenfell, which is in charge of the Road Department, all claims for wages have been paid.

2. Motions Withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Ham Common Resumption Bill (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Ham Common.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Ham Common,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd November, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Motions Dropped :—Mr. Buchanan not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 2, 5, and 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.

6. Public Vehicles:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of money paid over monthly from the 30th June, 1867, to the 30th June, 1870, from the Public Treasury (if any) and by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for the District of Sydney to the Treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, as fines, or portions of fines, for infractions of the Laws, and for offences against the By-laws of the City Council for regulating Public Vehicles plying for hire in the City of Sydney and within eight miles of the Corporate limits thereof.  
Question put and passed.
7. Wallace-street, Braidwood:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—  
(1.) The amount of money expended in repairing Wallace-street, in the town of Braidwood, from the 1st January, 1869, to present date; the purpose from which such money was transferred; the nature of the repairs performed or under progress; and by whose authority the works were authorized.  
(2.) A Return of the amount of money expended in repairs to Major's Creek, Araluen, and the Clyde Road, from the 1st January, 1869, to the present time; the nature of the work done or to be done; by whose authority these works were undertaken; and from what fund is the money supplied to pay for them.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Hoskins moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
9. Edward Flood, Esq., M.P.:—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 9, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to consider and report to this House as to whether Mr. Edward Flood, one of the sitting Members for Central Cumberland, was a Contractor with the Government at the time when he was elected a Member of this House in December last, and as to whether he is now a Contractor with the Government, within the meaning of the 28th clause of the Constitution Act; and if it is proved that Mr. Flood either was or is a Contractor with the Government, whether he was entitled to be elected as a Member of this House, and is still entitled to sit and vote as a Member of this House.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Brookes,	

Noes, 17.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Piddington,	

10. Public Vehicles:—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of the Glebe, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the Suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at six minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER.

### Questions:—

- MR. WILSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it a fact that certain Railway Porters work fourteen and a-half hours on Sundays, for which they receive only half a day's pay?
- MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Has Mr. Baker, one of the members of the Gold Commission, drawn any money from the Government, in his capacity of Gold Commissioner, since the 30th September last?  
(2.) If so, how much?  
(3.) If Mr. Baker has drawn no money from the Government since the 30th September last, is there anything at present due to him; and if so, how much?
- MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Would he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it?

4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the Local Board of the St. Philip's Church of England Denominational School refused to recommend the application of Mr. F. T. Kerr to have his three children educated free; and, on application to the Council of Education, they also refused—the consequence of which is, that the said three children are attending no school whatever?  
 (2.) Does not the Public Schools Act make express provision for the free education of children whose parents are unable to pay for it?
5. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has Mr. J. F. Mooney, of Taralga, lately appointed to the Commission of the Peace, resigned that position; and if not, is it the intention of the Government to retain Mr. Mooney's name on the roll of Magistrates of the Territory?
6. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) Has he received by the Mail just arrived any telegraphic intelligence from England of the sale of our Debentures?  
 (2.) What is the amount advised as sold?  
 (3.) Does such sale include the whole of the £450,000 handed to the Bank on the 14th June, and known as the Tailings Loan?  
 (4.) If not, how is the amount made up?
7. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) The name of the Contractor or Contractors for the shunting work at Rydal Railway Station; and on what terms is the work being performed?  
 (2.) Did the Government receive any offer or offers from other persons willing to perform the work; and if so, why were none of those offers accepted?  
 (3.) Were tenders called for; and if so, was the lowest tender accepted?
8. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Under the scale of tolls to be charged on and after the 1st January next on certain roads described in the *Government Gazette*, is the weight of the dray, cart, or waggon to be included in the weight upon which toll will be charged, or will the rate of toll depend upon the actual load carried upon the vehicle?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Audit Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Roads Bill; third reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between J. B. Bamford, Esq. and the Colonial Secretary; between J. B. Bamford, Esq. and the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Forces, or any other of the Volunteer Authorities; and between any other person and the Colonial Secretary, or the officer aforesaid; and of all other Documents, Minutes, and Papers relating to the formation or proposed enrolment of a Volunteer Battery of Artillery, with the name or designation of "Prince Alfred's Own."

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1. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—  
 "(1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
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5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been tested, and found not capable of discharging Coal without material alteration?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ALLEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd November, from the Council of the Borough of the Glebe, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DILLON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.
3. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
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5. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

## Question:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?
  - (2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?
  - (3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?
  - (4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway Porters:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it a fact that certain Railway Porters work fourteen and a-half hours on Sundays, for which they receive only half a day's pay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No. Those Porters who are paid half a day's pay on Sundays are not actually required to be on duty more than from three to five hours for attendance only at the arrival and departure of trains, as shewn by the time-table.

- (2.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has Mr. Baker, one of the members of the Gold Commission, drawn any money from the Government, in his capacity of Gold Commissioner, since the 30th September last?

(2.) If so, how much?

(3.) If Mr. Baker has drawn no money from the Government since the 30th September last, is there anything at present due to him; and if so, how much?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) I answered on the 15th November last, and my answer was to the effect that Mr. Baker's claim for the month of October was £102 18s. No further claim has been received.

- (3.) Case of Dr. Beer:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Would he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I have looked casually through these papers, which are very voluminous, and I have some doubt whether the whole correspondence ought to be laid upon the Table of the House. But if the Honorable Member thinks it of sufficient importance, perhaps he will give notice of motion, in order that the matter may be brought under the consideration of the House in the usual way.

- (4.) Public Schools:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it true that the Local Board of the St. Philip's Church of England Denominational School refused to recommend the application of Mr. F. T. Kerr to have his three children educated free; and, on application to the Council of Education, they also refused—the consequence of which is, that the said three children are attending no school whatever?

(2.) Does not the Public Schools Act make express provision for the free education of children whose parents are unable to pay for it?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—It is quite true that the Local Board of the St. Philip's Church of England Denominational School did refuse to recommend the application of Mr. F. T. Kerr to have his three children educated free, and that, on application to the Council of Education, they also refused; but it does not follow that these children are thereby deprived of the means of education. By the 17th clause of the Public Schools Act it is provided "Notwithstanding any regulation for the payment of school fees, any child whose parents or guardians shall be unable to pay such fees shall not on that account be refused admission into a public school or certified denominational school, but shall, on such inability being shewn, in such manner as to the Council of Education shall seem reasonable, be received and instructed in the same manner as the other pupils attending such school." Upon a proper application, therefore, to the Council of Education, and proof that the parent cannot afford to pay, the children will receive education.

- (5.) Mr. J. F. Mooney :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has Mr. J. F. Mooney, of Taralga, lately appointed to the Commission of the Peace, resigned that position; and if not, is it the intention of the Government to retain Mr. Mooney's name on the roll of Magistrates of the Territory?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Mooney was appointed a Magistrate upon the recommendation of certain residents in the district where he lives, and also of the Member of that district. No sooner had his name appeared upon the Commission than it was intimated to me that he was a publican. Upon inquiry, I found that between the period of Mr. Mooney's recommendation to the Government and his appointment to the Magistracy he had become a publican. I thereupon recommended the issue of a supersedeas, and his name was at once removed from the Commission of the Peace.

- (6.) Government Debentures :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Has he received by the Mail just arrived any telegraphic intelligence from England of the sale of our Debentures?
- (2.) What is the amount advised as sold?
- (3.) Does such sale include the whole of the £450,000 handed to the Bank on the 14th June, and known as the Tailings Loan?
- (4.) If not, how is the amount made up?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Government have received no advices, but the Bank of New South Wales have received a telegram, stating that "the Government Loan has been taken up at an average of £98 13s. 7d." I know of no such loan as a "Tailings Loan."

- (7.) Rydal Railway Station :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

- (1.) The name of the Contractor or Contractors for the shunting work at Rydal Railway Station; and on what terms is the work being performed?
- (2.) Did the Government receive any offer or offers from other persons willing to perform the work; and if so, why were none of those offers accepted?
- (3.) Were tenders called for; and if so, was the lowest tender accepted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Woods, Shortland, and Co., for two horses and driver, 22s. a day of 13 hours.
- (2.) Yes. The offers were in excess of the accepted tender.
- (3.) Offers were invited by the Traffic Manager from parties considered to be eligible to perform this important and exceptional service; the lowest tender was accepted in the usual way.

- (8.) Toll Rates :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Under the scale of tolls to be charged on and after the 1st January next on certain roads described in the *Government Gazette*, is the weight of the dray, cart, or waggon to be included in the weight upon which toll will be charged, or will the rate of toll depend upon the actual load carried upon the vehicle?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes. The table of tolls to be charged on and after 1st January next states distinctly :—

"For every cart, dray, wain, waggon, or other vehicle, weighing, together with the loading thereof."

I attach table of tolls as proclaimed and widely advertised :—

"Department of Public Works,  
"Sydney, 17th October, 1870.

"SALE OF TOLL-BARS, 1871.

"SPECIAL attention is called to the notice in the *Government Gazette* respecting the Sales of Leases "of Toll-bars, under this Department, for the year 1871.

"Files of the *Gazette* are kept and may be seen at every Post and Police Office throughout "the Colony.

"JOHN RAE.

"Proposed Toll Rates to be levied in 1871, for Toll-bars at Meadow Flat, Green Swamp, Kelso, "Rocks, Guyong, Orange, Collegdor, Collarin, Gap and O'Brien's, Sandy Creek, Scone, High- "land Home, Blandford, and Willow-tree; and weighbridges, erected at Green Swamp, Rocks, "Orange, Collegdor, Gap or O'Brien's, and Willow-tree. All other Bars will be sold at present "rates.

	s.	d.
"For every sheep, lamb, pig, or goat	0	0½
" " ox or head of neat cattle	0	1
" " horse, mare, ass, gelding, mule, or colt	0	2

"For

		s.	d.
"	For every cart, dray, wain, waggon, or other vehicle, together with loading,	0	6
"	"    under 2½ tons	1	0
"	"    do. do. 2½ and under 4 tons	2	0
"	"    do. do. 4 and under 5 tons	4	0
"	"    do. do. 5 and under 6 tons	8	0
"	"    do. do. 6 and under 7 tons	10	0
"	"    do. do. 7 and under 8 tons	12	6
"	"    do. do. 8 tons and over	0	3
"	"    gig, chaise, or other such vehicle with two wheels	0	6
"	"    coach, chariot, chaise, or other such vehicle with four wheels	0	3
"	"    horse or other animal, drawing such gig, chaise, coach, cart, dray, &c.	0	3

"Carriers will be required to draw on to the weighbridges, or produce at such Bars as have no weighbridges their printed docket of weight to be stamped by the toll collector. Any person refusing to do so to be charged toll for maximum weight."

2. Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 20th October, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Monaro, in the room of Daniel Egan, Esquire, deceased, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of James Hart, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. Member Sworn:—James Hart, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Monaro.
4. Mr. William Emery:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from William Emery, of Shoalhaven, Farmer, representing that in the year 1863 he purchased conditionally, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, a certain portion of land in the district of Shoalhaven, which land was subsequently granted to one Barclay, and that, in order to substantiate his claim to the said land, he expended large sums of money in law-suits; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief in the premises.  
Petition received.
5. Mr. John Byron:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from John Byron, of Cockatoo Island, representing that he held the office of Principal Warder at the Penal Establishment on Cockatoo Island, and continued in that position until the breaking up of the establishment, when he applied for a retiring allowance, under the Superannuation Act, and was informed that his length of service did not entitle him to such allowance, but only to a certain gratuity; and praying that his case may be taken into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. Postponements:—
  - (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Contraband of War Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday, 7th December.
  - (2.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to follow after Order No. 3.
8. Audit Act Amendment Bill,—on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Audit Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
7. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Roads Bill; third reading.

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd November, from Mr. William Emery, be printed.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd November, from Mr. John Byron, be printed.
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between J. B. Bamford, Esq. and the Colonial Secretary; between J. B. Bamford, Esq. and the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Forces, or any other of the Volunteer Authorities; and between any other person and the Colonial Secretary, or the officer aforesaid; and of all other Documents, Minutes, and Papers relating to the formation or proposed enrolment of a Volunteer Battery of Artillery, with the name or designation of "Prince Alfred's Own."

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—  
 " (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
 " (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

## Question :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been tested, and found not capable of discharging Coal without material alteration?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALLEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd November, from the Council of the Borough of the Globe, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.

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TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DILLON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.
3. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.  
 (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.  
 (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.  
 (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
5. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Question :—

MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?
- (2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?
- (3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?
- (4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

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FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. J. SUTOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862 ; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. MR. J. SUTOR to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.

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WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Return shewing the amounts paid out of the Vote of £2,675 to Medical Advisers; Fees to Medical Officers attending Coroners' Inquests; for attendance on persons in charge of Police; Fees to Medical Practitioners in Lunacy Cases; and for attendance on Aborigines, &c.,—from 1st January to 31st October, 1870. (*See Answer to Question No. 3, Votes and Proceedings No. 43, of 27 October, 1870.*)  
Ordered to be printed.

2. Audit Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day),—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 verbally the Audit Act of 1870.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th November, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Mr. William Emery ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd November, from Mr. William Emery, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Mr. John Byron ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd November, from Mr. John Byron, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Additional Regulation under Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861. Dated 8th November, 1870.

(2.) Additional Regulation under Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861. Dated 8th November, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

6. **Ways and Means**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order should have been determined in the House.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order, as follows:—

That it be referred to Mr. Speaker whether the Hon. Member for The Murrumbidgee can move, by way of amendment, to omit the word "corn" before the word "flour," the effect of which would be to impose a new duty upon "flour,"—an item not included in the Schedule of proposed Duties.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1870, A.M.—

The Speaker said, that if the effect of the proposed amendment would be such as described, it seemed likely, if carried, to lead to inconvenience and irregularity; but he was not aware of any rule by which it could be excluded from the consideration of the Committee.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

7. **Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill**:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption for public purposes of the present site and premises of and to provide a more suitable site and premises for the Sydney Female School of Industry*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th November, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-three minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER.

Questions:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been tested, and found not capable of discharging Coal without material alteration?
2. MR. CLARKE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards removing obstructions at the entrance of Moruya River, for which purpose £300 was voted last Session of Parliament?
3. MR. CLARKE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Schedule for Minor Roads will be laid upon the Table of this House?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Amendment of the Land Law; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—  
" (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.  
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## TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

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## FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.

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WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Coal Staiths at Newcastle :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it true that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been tested, and found not capable of discharging Coal without material alteration?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the case that the Coal Staiths at Newcastle have been, on trial, found not capable of discharging coal without material alteration. There is no truth whatever in the statements which have appeared in the telegrams inserted in the *Herald*, as coming from Newcastle, in reference to those Staiths. The preliminary trials which have been made of the Staiths have been most satisfactory, the few alterations requiring to be made being of the most trifling character, as will be seen on perusal of the accompanying telegram, received from Mr. Darley this day :—

“ 25th November, 1870.

“ I loaded a lighter with Lambton large coal this morning. The shoots worked well; but I find it necessary to remove upper valve, and enlarge aperture, as the large lumps block the way. I will have the lowering apparatus working to-day, and will then report how it acts.”

“ C. DARLEY.”

“ The Engineer-in-Chief, Harbours and Rivers.”

*Mr. Clarke withdrew the Questions Nos. 2 and 3.*

2. The Rev. A. Haute Wyatt :—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from the Rev. Arthur Haute Wyatt, Master of Arts of the Universities of Cambridge, Melbourne, and Sydney, alleging that he has repeatedly requested the Registrar General to register him as a Minister for celebrating Marriages within the Colony of New South Wales, and that that officer has refused to do so; and praying the House to compel the Registrar General to carry out the Registration Act in its integrity, or adopt such measures as will enable Clergymen of the Church of England to resign their Letters of Orders, and enjoy the privileges of full citizenship, apart from any ecclesiastical system whatever. Petition received.
3. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Labour Bill of 1870 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Friday, 9th December.
4. Amendment of the Land Law :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—
- “ (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at Auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.
- “ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—resumed.
- Mr. Garrett moved the Previous Question.
- Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That that Question be now put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Weaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Webb,	Mr. King,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Flood,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Jennings,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Cummings,	

Original Question then put and passed.

5. Volunteer Admission Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
Mr. Farnell moved, This this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. King,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Bawden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Eckford,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. R. Forster.

6. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, as follows :—  
No. 4, by Mr. Wilson, until Friday next.  
Nos. 5 and 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.  
No. 7, by Mr. R. Forster, until Friday next.  
No. 8, by Mr. Lackey, until Friday, 9th December.
7. Public Vehicles :—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by Mr. Allen on the 22nd November, from the Council of the Borough of the Glebe, relative to the Licensing of Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Motion Dropped :—Mr. M. C. Stephen not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twelve minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. CLARKE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards removing obstructions at the entrance of Moruya River, for which purpose £300 was voted last Session of Parliament?
2. MR. CLARKE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Schedule for Minor Roads will be laid upon the Table of this House?
3. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) What number of persons, calling themselves "unemployed," have applied to the Government for employment during the last three months?  
(2.) What number of such persons have been so employed?  
(3.) Upon what works were they employed; and at what rate of wages per diem?
4. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Did Mr. Andrew Clements, on the 16th day of August, 1869, purchase 63 acres of land at Brown's Creek from the Government?  
(2.) Was any portion of such land, at the time of sale, held under lease by another person?  
(3.) Is it a fact that the land has been twice sold by the Government; if so, to whom, and on what dates?  
(4.) Were improvements to a large extent made upon the said land by Mr. Clements?  
(5.) Has any claim been made for compensation by Mr. Clements; and if so, when?  
(6.) What action do the Government propose to take in respect to the said claim?

5. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Duties collected under the Measurement Tariff, recently introduced by the Government, and rejected by this House, be refunded?
6. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Creek, for which the sum of £400 was voted in March, 1869?
  - (2.) What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in the Shoalhaven District, for which a sum of £700 was voted in April, 1870?
7. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the proposed Jetty at Gerringong, for which the necessary expenditure was authorized by the Appropriation Acts of 1869 and 1870?
8. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Kiama Harbour Works are being proceeded with at the present time; and if such is not the case, when was the work suspended, and when will it be resumed?
9. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Government intend to take any action upon the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Lands Titles Department, laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th September?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DILLON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.
3. MR. WEARNE *to move*, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
5. MR. WATSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
6. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the origin, progress, and present state of the Kiama Harbour Works.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Flood, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Church, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
7. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the "Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill"—which lapsed, on the 18th November, by the motion for the second reading of the Bill on that day having been negatived—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 9th December, 1870.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Roads Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

Question :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?
  - (2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?
  - (3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?
  - (4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Moruya River:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
What steps have been taken towards removing obstructions at the entrance of Moruya River, for which purpose £300 was voted last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This work was ordered to be carried out on the 10th of May last, and will be entered on as soon as the services of the diver and the gentlemen now engaged on the Wollongong Light-house can be spared—which will be, I suppose, in the course of a week.

- (2.) Minor Roads:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
When the Schedule for Minor Roads will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Schedule is in course of preparation, and will be laid on the Table of the House before the Road Estimates are brought on.

- (3.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What number of persons, calling themselves “unemployed,” have applied to the Government for employment during the last three months?

(2.) What number of such persons have been so employed?

(3.) Upon what works were they employed; and at what rate of wages per diem?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I am unable to state the number exactly—probably between 500 and 600.

(2.) 235 now employed, and free passes have been issued to 219.

(3.) Military roads to La Perouse's Monument, and to Middle Head, on contract work. I am unable to say what rate of wages per diem they earn.

- (4.) Land purchased by Mr. Andrew Clements:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Did Mr. Andrew Clements, on the 16th day of August, 1869, purchase 63 acres of land at Brown's Creek from the Government?

(2.) Was any portion of such land, at the time of sale, held under lease by another person?

(3.) Is it a fact that the land has been twice sold by the Government; if so, to whom, and on what dates?

(4.) Were improvements to a large extent made upon the said land by Mr. Clements?

(5.) Has any claim been made for compensation by Mr. Clements; and if so, when?

(6.) What action do the Government propose to take in respect to the said claim?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) On the 16th August, 1869, Mr. Andrew Clements did purchase 63 acres of Church and School Lands from the Government.
  - (2.) Yes; it was under lease to Mr. Patrick Sullivan.
  - (3.) No; it was twice advertised for sale, and on each occasion withdrawn—on the 21st December, 1861, then on the 19th December, 1865; and subsequently it was selected by Mr. Andrew Clements, which selection was not allowed, and his money was refunded to him.
  - (4.) I believe after Mr. Clements selected he made some improvements, including fencing, and the cultivation of a portion.
  - (5.) Yes, by Mr. Clements, through his Solicitor, Mr. J. G. Fletcher, last July.
  - (6.) The papers in the case were entrusted to Mr. District Surveyor Fisher, who believed he could arrange an amicable adjustment of the claims of the various parties interested. Mr. Fisher has been written to, in order to ascertain what has been done.
- (5.) The Tariff:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will the Duties collected under the Measurement Tariff, recently introduced by the Government, and rejected by this House, be refunded?  
 Mr. Samuel answered,—The duties paid in excess of those, that may be ultimately sanctioned by law will be returned as soon as the Tariff is fixed. It is uncertain, at present, what amount will have to be returned.

(6.) Bridges over Broughton Creek and Broughton Mill Creek:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Creek, for which the sum of £400 was voted in March, 1869?
- (2.) What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in the Shoalhaven District, for which a sum of £700 was voted in April, 1870?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Tenders were opened on the 13th September. The lowest tender was much above the amount voted. The Engineer for Roads recommended that fresh tenders be invited, but it was decided to offer the money to the Municipal Council of Kiama if they would carry out the work. A reply was received yesterday, refusing to undertake it.
- (2.) A tender was accepted on the 21st October, and the work is in progress.

*Mr. Parkes withdrew the Question No. 7.*

(7.) Kiama Harbour Works:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Whether the Kiama Harbour Works are being proceeded with at the present time; and if such is not the case, when was the work suspended, and when will it be resumed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Instructions have now been issued to the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers to recommence operations at the Kiama Harbour Works. They were discontinued in September, 1869, the votes being exhausted; but they will be immediately resumed, if operations have not already been commenced. They would have been resumed sooner, but that there were no funds at the disposal of the Government for the purpose.

(8.) Land Titles Department:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Greville, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Do the Government intend to take any action upon the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Land Titles Department, laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th September?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I will read a portion of a Minute from the Attorney General, shewing the course the first Law Officer of the Crown recommends the Government to pursue in reference to the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the working of the Land Titles Department. Sir William Manning says:—"Perhaps, under the circumstances, it may be found necessary to leave matters as they are for a short time, in the hope that the complaints and inquiry which have been made may have satisfied Mr. Burton that a less degree of rigidity and minuteness, and a more practical and liberal tendency in the examination of Titles are better adapted to the purposes of the Act. Should this be resolved on, it would perhaps be desirable to intimate to the Registrar General that the Government will not disturb the existing arrangements for a specified time, say twelve months; but at the end of that time the inquiry into the working of the department will be renewed."

2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from "Jas. Greenwood, M.A.," as Chairman of the Baptist Union of New South Wales, assembled in Bathurst-street Church, Sydney,—in favour of the passing of this Bill.  
 Petition received.

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

- (1.) Correspondence respecting the appointment and removal of Mr. Robert Coulson, as a Justice of the Peace. (*See Answer to Question No. 3 in Votes and Proceedings No. 55, of 17 November, 1870.*)
  - (2.) Further letter from Professor Owen respecting Exploration of the Wellington Caves.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. Business of the House:—The Speaker having called upon the Honorable Member for Camden, Captain Onslow, to proceed with the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—

And Mr. Cowper offering to make a Motion, That the Orders of the Day be now read,—

The Speaker said that it was not competent for the Honorable gentleman to make the proposed Motion unless the Honorable Member for Camden waived his right to proceed with his Motion,—

And Captain Onslow having waived his right to proceed with his Motion,—

\* Mr. Cowper moved, That the Orders of the Day be now read.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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\* The Speaker subsequently expressed his opinion that the House could not proceed to the Orders of the Day on a day on which Motions had precedence until all such Motions had been dealt with under the 29th Standing Order.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 20.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Hoskins.
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Hill,	

Whereupon the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means was read,—and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at seventeen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.

### Questions:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?  
(2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?  
(3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?  
(4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?
2. MR. PARKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the proposed Jetty at Gerringong, for which the necessary expenditure was authorized by the Appropriation Acts of 1869 and 1870?
3. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) For what purpose the siding near Penrith, on the west side of the river, was constructed?  
(2.) The cost of such construction?  
(3.) The amount of traffic on such siding, and the sum received for it since it was laid?

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to continue the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, and the Act intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865."
2. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the collection of River Tonnage Dues.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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(2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

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FRIDAY

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of " Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line " from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Public School at Bungendore :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from Mr. John Lee, of Bungendore, or any other person, asking for land for a Public School at or near Bungendore?

(2.) If so, what has been the result of the application?

(3.) Have the Government any knowledge of the land, applied for as above, having come into possession of, or being claimed by, any private individual, by conditional purchase or otherwise?

(4.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to adjust the difficulty, or to meet the necessity for a Public School, in the case referred to?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) An application, to the effect indicated by the question of the Honorable Member, was received from Mr. John Lee, on the 7th March last.

(2.) It was sent on the 9th March last to the Secretary of the Council of Education for the concurrence of the Council. The application has not been returned.

(3.) The land was applied for by Michael Burns, under conditional purchase, on 6th October last. The Local School Committee, it is alleged, have erected a School-house there at a cost of £40 or £50.

(4.) If that be the case, the conditional purchase will be cancelled. The Local Surveyor has been requested to report, and the Council of Education has been written to in reference to the communication unanswered by them on the 9th March last.

- (2.) Jetty at Gerringong :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the proposed Jetty at Gerringong, for which the necessary expenditure was authorized by the Appropriation Acts of 1869 and 1870?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—On the suggestion of the Honorable Member for the district (Mr. Parkes), the Municipal Council of Gerringong have been asked whether they will undertake to carry out the work if the amount voted (£1,100) is placed at their disposal. We have not yet received an answer.

*Captain Onslow withdrew the Question No. 3.*

2. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Report from the Medical Adviser to the Government on Vaccination, for the year 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

4. Proposed Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 of Government Business, That the Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to continue the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865," and the Act intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Cummings,	

Noes, 26.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.

5. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th November, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
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 (1.) How soon after the sum of £400 was voted in March, 1869, for a Bridge over Broughton Creek, were the first steps taken towards the erection of such Bridge?  
 (2.) What was the nature of the steps then taken?  
 (3.) When were the tenders called for, which were opened on the 13th September last?  
 (4.) Was anything else done in the matter, previous to calling for these tenders?
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 (1.) Is it true that private individuals are in the habit of storing their goods on the ground at Rydal Station for four, five, and six months?  
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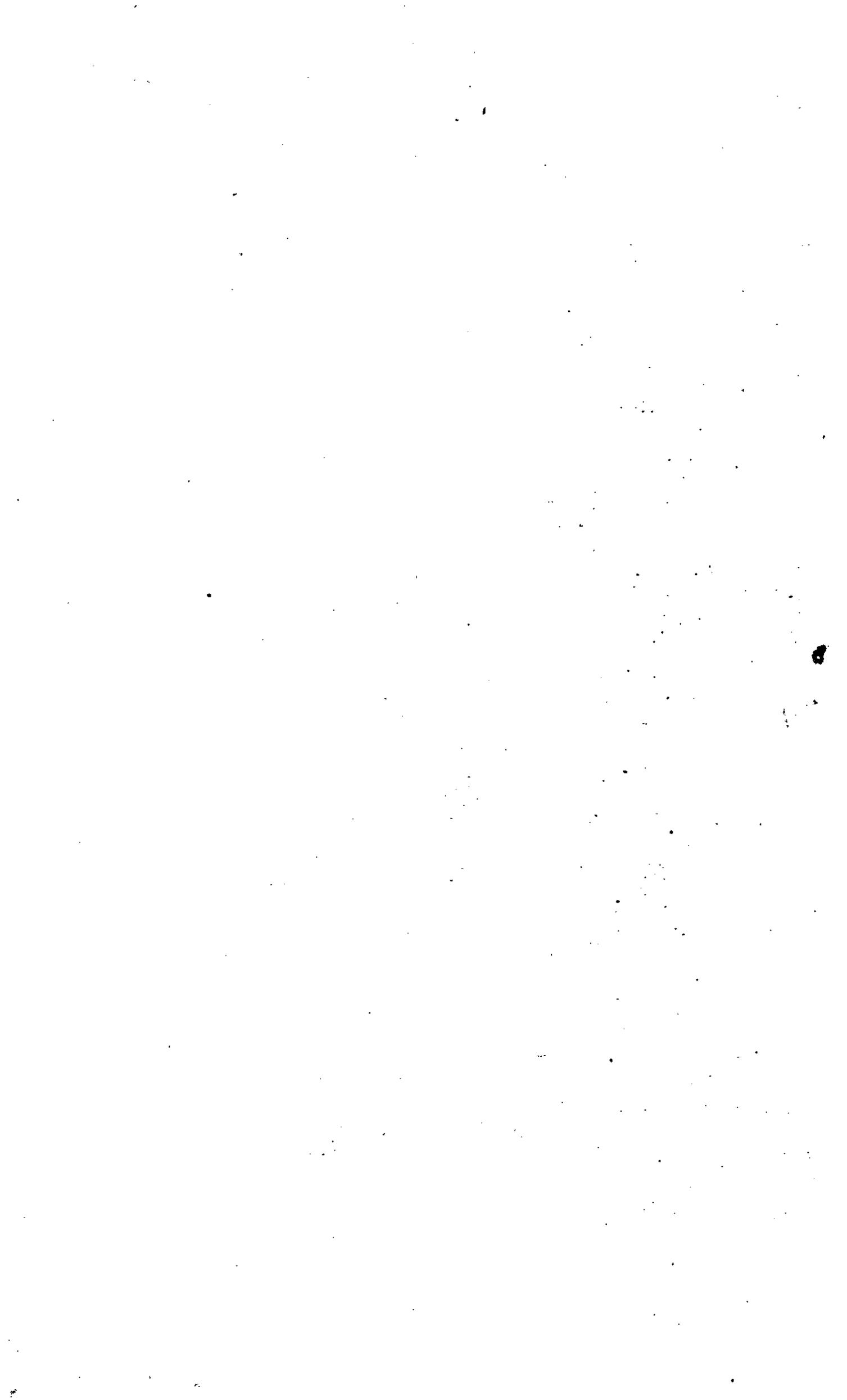
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New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1870.

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

Ministerial Statement—Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper informed the House that the Ministry, having considered their position, and the peculiar circumstances by which they are surrounded, do not think it desirable to proceed with any business to-day; and, in order to afford time for deciding, after due deliberation, as to the steps they ought to adopt, in the existing state of affairs, for hastening the progress of the public business, ask for an adjournment of the House until Tuesday next.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at half-past Three o'clock, until *Tuesday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
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TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER.

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  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
11. **MR. WATSON** to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
12. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the origin, progress, and present state of the Kiama Harbour Works.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Flood, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Church, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
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  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.
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16. **MR. BAWDEN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The number of acres of land measured annually during the period from 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of acres of such lands purchased—specifying conditionally, or otherwise—during each year of the same period.
  - (3.) The number of acres still remaining unsold from each year's survey.
  - (4.) The total annual cost of measurement, and the average cost per acre for each year's survey.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

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1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the collection of River Tonnage Dues.
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New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1870.

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

Ministerial Statement :—Mr. Robertson—referring to the objects for which the Government asked for an adjournment on Thursday last—informed the House that the Government had determined to resign their offices, but that they were not unwilling to introduce and pass a Bill granting Supplies for the month of January next, and a Bill to renew for three months the Stamp Duties Acts. He also informed the House that the Honorable Charles Cowper had accepted the office of Agent General for the Colony, resident in London.

2. Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

*Interruption.*

3. Assent to Bills :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

- (1.) St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 11.*

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,’*”—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,  
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- (2.) Sydney Female School of Industry Removal Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 12.*

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Question put and passed.

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- (1.) The number of acres of land measured annually during the period from 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of acres of such lands purchased—specifying conditionally, or otherwise—during each year of the same period.
  - (3.) The number of acres still remaining unsold from each year's survey.
  - (4.) The total annual cost of measurement, and the average cost per acre for each year's survey.
17. MR. BAWDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the applications of John Cross for the conditional purchase of two lots of land, each containing 50 acres, on the Woolshed Run, in the District of Liverpool Plains, made at Tamworth on the 23th March, 1867, and 14th May, 1868, respectively; together with all Correspondence, Minutes, Reports, and other documents relative to the land in question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1870.

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

Ministerial Statement:—Mr. Robertson informed the House that his colleagues and himself had tendered the resignation of their several offices to the Governor;—that His Excellency had communicated with Sir James Martin, and that that honorable and learned gentleman had expressed a desire to be allowed a certain time to make his arrangements.

2. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Seat of the Honorable Charles Cowper, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Agent General for the Colony of New South Wales, resident in London.  
Question put and passed.

*The Questions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn.*

3. Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Vote of Credit:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the month of January, in the year 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 7th December, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

- (2.) Additional Estimate for 1871:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 14.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimate of Expenditure, for the year 1871.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 7th December, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. Joseph Nathaniel Cooke:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, Gold Miner, of Nerrigundah, complaining of a decision given by the Police Magistrate of Moruya in reference to the disposal of certain Gold to which Petitioner had a claim; and praying the House to inquire into his case.  
Petition received.

5. The Rev. James Fawcett:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Rev. James Fawcett, Minister of the Free Christian Church at Newcastle, alleging that he has repeatedly applied to the Registrar General to register his name as a Minister for celebrating Marriages, and that that officer has refused to do so; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into and report upon the case.  
Petition received.
6. Petition of John Fuller Foster:—Mr. Dodds, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the Petition of John Fuller Foster was referred on the 4th November, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th November, from the Baptist Union of New South Wales, in favour of the Permissive Liquor Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Land Statistics (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing—  
(1.) The number of acres of land measured annually during the period from 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1869.  
(2.) The number of acres of such lands purchased—specifying conditionally, or otherwise—during each year of the same period.  
(3.) The number of acres still remaining unsold from each year's survey.  
(4.) The total annual cost of measurement, and the average cost per acre for each year's survey.  
Question put and passed.
9. Conditional Purchase made by John Cross (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 17, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the applications of John Cross for the conditional purchase of two lots of land, each containing 50 acres, on the Woolshed Run, in the District of Liverpool Plains, made at Tamworth on the 28th March, 1867, and 14th May, 1868, respectively; together with all Correspondence, Minutes, Reports, and other documents relative to the land in question.  
Question put and passed.
10. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill:—Mr. Tunks having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney and Boats plying for hire in the Harbour of Port Jackson,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 16th December.
11. Motions Dropped:—Mr. Samuel not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—  
No. 1, to follow after No. 8.  
No. 2, to follow after No. 4.  
No. 3, until to-morrow.
13. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, That the reception of the said Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
14. Audit Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.  
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,  
Sydney, 7th December, 1870. President.
15. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order should have been determined in the House.  
The Chairman then reported, for the decision of the Speaker, the following Point of Order:—  
Whether it is competent for the Committee of Ways and Means—a Resolution for certain Duties having been the Question before the Committee on its last sitting day, and an amendment thereon submitted—to consider, and for the Chairman to put, a Resolution for the introduction of a Bill to renew the Stamp Act.  
The Speaker said that as he understood the question, the Government had submitted to the Committee a certain scheme of taxation involving several items, upon one of which a Resolution, and also an amendment on that Resolution, had been proposed to the Committee, and progress reported thereon. On its resumption, it was proposed to pass on from the Resolution and amendment of which the Committee were in possession to a subsequent item of the Government scheme. He thought it would be more regular to deal with the proposal already before the Committee—by withdrawing, affirming, or negating the same before another item in the same scheme of taxation were proposed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and obtained leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, the Stamp Duties now chargeable under the Acts 29 Vict. No. 6, and 31 Vict. No. 26, shall continue to be charged on and after and inclusive of the 1st day of January, 1871, until the 31st day of March, 1871.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time, and agreed to.

16. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill :—

- (1.) Mr. Samuel moved (without notice) for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 7, to continue the "The Stamp Duties Act of 1865," and the Act intituled "An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865."

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at half-past Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?
  - (3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?
  - (4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer, "Surcouf," was on Saturday morning visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?
  - (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
4. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?
  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?
5. MR. MOSES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has he made any arrangements with the Secretary of the Richmond Bridge Company for the purchase of the Richmond Bridge; and if so, will the hon. gentleman state what they are?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER *to move* (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee of Supply to carry out the following Resolution :—
  - (1.) All salaries, excepting those of the Judges, over £1,000 to be reduced to £1,000.
  - (2.) All salaries under £1,000 and over £600 to be reduced 20 per cent.
  - (3.) All salaries under £600 and over £300 to be reduced 15 per cent.
  - (4.) All salaries under £300 and over £150 to be reduced 10 per cent.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill; second reading.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
7. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
8. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Roads Bill; third reading.
10. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, be printed.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from the Rev. James Fawcett, relative to the refusal of the Registrar General to register him as qualified to celebrate Marriages, be printed.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Spencer, of Gundagai, for loss sustained by the destruction of his Punt by order of the Government.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Watson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.
4. MR. J. SUTTOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
5. MR. J. SUTTOR to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.  
 (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.  
 (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.  
 (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.  
 (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.
9. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.  
 (2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.
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 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
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17. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
    - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.
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TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

*Question:—*

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How soon after the sum of £400 was voted in March, 1869, for a Bridge over Broughton Creek, were the first steps taken towards the erection of such Bridge?
  - (2.) What was the nature of the steps then taken?
  - (3.) When were the tenders called for, which were opened on the 13th September last?
  - (4.) Was anything else done in the matter, previous to calling for these tenders?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
    - (1.) That the practice introduced by the Ministry holding office in 1869 and 1870 of appointing its own Members to permanent places of profit in the Public Service is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, detrimental to the character and efficiency of Government, and ought not to be followed by succeeding Ministries.
    - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause it to be entered upon the Minutes of the Executive Council.
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New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*The Questions on the Notice Paper for to-day, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, were withdrawn.*  
*The Question standing in the name of Mr. Moses, No. 5, dropped.*
2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed as the Sites for future Villages, during the period from 8th November to 8th December, 1870.
  - (2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the same period.
  - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the same Act, and for the same period.
  - (4.) Reports from the Committing Justices and the Inspector General of Police respecting the case of John Phillips, committed to N. S. S. "Vernon."
  - (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Newtown.
  - (6.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Public Vehicles," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tuunks, on 22nd November, 1870.
  - (7.) Return to an Order, in reference to "The Rev. A. Haute Wyatt," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 15th November, 1870.
  - (8.) Return (*in part*) to an Address in reference to "Letters of Registration of Inventions," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 10th May, 1861, A.M.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Joseph Nathaniel Cooke (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Government Savings Bank Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 10.
5. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read,—Mr. Samuel moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
 Debate ensued,—  
 And Mr. Driver not making the Contingent Motion standing in his name,—  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. Supply—Reception of Resolution from Committee:—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
 (9.) *Resolved*,—That a sum not exceeding £125,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1871, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of that year.  
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time, and agreed to.
7. Ways and Means:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means being read,—Mr. Samuel moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1871, the sum of £125,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time, and agreed to.

8. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

(1.) Mr. Samuel moved for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 8, to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871*,"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report, and *ordered* that the Bill be read a third time this day.

Bill thereupon read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, *passed*.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.'*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th December, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at four minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from the Rev. James Fawcett, relative to the refusal of the Registrar General to register him as qualified to celebrate Marriages, be printed.
4. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Spencer, of Gundagai, for loss sustained by the destruction of his Punt by order of the Government.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Watson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.
5. MR. J. SUTTOR to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
6. MR. J. SUTTOR to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.
10. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.
  - (2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.
11. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
12. MR. DILLON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of £1,000 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for loss of health and means of livelihood occasioned by her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols in this Colony.
13. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

14. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
15. MR. WATSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House, on the 2nd day of September instant; and also to inquire into and report upon the Charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
16. MR. PARKES to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the origin, progress, and present state of the Kiama Harbour Works.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Flood, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Church, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
17. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the "Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill"—which lapsed, on the 18th November, by the motion for the second reading of the Bill on that day having been negatived—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 9th December, 1870.
18. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
- "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Roads Bill; third reading.
7. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

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TUESDAY,

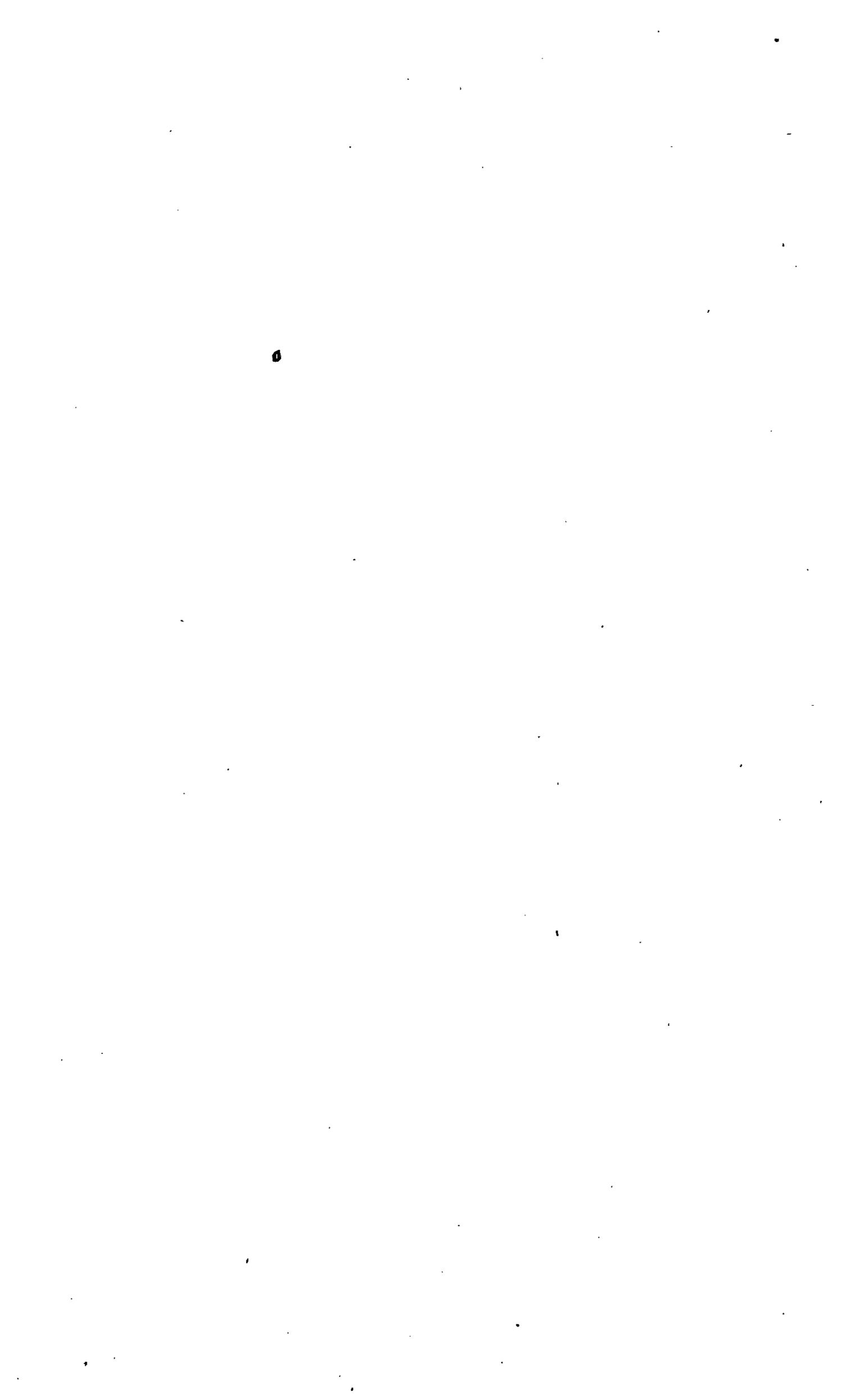
TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How soon after the sum of £400 was voted in March, 1869, for a Bridge over Broughton Creek, were the first steps taken towards the erection of such Bridge?
  - (2.) What was the nature of the steps then taken?
  - (3.) When were the tenders called for, which were opened on the 13th September last?
  - (4.) Was anything else done in the matter, previous to calling for these tenders?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?
  - (3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?
  - (4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer, "Surcouf," was on Saturday morning visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
4. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?
  - (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
5. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?
  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
  - (1.) That the practice introduced by the Ministry holding office in 1869 and 1870 of appointing its own Members to permanent places of profit in the Public Service is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, detrimental to the character and efficiency of Government, and ought not to be followed by succeeding Ministries.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause it to be entered upon the Minutes of the Executive Council.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Motions Withdrawn:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of *Mr. Brookes*, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of *Mr. Brookes* Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. The Rev. James Fawcett (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from the Rev. James Fawcett, relative to the refusal of the Registrar General to register him as qualified to celebrate Marriages, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Claims of *Mr. Spencer*, of Gundagai (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Macleay* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of *Mr. Spencer*, of Gundagai, for loss sustained by the destruction of his Punt by order of the Government.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Bell*, *Mr. Hoskins*, *Mr. E. Brown*, *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Watson*, *Mr. Phelps*, *Mr. Weaver*, *Mr. Hill*, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
4. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Captain Onslow*, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of *Captain Onslow* Nos. 10 and 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) *Mr. Farnell* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 17 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Other Business, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, postponed until Friday, 6th January, 1871.
6. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from *Henry Parkes*, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Kiama.  
Whereupon *Mr. Robertson* moved, That the Seat of *Henry Parkes*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kiama, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said *Henry Parkes*, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motions Withdrawn:—The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn by the Members named:—  
Nos. 5 and 6, by *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. J. Suttor*.  
Nos. 7, 8, and 9, by *Mr. Buchanan*.  
No. 13, by *Mr. Wearne*.  
No. 14, by *Mr. Byrnes*.  
No. 15, by *Mr. Wilson*, on behalf of *Mr. Watson*.
8. Motions Dropped:—  
(1.) *Mr. Dillon* not making the Motion standing in his name No. 12 on the Notice Paper for to-day it dropped.  
(2.) The Motion standing in the name of *Mr. Parkes* No. 16 on the Notice Paper for to-day dropped.

9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 18 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 2.
11. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill,—on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
12. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means further postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.
13. Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
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(2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th November, from the Rev. Arthur Haute Wyatt, M.A., be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill; third reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
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WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

## Questions:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?
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  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1871.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Volunteer Admission Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.
  - (2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

3. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the "Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill"—which lapsed, on the 18th November last, by the motion for the second reading of the Bill on that day having been negatived—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
5. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November last, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
7. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
8. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
9. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Stairths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1871.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Mr. D. Flynn," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Driver, on 18th November, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Motions Withdrawn:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Brookes Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. The Rev. A. Haute Wyatt ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th November, from the Rev. Arthur Haute Wyatt, M.A., be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13th December, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
5. Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at *Four* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
5. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Roads Bill ; third reading.
7. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

Questions:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?  
(2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?  
(3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?  
(4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?
2. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer "Surcœuf" was visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?  
(2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?  
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
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(1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?  
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(1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?  
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FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1871.

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1. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line " from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
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(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.

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TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1871.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

## 1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.

(2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.

(3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.

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(5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker having acquainted the House that he had received a letter from Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury,—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Seat of Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.
3. Assent to Audit Act Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—  
BELMORE, *Message No. 15.*  
*Governor.*  
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend verbally the Audit Act of 1870,*" 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, 14th December, 1870.*
4. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed by the Members named, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday, 11th January, 1871.  
No. 2, by Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.  
Nos. 3, 4, and 5, by Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday, 11th January, 1871.  
No. 6, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday, 28th December.
5. The Contraband of War Regulation Bill:—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged from the Paper.  
Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Samuel.
6. Government Savings Bank Bill:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday, 11th January, 1871.
7. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—  
(1.) Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill:—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865,' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,* T. A. MURRAY,  
*Sydney, 14th December, 1870.* President.

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## (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th December, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## 8. Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
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THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 28 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Roads Bill; third reading.

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TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

Questions:—

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FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1871.

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 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November last, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

7. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1871.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.
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WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1871.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
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3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
4. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1870.

There being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Neale, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Spring, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

WEDNESDAY, 23 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

*Questions :—*

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
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  - (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
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  - (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?
  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

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1. **MR. BROOKES to move,** That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
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  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1871.

*OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—*

1. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
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6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
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  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
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TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1871.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
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  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1871.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
  2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
  3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
  4. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
  5. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1870.

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

Acceptance of Office:—The Speaker informed the House that he had this day received from the Office of the Chief Secretary the following letter:—

“ Sydney, 16th December, 1870.

“ SIR,

“ I have the honor to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a Supplementary *Government Gazette* of this day's date, notifying the acceptance by the undermentioned gentlemen, Members of the Legislative Assembly, of the offices mentioned in connection with their respective names, viz.:—

“ The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Q.C., Attorney General of New South Wales;

“ John Robertson, Esquire, Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records of New South

“ Wales;

“ George William Lord, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue of

“ New South Wales;

“ William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, Solicitor General of New South Wales;

“ John Bowie Wilson, Esquire, Secretary for Lands; and

“ James Byrnes, Esquire, Secretary for Public Works.”

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient Servant,

“ JOHN ROBERTSON.”

“ The Honorable

“ The Speaker

“ of the Legislative Assembly.”

2. *Point of Order*:—Mr. Robertson proceeding to lay upon the Table certain Papers, and to address the Speaker,—

Mr. Wisdom requested the ruling of the Speaker as to whether Mr. Robertson was entitled to take part in the proceedings of this House, or to be recognized as a Member thereof, he having accepted the office of Colonial Secretary under another Government, and thereby vacated his Seat. And a Debate arising thereon,—

The Speaker said that he did not consider that he would be justified in refusing to hear the Honorable Member, Mr. Robertson, or in refusing to recognize him as a Member of the House.

3. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Wisdom moved, “That” the Seat of John Robertson, Esquire, has become and is hereby declared vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary. Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words, “it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to report whether the Seat of the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. Robertson, hath become vacant by his recent acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records for New South Wales.”

Debate continued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Campbell,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Brookes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. King,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Speer,	

Original Question then put,—That the Seat of John Robertson, Esquire, has become and is hereby declared vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Farnell,
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Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Speer,	

4. Adjournment:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 28 DECEMBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Roads Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1871.

Questions:—

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- (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
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FRIDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1871.

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4. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
5. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

6. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November last, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
7. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
  - (2.) The names of all persons engaged to serve in the Department, whether permanently or temporarily, since the 31st October, 1868, up to the 30th September, 1870.
  - (3.) The names of all persons dismissed from the service; by whom; and the cause of dismissal, during the same period.
  - (4.) The names of all persons removed from one branch of the service to another; at whose instance; and for what cause, during the same period.
8. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
9. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1871.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.
4. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates the sum of £2,000, as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk industry in this Colony.

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WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1871.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
4. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1871.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1870.

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

Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865,' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*"—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, 17th December, 1870.

- (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*"—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, 17th December, 1870.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

3. Vacant Seats:—Mr. King moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of the Honorable Sir James Martin 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 East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of George William Lord, 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 Member for the Electoral District of The Bogan.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of the Honorable John Bowie Wilson, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(4.)

- (4.) That the Seat of James Byrnes, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta.  
Question put and passed.
- (5.) That the Seat of William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Solicitor General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—Captain Onslow withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Adjournment :—Mr. King moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of January next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes after Five o'clock, until *Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of January next, at Three o'clock.*

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1871.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?
  - (3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?
  - (4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer "Surcouf" was visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?
  - (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
4. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?
  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed; and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.
2. MR. BROOKES *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.

3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisal in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.
  - (2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.
5. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
6. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the “Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill”—which lapsed, on the 18th November last, by the motion for the second reading of the Bill on that day having been negatived—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
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- (1.) The names and occupations of all Employés in the Railway Department, during the month of October, 1868, with Salary or Wages paid in each case.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
12. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.
13. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
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  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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15. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.
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17. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
4. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Roads Bill ; third reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1871.

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

Writs of Election:—The Speaker reported,—

(1.) That, pursuant to Resolutions of this House, he had issued Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

- (1.) In the room of Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, whose election and return as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South had been declared void, and the Seat for the said Electoral District declared vacant.
- (2.) In the room of Charles Cowper, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Agent General for the Colony of New South Wales, resident in London.
- (3.) In the room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kiama, resigned.
- (4.) In the room of Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury, resigned.
- (5.) In the room of the Honorable John Robertson, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.
- (6.) In the room of the Honorable Sir James Martin, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney General.
- (7.) In the room of the Honorable John Bowie Wilson, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.
- (8.) In the room of George William Lord, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Bogan had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.
- (9.) In the room of James Byrnes, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Parramatta had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works.
- (10.) In the room of William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Solicitor General.

(2.) That certain of the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon of the election of the following Gentlemen:—

Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, for Gold Fields South,  
 John Stewart, Esquire, for Kiama,  
 John Lucas, Esquire, for Canterbury,  
 The Honorable Sir James Martin, and The Honorable John Bowie Wilson, Esquire, for East Sydney,  
 The Honorable John Robertson, and The Honorable William Charles Windeyer, Esquires, for West Sydney,  
 The Honorable George William Lord, Esquire, for The Bogan,  
 The Honorable James Byrnes, Esquire, for Parramatta.

2. Members Sworn:—The undermentioned Gentlemen having each taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—  
 The Honorable Sir James Martin and the Honorable John Bowie Wilson, Esquire,—for East Sydney.  
 The Honorable John Robertson, Esquire, and the Honorable William Charles Windeyer, Esquire,—for West Sydney.  
 The Honorable George William Lord, Esquire,—for The Bogan.  
 The Honorable James Byrnes, Esquire,—for Parramatta.  
 John Stewart, Esquire,—for Kiama.  
 John Lucas, Esquire,—for Canterbury.

*The Questions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn.*

3. Papers:—  
 (1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
 (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.  
 (2.) Despatch respecting the conveyance of News connected with the War.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Report of Board of Audit of Public Accounts, dated 20th December, 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion Withdrawn:—Captain Onslow withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the “Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill”—which lapsed, on the 18th November last, by the motion for the second reading of the Bill on that day having been negatived—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
 Question put and passed.
6. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill—which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 18th November last—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
 Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Byrnes withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Case of Dr. Beer (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence connected with the case of Dr. Beer, including copies of any Despatches between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to said case, and all other papers in connection with it.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. R. Forster,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

Noes, 12.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Stewart,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. E. Brown.

9. Ministerial Statement:—Sir James Martin made to the House a Ministerial Statement.
10. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
11. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, to be a Member of 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 1858, I do hereby appoint

“Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and  
 “Qualifications

“ Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Montagu Consett Stephen, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly was declared vacant on the 14th December last, by reason of his resignation thereof.

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

“ W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*”

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?
  - (3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?
  - (4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—In the absence of any measure for the reform of the Upper House or Legislative Council, is it the intention of the Government to make fresh appointments to the other Chamber in the case of Members who have been for years absent from this Country, and continue absent up to the present moment?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the practice of its predecessors, namely, that of expending large sums of money in advertising in the Sydney and country newspapers?
  - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to patronize all newspapers indiscriminately?
  - (3.) Has the Government any intention of abolishing the newspaper delivery charge of one penny?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a person named Henry Kendall was tried at the last sittings of the Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst on a charge of forgery, and that the jury found him not guilty on the ground of insanity?
  - (2.) Has the said Henry Kendall been imprisoned ever since the trial in Darlinghurst Gaol, and is he there now?
  - (3.) If the said Henry Kendall is at present a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, is it the intention of the Attorney General to take immediate steps to rescue the law from the scandal of punishing insanity as a crime, by instantly removing Henry Kendall to some place where he may be properly cared for, and where his malady may be properly treated?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the body of the late Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, buried some time ago with all due form and ceremony at the Public Cemetery, Petersham, has been, without the consent or even communicating in any way with the late Mr. Egan's friends or relatives, disinterred and removed from the grave where it was placed by the consent and authority of the deceased gentleman's immediate relatives?
  - (2.) If this is the case, by whose authority was it done?
  - (3.) If done without the proper legal authority, has the Government made any inquiries, or is it the intention of the Attorney General to make any inquiries, with the view to the apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators of this violation of the law?
  - (4.) Have any other cases of the removal of bodies from the grave without authority come to the knowledge of the Government, if so, will the Attorney General state the number and nature of such cases, and also if the Government has any knowledge of who were the perpetrators of such crimes, and how the Government has failed to bring them to justice?
  - (5.) Has any correspondence passed between the Government, or the Police, and the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church on this subject; if so, will the Attorney General lay such correspondence upon the Table of this House?
6. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps do the Government intend taking to carry into effect the Resolution of this House of Friday, 25th November, relative to the reduction of the price of land and alteration of the Land Laws?

## 7. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) With reference to the plan of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour, alluded to yesterday by the Honorable the Attorney General as being now carried into effect by the authority of the Executive Government,—is it the intention of the Government to obtain the sanction of Parliament for the necessary expenditure, or to consult this House at all upon the subject?

(2.) If so, when and how?

## 8. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—The name of the Brokers through whom the Wire and Timber were purchased for the purpose of the Defences?

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

## 1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Friday next, the 27th instant.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Hart, be added to the Library Committee.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Windeyer, be added to the Standing Orders Committee.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Robertson, be added to the Refreshment Room Committee.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Roads Bill; third reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
3. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisalment in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.  
 (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
4. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—  
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.  
 (2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.
5. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
6. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

7. **MR. WATSON** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
8. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staitths at Newcastle.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.
9. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.  
 (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.  
 (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.  
 (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.  
 (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
10. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
11. **MR. BROOKES** 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, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates the sum of £2,000, as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk industry in this Colony.
12. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.  
 (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.  
 (3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.  
 (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of " Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line " from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
4. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY.

Question :—

1. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the money be refunded which was paid for Duties collected under the Schedules introduced by the late Government?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. WEARNE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence between J. B. Banford, Esq., and the Colonial Secretary ; between J. B. Banford, Esq., and the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Forces, or any other of the Volunteer Authorities ; and between any other person and the Colonial Secretary, or the officer aforesaid ; and of all other Documents, Minutes, and Papers relating to the formation or proposed enrolment of a Volunteer Battery of Artillery, with the name or designation of " Prince Alfred's Own."

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer "Surcouf" was visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?
  - (2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?
  - (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of the Appropriations by Parliament unexpended on the 31st December, 1870, exclusive of amounts written off?
  - (2.) What amount of such unexpended Appropriations is it estimated will not be required?
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will a Tender be accepted for the erection of the Post Office at Newcastle, the money for which was voted over two years ago?

*OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions, received from 1st July, 1865, to 31st December, 1870, inclusive.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
3. MR. MACLEAY *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1871.

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

Member Sworn:—Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Tolls on Road between Yass and Goulburn:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No 1,—

(1.) Is it true that there are three toll-bars on the road between Yass and Goulburn?

(2.) Is it true that a carrier with a waggon or dray of eight horses had to pay 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar before the regulations now in force took effect?

(3.) Is it true that under the present regulations a team that formerly paid 2s. 3d. at each toll-bar will now have to pay 14s. 9d.?

(4.) If this is the case, under what authority is it done?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) By the authority of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, under clause 12 of Main Roads Act.

(2.) The Legislative Council:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—In the absence of any measure for the reform of the Upper House or Legislative Council, is it the intention of the Government to make fresh appointments to the other Chamber in the case of Members who have been for years absent from this Country, and continue absent up to the present moment?

Sir James Martin answered,—There are no Members of the Legislative Council who have been for years absent from this Country, and who still continue absent. Mr. Salomons is the only Member who is at present absent from the Colony, and he has not yet been absent a month, having left by the last Mail Steamer for England by way of Suez.

(3.) Government Advertisements in Newspapers—Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the practice of its predecessors, namely, that of expending large sums of money in advertising in the Sydney and country newspapers?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to patronize all newspapers indiscriminately?

(3.) Has the Government any intention of abolishing the newspaper delivery charge of one penny?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to spend no money in advertising in the Sydney and country newspapers beyond what the public interests may require.

(2.) It is not the intention of the Government to patronize all newspapers indiscriminately.

(3.) The Government has no such intention.

(4.)

- (4.) Henry Kendall:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Is it true that a person named Henry Kendall was tried at the last sittings of the Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst on a charge of forgery, and that the jury found him not guilty on the ground of insanity?
  - (2.) Has the said Henry Kendall been imprisoned ever since the trial in Darlinghurst Gaol, and is he there now?
  - (3.) If the said Henry Kendall is at present a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, is it the intention of the Attorney General to take immediate steps to rescue the law from the scandal of punishing insanity as a crime, by instantly removing Henry Kendall to some place where he may be properly cared for, and where his malady may be properly treated?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The case is now under the consideration of His Excellency, and will, I have no doubt, be determined without delay.
- (5.) The late Honorable Daniel Egan:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is it true that the body of the late Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, buried some time ago with all due form and ceremony at the Public Cemetery, Petersham, has been, without the consent or even communicating in any way with the late Mr. Egan's friends or relatives, disinterred and removed from the grave where it was placed by the consent and authority of the deceased gentleman's immediate relatives?
  - (2.) If this is the case, by whose authority was it done?
  - (3.) If done without the proper legal authority, has the Government made any inquiries, or is it the intention of the Attorney General to make any inquiries, with the view to the apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators of this violation of the law?
  - (4.) Have any other cases of the removal of bodies from the grave without authority come to the knowledge of the Government; if so, will the Attorney General state the number and nature of such cases, and also if the Government has any knowledge of who were the perpetrators of such crimes, and how the Government has failed to bring them to justice?
  - (5.) Has any correspondence passed between the Government, or the Police, and the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church on this subject; if so, will the Attorney General lay such correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) I believe it is.
  - (2.) I am not aware, but I believe it was done without legal authority.
  - (3.) The Government has made such inquiries.
  - (4.) No such case has come to the knowledge of the Government.
  - (5.) No such correspondence has taken place. Inquiries have been made by the police. These inquiries have not yet led to the discovery of the persons concerned in the removal of Mr. Egan's body. A reward has been offered for information which may lead to such discovery.
- (6.) Amendment of the Land Law:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—What steps do the Government intend taking to carry into effect the Resolution of this House of Friday, 25th November, relative to the reduction of the price of land and alteration of the Land Laws?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Resolution referred to in the Honorable Member's question is under consideration of the Government, and a measure to amend the Land Laws will be introduced without unnecessary delay.

- (7.) Harbour Defences:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) With reference to the plan of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour, alluded to yesterday by the Honorable the Attorney General as being now carried into effect by the authority of the Executive Government,—is it the intention of the Government to obtain the sanction of Parliament for the necessary expenditure, or to consult this House at all upon the subject?
  - (2.) If so, when and how?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) A portion of the expenditure necessary for the completion of the works now in progress for the Defence of the Harbour is already provided for. Provision will be made for the residue of the expenditure on the Estimates for the present year.
  - (2.) Full particulars of the works done, and the cost of them, will be laid before Parliament during the present Session.
- (8.) Wire and Timber for the Defences:—Mr. Samuel asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—The name of the Brokers through whom the Wire and Timber were purchased for the purpose of the Defences?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—Mr. Morris was Broker for the purchase of the Wire, and Mr. Cuthbert for the purchase of the Timber.

3. The Hastings Electorate:—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from certain Electors of The Hastings Electorate, residing in the Police District of the Macleay River, representing that they suffer great inconvenience because of the large extent of the Electorate; and praying that the same may be divided into three new Electoral Districts.
- Petition received.

4. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
    - (1.) Return to an Order in reference to "Wallace-street, Braidwood," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tuks, on 22nd November, 1870.
    - (2.) Road Trust Accounts, for the period ending 31st December, 1869.

Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Despatch respecting Steam Postal Communication, (Time Table).
- Ordered to be printed.

5. The Hastings Electorate :—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Electorate of The Hastings, residing in the Police District of Macleay, complaining of the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which Mr. Horace Dean was declared not duly elected, and Mr. R. B. Smith was declared duly elected, as the Member for The Hastings; and praying that the Seat for the said Electorate may be declared vacant, and a new Writ issued.  
Petition received.
6. Special Adjournment (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Friday next, the 27th instant.  
Question put and passed.
7. Library Committee (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 of Government Business, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Hart, be added to the Library Committee.  
Question put and passed.
8. Standing Orders Committee (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 of Government Business, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Windeyer, be added to the Standing Orders Committee.  
Question put and passed.
9. Refreshment Room Committee (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 of Government Business, That the names of Sir James Martin, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Robertson, be added to the Refreshment Room Committee.  
Question put and passed.
10. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4 of Government Business, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.  
Question put and passed.
11. Railway Statistics (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 4 of Other Business,—  
(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of all persons employed at the different Stations on the several Lines of Railway, with their duties, and rates of pay.  
(2.) The amount of goods traffic, and the sum received at each Station—passengers and goods, separately—during the last six months.  
Question put and passed.
12. Coal Staiths at Newcastle (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the efficiency or otherwise of the Coal Staiths at Newcastle.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes; Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
13. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
14. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5 of Government Business, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
15. Return of Writ :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 7th December last, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, in the room of Charles Cowper, Esquire, whose Seat was declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Agent General for the Colony of New South Wales resident in London, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of Lewis Wolfe Levy, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
16. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed, as follows :—  
No. 1, by Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.  
No. 2, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday next.  
Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.  
No. 5, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday next.  
No. 6, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday, 8th February.  
No. 7, by Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.
17. Civil Service Competitive Examinations :—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 of Other Business,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.  
Debate ensued.  
Sir James Martin moved the Previous Question.  
On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Debate on this Question was adjourned until Friday, 3rd February.
18. Motions Withdrawn :—  
(1.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Brookes Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. J. Suttor withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

19. James Twaddell:—Mr. J. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
 (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the matter contained in the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th of March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861, on his rented Crown Land, is a proper case to be referred to arbitration by the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861 on his rented Crown Land, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Neale, Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."  
 Debate continued.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted, in the place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.  
 And Mr. Spring requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—  
 Question,—That the Petition of James Twaddell, presented to Parliament on the 18th March last, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold in 1861 on his rented Crown Land, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers,—put and passed.  
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Neale, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Spring, Mr. Stewart, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Samuel, and Mr. Wilson.
20. Motions Withdrawn:—  
 (1.) *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
 (2.) Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 9 and 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
21. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Brookes not making the Motion standing in his name No. 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
22. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 12 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
23. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business were postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 1, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 3rd February.  
 No. 2, by Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 3rd February.  
 No. 3, by Mr. Lackey, until Friday, 3rd February.  
 No. 4, by Mr. W. Forster, until Wednesday next.
24. Volunteer Admission Bill:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Forster,—“That this Bill be now read a second time,”—discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. W. Forster.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at half-past Eight o'clock, until *Friday next*, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the money be refunded which was paid for Duties collected under the Schedules introduced by the late Government?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the Protestant children at the Randwick Institution are not allowed to eat meat on Fridays?  
 (2.) If this is true, will the Colonial Secretary undertake to put an end to this abuse without delay?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Whether it is true that Mr. G. B. Suttor did, after his conviction at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, drive his own carriage, or any vehicle, to the Gaol or Lock-up, Parramatta?  
 (2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

4. **MR. MOSES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**  
 (1.) Have the Government made any arrangements with the Richmond Bridge Company for the purchase of the Bridge at Richmond, and if so, at what price?  
 (2.) If no arrangements have been made, do the Government intend compelling the Company to fulfil their part of the Charter, by maintaining a Bridge over the River at Richmond?  
 (3.) Considering the length of time the crossing of the River has been in an unsatisfactory state, and the exorbitant charge exacted for crossing, will the Government declare a Public Ferry at or near the present crossing, and cause a suitable Punt to be put on, at which a reasonable charge will be made?

**OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—**

1. **MR. WEARNE to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence between J. B. Bamford, Esq., and the Colonial Secretary; between J. B. Bamford, Esq., and the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Forces, or any other of the Volunteer Authorities; and between any other person and the Colonial Secretary, or the officer aforesaid; and of all other Documents, Minutes, and Papers relating to the formation or proposed enrolment of a Volunteer Battery of Artillery, with the name or designation of "Prince Alfred's Own."
2. **MR. ALLEN to move,** That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney.
3. **MR. W. FORSTER to move,** That the two Petitions presented by him on 25th January, from 488 and 465 Electors, respectively, of the Electoral District of the Hastings, relative to division of the Electoral District and increase of the representation,—and to the desirability of declaring vacant the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith, be printed.

TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY.

**Questions:—**

1. **MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**  
 (1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer "Surecouf" was visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?  
 (2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?
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 (1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo, for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road, for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?  
 (2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?
3. **MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**  
 (1.) What was the amount of the Appropriations by Parliament unexpended on the 31st December, 1870, exclusive of amounts written off?  
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5. **MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**  
 (1.) How many tons of firewood were delivered by Railway at the Sydney, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood Stations, during October, November, and December, 1869, and during October, November, and December, 1870?  
 (2.) Also, what were the amounts charged at those respective Stations and periods for the carriage of such wood?
6. **MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—**  
 (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the late Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?  
 (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed, and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons respectively, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?
7. **MR. SAMUEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**The detailed particulars and cost of the Wire and Timber purchased for the purpose of the Defences, and what was the amount of Commission paid to the Brokers?

8. **MR. TUNKS** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Were any Fruit Trees imported into this Colony at the public cost in consequence of the visit of the Director of the Botanic Gardens to Portugal in the year 1866 or 1867?
9. **MR. W. FORSTER** to ask the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Electoral Law?
  - (2.) If so, when?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government—by the introduction of such measure, or by any other—to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of the Hastings, in the matter of the Petition of 488 Electors of that District, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, praying for increased representation, by division of the Electoral District into three new Electoral Districts?
  - (4.) If so, when, and to what extent?
10. **MR. W. FORSTER** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of The Hastings in the matter of the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for The Hastings, and praying that the Seat should again be declared vacant, Mr. R. B. Smith unseated, and a Writ issued for a fresh Election?
  - (2.) If so, when, and how?
11. **MR. CHURCH** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the existing Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and also of examining and reporting upon the best means of procuring a permanent supply of water upon the Gold Fields of this Colony, been dissolved, and how have they been employed up to the 21st instant?
  - (2.) When will their Report be laid upon the Table of this House?
  - (3.) What was the amount available for the working of the aforesaid Commission on 6th June last; how much of that amount has been expended?
  - (4.) What is the amount due to the aforesaid Commission up to the 21st instant?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions, received from 1st July, 1865, to 31st December, 1870, inclusive.
2. **CAPTAIN ONSLOW** to move,—

  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.

3. **MR. MACLEAY** to move,—

  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

4. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to move,—

  - (1.) That the Government, as at present constituted, is not entitled to the confidence of this House.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

5. **MR. J. SUTTON** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
6. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—

  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country, as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

7. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
8. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—

  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.)

(3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.

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WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Roads Bill; third reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select-Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
 "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
 "(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

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WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.  
 (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.



New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Refund of Customs Duties:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the money be refunded which was paid for Duties collected under the Schedules introduced by the late Government?

Mr. Lord answered,—The money is being refunded every day, as fast as the accounts can be checked and certificates signed.

(2.) Destitute Children's Asylum:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that the Protestant children at the Randwick Institution are not allowed to eat meat on Fridays?

(2.) If this is true, will the Colonial Secretary undertake to put an end to this abuse without delay?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I have received some correspondence on this subject, which I will read. The first letter is as follows:—

“ St. Paul's, Sydney,  
“ 27th January, 1871.

“ My dear Sir,

“ In reply to Mr. Buchanan's question in the House as to the Protestant children in Randwick Institution being compelled to fast on Fridays, I would state, for your information, that some years ago it was deemed advisable, on sanitary grounds, that *all* the children should abstain from meat one day in the week. As the Roman Catholic children already did so on Friday, that day, for reasons of domestic convenience, was selected as the day of abstinence from meat for all. Pudding and treacle are given instead of animal food. The Protestant Chaplain has moved the Committee to repeal this regulation, as being, on religious grounds, objectionable. The Committee, by a majority, has declined to do so, on the ground that the arrangement is purely a sanitary and domestic one.

“ This is exactly how the matter stands at present.”

“ Yours very faithfully,

“ ALFRED H. STEPHEN,

“ Hon. Sec., Destitute Children's Society.

“ The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.”

I have also received a letter from Mr. G. F. Wise, the Honorary Treasurer, addressed to the Under Secretary, as follows:—

“ 27th January, 1871.

“ My dear Sir,

“ Referring to the above Notice of Motion, I herewith enclose a copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Directors on 2nd November, 1870.

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"The Diet Scale therein mentioned was drawn up and approved of by Drs. M'Farlane and Brown in 1858; was then adopted by the Board of Directors, and has been in force from that date (1858) to the present time.

"H. Halloran, Esq.,"

"Yours faithfully,  
"GEORGE F. WISE."

[Enclosure.]

"EXTRACT from Minute Book of the Society for the relief of Destitute Children at Randwick. Resolution of the Board of Directors passed at Board Meeting of 2nd November, 1870:—'That it is considered advisable that for sanitary reasons the children should have pudding only, and no meat, on one day in each week; and that therefore the Diet Scale which has been in use for upwards of twelve years shall be continued.'"

(2.) Whether the present practice is an "abuse" is a debatable matter, and cannot properly be brought before Parliament in the present form. I will, however, make further inquiry into the subject.

(3.) Mr. G. B. Suttor:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether it is true that Mr. G. B. Suttor did, after his conviction at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, drive his own carriage, or any vehicle, to the Gaol or Lock-up, Parramatta?

(2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes, in his buggy, to the Gaol.

(2.) The officer who had him in charge has been suspended, pending further inquiry.

(4.) Richmond Bridge:—Mr. Moses asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have the Government made any arrangements with the Richmond Bridge Company for the purchase of the Bridge at Richmond; and if so, at what price?

(2.) If no arrangements have been made, do the Government intend compelling the Company to fulfil their part of the Charter, by maintaining a Bridge over the River at Richmond?

(3.) Considering the length of time the crossing of the River has been in an unsatisfactory state, and the exorbitant charge exacted for crossing, will the Government declare a Public Ferry at or near the present crossing, and cause a suitable Punt to be put on, at which a reasonable charge will be made?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No; but the Government intend to submit a proposition to Parliament to authorize and provide for the purchase of the Company's interest in the Bridge.

(2 and 3.) The matters referred to in questions 2 and 3, the Honorable Member will see, had better be dealt with at a future time.

2. Volunteer Artillery ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence between J. B. Bamford, Esq., and the Colonial Secretary; between J. B. Bamford, Esq., and the Officer Commanding the Volunteer Forces, or any other of the Volunteer Authorities; and between any other person and the Colonial Secretary, or the officer aforesaid; and of all other Documents, Minutes, and Papers, relating to the formation or proposed enrolment of a Volunteer Battery of Artillery, with the name or designation of "Prince Alfred's Own."

Question put and passed.

3. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Allen withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

4. The Hastings Electorate ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the two Petitions presented by him on 25th January, from 488 and 465 Electors, respectively, of the Electoral District of The Hastings, relative to division of the Electoral District and increase of the representation,—and to the desirability of declaring vacant the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Wearne presented a Petition, signed by Henry H. Gaud and William Kelynaek, on behalf of the Wesleyan Ministers in the Sydney District of the Wesleyan Church, in favour of the passing of this Bill,—

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

6. Claims of Mr. Spencer, of Gundagai:—Mr. Macleay (with the concurrence of the House) moved, without notice, That the name of Mr. Robertson be added to the Select Committee on "Claims of Mr. Spencer, of Gundagai."

Question put and passed.

7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Byrnes presented a Petition, signed by James Vickery, for and on behalf of the Committee of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, against the passing of this Bill,—

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

8. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, adjourned until Friday next.

9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day were postponed, as follows:—

No. 2, by Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 10th February.

No. 3, by Mr. Garrett, until Friday, 10th February.

Nos. 4 and 5, by Mr. Sutherland, until Friday next.

No. 6, by Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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  - (1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the late Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?
  - (2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed, and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons respectively, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?
7. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—The detailed particulars and cost of the Wire and Timber purchased for the purpose of the Defences, and what was the amount of Commission paid to the Brokers?
8. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Were any Fruit Trees imported into this Colony at the public cost in consequence of the visit of the Director of the Botanic Gardens to Portugal in the year 1866 or 1867?
9. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Electoral Law?
  - (2.) If so, when?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government—by the introduction of such measure, or by any other—to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of the Hastings, in the matter of the Petition of 488 Electors of that District, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, praying for increased representation, by division of the Electoral District into three new Electoral Districts?
  - (4.) If so, when, and to what extent?
10. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of The Hastings in the matter of the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for The Hastings, and praying that the Seat should again be declared vacant, Mr. R. B. Smith unseated, and a Writ issued for a fresh Election?
  - (2.) If so, when, and how?
11. MR. CHURCH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the existing Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and also of examining and reporting upon the best means of procuring a permanent supply of water upon the Gold Fields of this Colony, been dissolved, and how have the Commissioners been employed up to the 21st instant?
  - (2.) When will their Report be laid upon the Table of this House?
  - (3.) What was the amount available for the working of the aforesaid Commission on 6th June last; how much of that amount has been expended?
  - (4.) What is the amount due to the aforesaid Commission up to the 21st instant?

12. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE MINISTER representing the Post Office Department,—Have any, and if any, what changes been made in the Salaries or allowances of the Postmasters at Boro or Tarago since Tarago, instead of Boro Post Office, has been made the Receiving House for the Queanbeyan Mail?
13. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Have the Government received lately any application for further expenditure of money upon the Road over Deep Creek and Long Swamp, between Bungendore and the coast?
  - (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of the application?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions, received from 1st July, 1865, to 31st December, 1870, inclusive.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That the Government, as at present constituted, is not entitled to the confidence of this House.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1871 a sum not exceeding £1,000, as compensation to the Rev. Denis M'Guinn for losses sustained by him by the stoppage of his stipend in the year 1862; he being at that time in receipt of a salary from the Government as an officiating Minister of the Roman Catholic Church.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. WEARNE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th January, from Henry H. Gaud and William Kelynack, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.
10. MR. BYRNES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th January, from Mr. James Vickery, against the Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.

## WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Roads Bill ; third reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations ; adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
4. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—  
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last ; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

## TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864 be repealed forthwith.  
" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

## WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Plattsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.

2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
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FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) The "Surcouf":—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the French Despatch steamer "Surcouf" was visited by the Harbour Master, Captain Hixson, with instructions from the Government to urge the immediate departure of the vessel, notwithstanding she was at the time getting up her steam for leaving the harbour, and was only detained by the delay which had unavoidably taken place on the part of shippers in shipping live-stock for provisions on board the vessel?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances was such visit made by Captain Hixson, or ordered by the Government, or were there any grounds for not extending to the vessel in question the exceptions in regard to the shipping of provisions, or other purposes of necessity, laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation of the 19th of July last, in the case of belligerent vessels remaining in harbour for such purposes beyond the general limit of twenty-four hours?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government in future to prohibit belligerent vessels from remaining in the harbour beyond twenty-four hours in any case, notwithstanding the exceptions referred to, even though the vessel in question at the time may urgently require provisions, or repairs, or may be detained by stress of weather?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) No. The French Despatch steamer "Surcouf" was visited by Captain Hixson to inquire the reason why the vessel had not sailed at the time it was guaranteed to the Government that she should sail.

(2.) The order to go on board was given to Captain Hixson by the late Colonial Secretary, in consequence of the vessel being in port on the morning of Saturday, the 3rd of December, after a promise had been made to the Government that the "Surcouf" should sail during the previous night. No application was made for an extension of the time laid down in Lord Granville's Proclamation.

(3.) The Government will endeavour, in their dealings with belligerent vessels, to offer every courtesy and convenience, consistent with preserving a strict neutrality, to the ships of both nations engaged in the war.

- (2.) Road between Goulburn and Gundaroo:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has any spot been marked, or have any steps been taken by the Government, in order to define the distinction between that portion of the road between Goulburn and Gundaroo for which Messrs. Huthwaite and Waddle are Trustees, and that portion of the same road for which Messrs. Styles, Parker, and Donnelly are Trustees, or between these portions and other portions of the same road?

(2.) If so, at what point do these portions of the road in question begin and end, respectively?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No. The Government were not aware that any division was required by the Trustees, as no communication has been received from them on the subject.

(3.)

(3.) Unexpended Appropriations:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What was the amount of the Appropriations by Parliament unexpended on the 31st December, 1870, exclusive of amounts written off?

(2.) What amount of such unexpended Appropriations is it estimated will not be required?

Mr. Lord answered,—I regret that I feel obliged to defer answering the honorable gentleman's question until the Financial Statement is made, which will be shortly. On that occasion the fullest information will be submitted to the House respecting the financial arrangements of the Government.

(4.) Post Office at Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will a Tender be accepted for the erection of the Post Office at Newcastle, the money for which was voted over two years ago?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The sum of £7,000 was appropriated by the Loan Act for 1869 for the erection of public offices at Newcastle. A Tender was accepted for a Custom House for £6,500, leaving only £500 available for any other public office. It is not at present the intention of the Government to invite Tenders for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

*Mr. E. Brown, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, withdrew Question No. 5.*

(5.) Appraisers of Runs:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) How many persons, other than the Commissioners of Crown Lands, were appointed by the late Government during the year 1870 to determine the fair annual value of runs for rent and assessment during 1871 and the succeeding years?

(2.) What are the names of the persons so appointed, and the amount which the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the said persons respectively, as fees for the duties discharged by such appraisers?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Ten.

(2.) J. W. Carne .....	£610	T. J. Hawkins .....	£630
N. S. Powell .....	630	William Butler .....	500
Hovenden Hely .....	560	A. Johnson .....	75
George Maunsell .....			
Henry Bayliss .....			
H. M. Keightley .....			
Thos. Betteridge .....			

These gentlemen, being Police Magistrates, received no fees; but a travelling allowance of £1 a day was granted to them.

(6.) Wire and Timber for the Defences:—Mr. Samuel asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—The detailed particulars and cost of the Wire and Timber purchased for the purpose of the Defences, and what was the amount of Commission paid to the Brokers?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

Fencing Wire .....	£1,443	14	6
Wire Rope .....	356	3	1
Hoop Iron .....	73	1	0
Timber .....	3,997	10	10
	£5,870	9	5
Commission to Mr. Morris .....	35	4	6
	£5,905	13	11

Mr. Cuthbert, who undertook the purchase of the Timber, received no commission.

(7.) Importation of Fruit Trees:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Were any Fruit Trees imported into this Colony at the public cost in consequence of the visit of the Director of the Botanic Gardens to Portugal in the year 1866 or 1867?

Mr. Wilson answered,—There were no Fruit Trees imported into this Colony at the public expense, either from Portugal, or through Mr. Moore's visit; but I suppose the question asked by the Honorable Member has reference to some orange trees sent here at Mr. Moore's request by Señor Do Canto, from St. Michael's, at the Azores.

(8.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Electoral Law?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government—by the introduction of such measure, or by any other—to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of The Hastings in the matter of the Petition of 488 Electors of that District, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, praying for increased representation, by division of the Electoral District into three new Electoral Districts?

(4.) If so, when, and to what extent?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) So soon as the public finances will justify the Government in pressing it forward.

(3.) Provision will be made for increased representation for The Hastings.

(4.) My answer to question No. 3, my honorable friend will see, deals with question No. 4.

(9.) The Hastings Electorate:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to afford relief to the Electors of The Hastings in the matter of the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, presented to this House on Wednesday, 25th January, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections

Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for The Hastings, and praying that the Seat should again be declared vacant, Mr. R. B. Smith unseated, and a Writ issued for a fresh Election?

(2.) If so, when, and how?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have no such intention.

(10.) Gold Fields Commission :—*Mr. S. Brown*, on behalf of Mr. Church, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the existing Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and also of examining and reporting upon the best means of procuring a permanent supply of water upon the Gold Fields of this Colony, been dissolved, and how have the Commissioners been employed up to the 21st instant?

(2.) When will their Report be laid upon the Table of this House?

(3.) What was the amount available for the working of the aforesaid Commission on 6th June last; how much of that amount has been expended?

(4.) What is the amount due to the aforesaid Commission up to the 21st instant?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) On the 28th December, 1870, the Commissioners were requested to suspend their inquiries.

(2.) No report has been received, but arrangements will be made with the Commissioners to enable them to prepare and submit a report.

(3.) The amount available on the 6th June, 1870, was £2,000. The amount expended is £1,916 3s. 9d. I may add that there is a further sum of £1,000 voted for Water Supply on Gold Fields, which, perhaps, may be made available for the purposes of the Commission.

(4.) Accounts furnished up to 31st December, 1870, amounting to £1,167 1s. 6d.

(11.) Postmasters at Boro and Tarago :—*Mr. Greville* asked the Minister representing the Post Office Department, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Have any, and if any, what changes been made in the Salaries or allowances of the Postmasters at Boro or Tarago since Tarago, instead of Boro Post Office, has been made the Receiving House for the Queanbeyan Mail?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No changes have been made in the Salaries of the Postmasters referred to.

(12.) Road over Deep Creek and Long Swamp :—*Mr. W. Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—

(1.) Have the Government received lately any application for further expenditure of money upon the Road over Deep Creek and Long Swamp, between Bungendore and the coast?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of the application?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No application since that made by Mr. Forster on the 25th November last, to which a reply was returned that though the Government believed the road to be in a bad condition it was not so bad as to justify a deviation from the ordinary course, nor worse than many roads of greater importance.

(2.) The Government will place the amount on the Schedule for 1871 at the disposal of the Trustees immediately it is voted.

2. Member Sworn :—*Lewis Wolfe Levy*, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains.

3. Papers :—

(1.) *Mr. Lord* laid upon the Table, Despatches on the subject of Coins struck at the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) *Mr. Byrnes* laid upon the Table, Report of the Board appointed to inquire into and examine the previous and present mode of keeping the Railway Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) *Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to "Criminal Statistics," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Buchanan*, on 22nd September, and on motion of *Mr. Butler*, on 13th October, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill :—*Sir James Martin* presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.

5. Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Samuel* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount of Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions, received from 1st July, 1865, to 31st December, 1870, inclusive.

Question put and passed.

6. Motion Withdrawn :—*Captain Ouslow* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Wearne* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th January, from *Henry H. Gand* and *William Kelynack*, in favour of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Byrnes* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—That the Petition presented by him on the 27th January from *Mr. James Vickery*, against the Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **Internal Communication** :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued, and on motion of Mr. Byrnes adjourned (after Debate), until Friday, 10th February.
10. **Motion of Want of Confidence** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) That the Government, as at present constituted, is not entitled to the confidence of this House.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.  
Mr. W. Forster moved the Previous Question.  
Debate continued.  
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Speer.
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Farnell.

11. **Motion Dropped** :—Mr. J. Suttor not making the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
  12. **Marine Board Bill** :—Mr. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the name of Mr. Wilson be added to the Select Committee on the Marine Board Bill.  
Question put and passed.
  13. **Motions Withdrawn** :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 6, 7, and 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  14. **Postponement** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene, as used for illuminating purposes, postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of a Recreation Ground for Gundaroo?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Returns relative to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek,—ordered by this House on August 23rd, 1870, and promised by the then Secretary for Lands on October 14th to be laid upon the Table the week after,—be laid upon the Table?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Returns relative to payments under the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act, and from the Bishopthorpe Estate, and the Church and School Fund, ordered by this House on October 14th, 1870, be laid upon the Table?
4. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Returns relative to Areas of Municipalities, ordered by this House on October 14th, 1870, be laid upon the Table?
5. MR. FALLON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) When the present Border Customs Treaty with the Victorian Government will expire?
  - (2.) Are the Government prepared to enter into a new treaty, to take effect at the expiration of the present one, with a view of maintaining uninterrupted free trade on the border between New South Wales and Victoria?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Roads Bill; third reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st January, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Sydney, relative to the Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles and Boats, be printed.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.

Question:—

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"(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
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## Questions:—

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## WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - “ (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - “ (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.”

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TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Recreation Ground, Gundaroo:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of a Recreation Ground for Gundaroo?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Recreation Reserve at Gundaroo forms part of the temporary Common which has been placed in the hands of Trustees for the benefit of the inhabitants.

(2.) Necropolis at Haslem's Creek:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Returns relative to the Necropolis at Haslem's Creek—ordered by this House on August 23rd, 1870, and promised by the then Secretary for Lands on October 14th to be laid upon the Table the week after—be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think my honorable friend is aware that this is a very voluminous paper. It will take some time to complete, but it is now in hand, and will be done as quickly as it can be.

(3.) Grants in aid of Public Worship:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Returns relative to payments under the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act, and from the Bishopthorpe Estate, and the Church and School Fund, ordered by this House on October 14th, 1870, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Returns 1 and 2 can be furnished at once, but 3 and 4 will require some further time in order to obtain the necessary documents.

(4.) Areas of Municipalities:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Returns relative to Areas of Municipalities, ordered by this House on October 14th, 1870, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Return is in preparation, but will still take some time to complete. I hope it will be ready in a fortnight.

(5.) Border Customs Treaty:—Mr. Fallon asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) When the present Border Customs Treaty with the Victorian Government will expire?

(2.) Are the Government prepared to enter into a new treaty, to take effect at the expiration of the present one, with a view of maintaining uninterrupted free trade on the border between New South Wales and Victoria?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) 1st February, 1872.

(2.) The question of the renewal of the agreement in reference to the Border Duties will be considered at due time.

2. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Proposed Road from Osborne's land to the Old South Road," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Captain Onslow, on 8th November, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Service *viâ* San Francisco.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st January, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Sydney, relative to the Bill for the Regulation of Public Vehicles and Boats, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—Maturity of Warrant reported :—The Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing Matthew Henry Stephen, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 24th January, 1871, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
5. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed, as follows :—
- No. 1, by Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
  - No. 2, by Mr. Lord, until this day week.
6. Roads Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.  
Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "now," with a view to inserting in their place the words "recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering" clauses 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 23, and 25."  
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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 23, and 25,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
The Chairman reported the Bill with further amendments.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Robertson, That the adoption of that Report (2<sup>o</sup>) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed, as follows :—
- No. 4, by Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.
  - No. 5, by Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.
8. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be "now read a second time."  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Greville, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lord, Mr. Neale, Mr. King, Mr. Samuel, and the "Mover."  
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9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Government Savings Bank Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.
10. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to place certain Restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes,—having been read,—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*.—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to place certain restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.  
Mr. Robertson then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to place certain restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

## 11. The Law of Divorce :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should "be" assimilated to that of England and the adjacent Colonies.

(2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy, by private Bill, which should have been obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.

(3.) That, under such circumstances, this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, to assimilate the law of this country, in the matter of Divorce, to that of England and the surrounding Colonies.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by inserting after the word "be," in the first section, the words "as far as possible and consistently with justice to all parties and classes," and by omitting the last two sections.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Butler, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fallon, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Sir James Martin, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. J. Suttor,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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*Questions :—*

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2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) What amount has been expended by the Government, during the year 1870, in repairing the House at Dawes's Point, formerly occupied by Colonel Carthew?  
(2.) By whom is the house now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to align the streets of Windsor prior to proclaiming the Municipality; and if so, when will the work be commenced?
4. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to his questions and the answers thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Works, upon the Business Paper of 25th January, upon the subject of Defence and Fortification of the Harbour,—  
(1.) How much of the Expenditure has been already provided?  
(2.) In what manner, and by what authority has such provision been made?  
(3.) How much more is it probable will be required?  
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
2. Roads Bill Reported (2<sup>o</sup>); adoption of Report.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the names of Messrs. Lord, Fitzpatrick, and Windeyer be added to the Select Committee on the Government Printing Office.

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  - (2.) The names, occupation, and salaries of all persons engaged at the Bowenfells Station during the month of November, 1870?
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2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessces of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

## FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

## TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.



New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Appointment of Mr. W. J. Edwards to the Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Church asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Upon whose recommendation was Mr. Walter James Edwards, of Trunkey Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace?  
Mr. Robertson answered,—It having been represented to the Government that an additional Magistrate was much required at Trunkey Creek, Mr. Edwards was appointed on the recommendation of Mr. Gold Commissioner Johnson, who, in reporting upon a Petition from certain persons against Mr. Edwards's appointment, says he "had no hesitation in selecting Mr. Edwards from amongst the intelligent miners. Mr. Edwards has sufficient means to employ labourers for mining purposes, and to maintain himself in an independent and respectable position." I have every reason to believe that Mr. Edwards is a most intelligent gentleman; and I am sorry the question has been put, because it is calculated to injure one who has been appointed to aid the Government and to accommodate the public.
- (2.) House at Dawes's Point formerly occupied by Colonel Carthew:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) What amount has been expended by the Government, during the year 1870, in repairing the House at Dawes's Point, formerly occupied by Colonel Carthew?  
(2.) By whom is the house now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?  
Mr. Robertson answered,—  
(1.) The expenditure is a merely nominal sum—somewhere about £29.  
(2.) It is occupied by the Superintendent of Harbours and Pilots, who is also Captain of the Naval Brigade; and it is so occupied without charge for rent.
- (3.) Alignment of Windsor Streets:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to align the streets of Windsor prior to proclaiming the Municipality; and if so, when will the work be commenced?  
Mr. Wilson answered,—  
(1.) Yes.  
(2.) The Surveyor who has been instructed has left Sydney to commence this work.
- (4.) Harbour Defences:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—With reference to his questions and the answers thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Works, upon the Business Paper of 25th January, upon the subject of Defence and Fortification of the Harbour,—  
(1.) How much of the Expenditure has been already provided?  
(2.) In what manner, and by what authority has such provision been made?  
(3.) How much more is it probable will be required?  
(4.) In the event of Parliamentary sanction not being obtained soon, or in time, will the works nevertheless be proceeded with?

Mr.

*Mr. Lord* answered,—

(1.) £40,727 10s. 7d.

(2.) Under authority of the following Acts, viz.:—

18 Victoria No. 35 : Works of Defence at Middle Harbour and the South Head	£30,000	0s.	0d.
27 Victoria No. 14 : Harbour Defences (balance)	£4,851	0s.	0d.
29 Victoria No. 23 : Cost of Heavy Guns for Fortifications (balance)	£5,876	10s.	7d.
	£40,727 10s. 7d.		

(3.) £30,000 have been placed on the Estimates for 1871, which will shortly be submitted to Parliament.

(4.) The expense is being met out of amounts already sanctioned by Parliament.

2. Government Printing Office (*“Formal” Motion*):—*Mr. Piddington* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Messrs. Lord, Fitzpatrick, and Windeyer be added to the Select Committee on the Government Printing Office.  
Question put and passed.

3. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty’s Government in New South Wales, postponed, on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, until Wednesday next.

4. Roads Bill:—On the Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business being read,—*Mr. Robertson* moved, “That” the Report (2<sup>o</sup>) from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. *Mr. W. Forster* moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “this Bill be now recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering the last proviso to clause 10.”

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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

*Mr. Lucas* then moved, That the Question be further amended, by adding at the end thereof the words “and clause 23.”

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

Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering the last proviso to clause 10 and clause 23,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported the Bill with further amendments.

*Ordered*, on motion of *Mr. Wilson*, That the adoption of that Report (3<sup>o</sup>) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. Withdrawal of Estimates for 1870–71:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Lord*, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 18.*

*Governor.*

A change having taken place in the Administration since transmission of the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year, and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for previous years, which accompanied His Excellency’s Message No. 7, the Governor requests that the said Estimates may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates, which have been prepared under the present Administration.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 2nd February, 1871.*

*Mr. Lord* then moved, That His Excellency’s Message No. 18 be now taken into consideration.

Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

*Mr. Lord* moved, That the request contained in His Excellency’s Message No. 18 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 7, of the 30th September, 1870,—and that the Message No. 18 be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, and Supplementary Estimates for 1870 and previous years:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Lord*, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 19.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1871, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for previous years, in substitution of those submitted with His Excellency’s Message No. 7, of 30th September, 1870.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 2nd February, 1871.*

*Ordered*, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

7. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—*Matthew Henry Stephen*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.
9. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Government Savings Bank Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law and Equity Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) How many tons of Firwood were delivered by Railway at the Sydney, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood Stations during October, November, and December, 1869; and during October, November, and December, 1870?  
(2.) Also, what were the amounts charged at those respective Stations, and periods, for the carriage of such wood?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the Estimates sufficient to erect a Post Office at Newcastle?
3. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Whether the Right Rev. Frederic Barker, D.D., is to receive any salary during his absence from the Colony?  
(2.) If any, what amount, and under what authority?  
(3.) Who performs duty for the Bishop during his absence?
4. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When it may be expected that the Return relative to the Braidwood District and Gold Fields, moved for by him on 6th September, 1870, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When it may be expected that the Return moved for by him on 12th April last, relative to the amount of Revenue collected within the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
6. MR. HILL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware of the inconvenience to which passengers waiting for Trains at the Redfern Station are subjected for want of sufficient sitting accommodation; and will the Minister take steps to remove this cause of complaint?  
(2.) Is the Minister aware that his predecessor promised to have the approaches to the Ashfield Station put in a state of repair; and that although the approach from the Liverpool Road has been repaired, nothing has been done to the approach on the other side, from the platform to the gate, and from thence to Elizabeth-street, such being almost impassable for foot passengers in wet weather?
7. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) What amount has been expended by the Government during the year 1870 in repairing the Officers Quarters of the Artillery Barracks?  
(2.) By whom are the said Quarters now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
“(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,”—upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
4. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey,  
“That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line “from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted.”
5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

## 1. MR. WATSON to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Roads Bill Reported (3<sup>d</sup>); adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY.

## Questions:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of appropriation of £1,000 voted by Parliament in 1869, “for the purpose of opening the road from the Macleay River to the Bellingen River, and for the construction of punt, boat, and bridge in connection with that line”?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is the Mr. E. Ryan, whose appointment as a Clerk in the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands appears in the Gazette of December 20th, the same person who held the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee?
  - (2.) Was the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee dismissed from that office?
3. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The cost of the several buildings erected at the Bowenfels Railway Station, viz., the station-house and platform, station-master’s residence (including enclosure), goods shed, and gate-houses?
  - (2.) The names, occupation, and salaries of all persons engaged at the Bowenfels Station during the month of November, 1870?
  - (3.) The amount received for goods and passenger traffic during November, 1870, at the Bowenfels Station?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864 be repealed forthwith.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. FALLON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the survey of the Southern Line of Railway from Goulburn to Albury should be completed without delay, and the land reserved from sale or selection for Railway purposes alone.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, “That this Bill be now read a second time,” upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words “now read a second time,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.”
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and “the Mover.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Plattsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisment in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

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TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.



New South Wales.

No. 79.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Firewood delivered at Railway Stations:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many tons of Firewood were delivered by Railway at the Sydney, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood Stations, during October, November, and December, 1869; and during October, November, and December, 1870?

(2.) Also, what were the amounts charged at those respective Stations, and periods, for the carriage of such wood?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The following is a statement which I have had prepared in answer to this question:—

Tonnage Return and Receipts of Firewood received at Sydney, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood Stations, for the months of October, November, and December, 1869, and for corresponding period in 1870.

STATIONS AND MONTH.		1869.		1870.	
		Total tons.	Total receipts.	Total tons.	Total receipts.
SYDNEY—	October .....	1,080	£ s. d. 171 6 4	1,357	£ s. d. 265 6 5
	November .....	863	128 0 9	1,374	275 1 6
	December .....	1,024	164 6 6	1,288	249 16 4
	Total .....	2,967	463 13 7	4,019	790 4 3
NEWTOWN—	October .....	1,693	315 14 11	1,070	206 14 6
	November .....	789	147 9 9	724	130 19 6
	December .....	1,465	262 3 5	622	114 8 8
	Total .....	3,947	725 8 1	2,416	452 2 8
PETERSHAM—	October .....	661	112 13 2	289	52 16 10
	November .....	395	67 18 11	240	42 2 5
	December .....	567	96 12 10	112	20 9 3
	Total .....	1,623	277 4 11	641	115 8 6
ASHFIELD—	October .....	121	18 1 11	84	12 7 9
	November .....	46	6 11 4	38	5 9 0
	December .....	4	0 11 2	107	15 7 9
	Total .....	171	25 4 5	229	33 4 6
BURWOOD—	October .....	17	2 16 9	16	2 13 6
	November .....	53	7 16 2	16	2 13 3
	December .....	4	0 10 0	13	2 3 2
	Total .....	74	11 2 11	45	7 9 11
GROSS TOTAL .....		8,781	1,502 13 11	7,350	1,398 9 10

Mr. G. A. Lloyd not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.

(2.)

(2.) The Right Rev. Frederic Barker, D.D. :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether the Right Rev. Frederic Barker, D.D., is to receive any salary during his absence from the Colony ?

(2.) If any, what amount, and under what authority ?

(3.) Who performs duty for the Bishop during his absence ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I learn from the Treasury that the Prelate to whom my honorable friend alludes receives the full salary, as is customary in such cases.

(2.) The late Colonial Secretary, the Hon. C. Cowper, approved in the following words—" Whatever is usual."

(3.) The Dean of Sydney performs the duties.

*Mr. Baker not asking Questions Nos. 4 and 5, they dropped.*

(3.) Want of Accommodation at Redfern Railway Station.—Approaches to Ashfield Station :—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware of the inconvenience to which passengers waiting for trains at the Redfern Station are subjected for want of sufficient sitting accommodation; and will the Minister take steps to remove this cause of complaint ?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that his predecessor promised to have the approaches to the Ashfield Station put in a state of repair; and that although the approach from the Liverpool Road has been repaired, nothing has been done to the approach on the other side, from the platform to the gate, and from thence to Elizabeth-street, such being almost impassable for foot passengers in wet weather ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Minister is aware of the inconvenience passengers are put to in waiting for trains, and the inconvenience will be remedied as soon as possible. Drawings are in course of preparation for a new Station.

(2.) A tender was accepted a few days since for the supply of blue metal to repair the second approach alluded to. The work will be completed very shortly.

*Mr. Farnell withdrew Question No. 7.*

2. Joseph Clarence Ross :—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Joseph Clarence Ross, of No. 5, Belmore Terrace, Paddington, representing that he was arrested and imprisoned on a charge of arson, and that having attended frequently at the Police Court, the case was ultimately dismissed; that, as a consequence of this charge, he has suffered both in person and estate; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to redress.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Petition be received.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a detailed Statement of the cost of Wire and Timber supplied to the Government for the Defences.

Ordered to be printed.

4. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill :—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Frederic Barker, Doctor of Divinity, Lord Bishop of Sydney, the Very Reverend William Macquarie Cowper, Dean of Sydney, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of Saint Andrew's Parsonage, in the City of Sydney,—

And Mr. Allen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of December, 1870, and the month of January, 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—

Petition received.

5. Civil Service Competitive Examinations :—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—

" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.

" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—

Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question,—having been read,—

Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, adjourned until Friday, 17th February.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of appropriation of £1,000 voted by Parliament in 1869, "for the purpose of opening the road from the Macleay River to the Bellinger River, and for the construction of punt, boat, and bridge in connection with that line"?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is the Mr. E. Ryan, whose appointment as a Clerk in the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands appears in the Gazette of December 20th, the same person who held the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee?  
(2.) Was the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee dismissed from that office?
3. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) The cost of the several buildings erected at the Bowenfells Railway Station, viz., the station-house and platform, station-master's residence (including enclosure), goods shed, and gate-houses?  
(2.) The names, occupation, and salaries of all persons engaged at the Bowenfells Station during the month of November, 1870?  
(3.) The amount received for goods and passenger traffic during November, 1870, at the Bowenfells Station?
4. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his question No. 1, and the answer thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Lands, upon the Business Paper of February 1, relative to a Recreation Reserve at Gundaroo,—  
(1.) Has any portion of the Common been specially appropriated as a Recreation Reserve?  
(2.) Have the Government appointed, or do they intend appointing, special Trustees for the Recreation Reserve?
5. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When the Commission appointed to inquire into the state of the Law will render a Report?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Have the Government received a Petition of Appeal from Laurence Darcy against a decision of the Court of Quarter Sessions in reference to the making of a road?  
(2.) If the Government have received such Petition, have they done anything in reference to it; and if so, what?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is the office of Land Agent one of profit under the Crown?  
(2.) Are Land Agents allowed to free select land, and are they also allowed to make selections of land in the names of their children?  
(3.) Is there a Mr. Bray a Land Agent in the service of the Government in the District of the Tweed River?  
(4.) Has Mr. Bray made selections of land himself, and also in the names of his children. If this is unknown to the Government, will the Minister for Lands ascertain the truth on the subject; and if true, does Mr. Bray do this with the sanction of the Government?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864 be repealed forthwith.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. FALLON *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the survey of the Southern Line of Railway from Goulburn to Albury should be completed without delay, and the land reserved from sale or selection for Railway purposes alone.
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.  
(2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.  
(3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.  
(4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.  
(5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd February, from Joseph Clarence Ross, be printed.
6. MR. ALLEN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney.

## 7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.

(2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.

(3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.

(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## 8. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—

(1.) The rents arising from Crown Lands for the year 1871.

(2.) An estimate of the area of country held under lease, in acres or square miles, not including forfeited runs.

## 9. MR. WATSON to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
4. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Roads Bill Reported (3<sup>o</sup>); adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

## Questions:—

## 1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) What amount has been expended by the Government during the year 1870 in repairing the Officers Quarters of the Artillery Barracks?

(2.) By whom are the said Quarters now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?

## 2. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the amendment of the law relating to Marriage?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy the grievances and difficulties alleged to have arisen, and to be constantly arising, from the operation of the existing law?

(4.) Have the Government inquired, or do they intend inquiring, into any of those cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General—particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorized to marry—has been called in question; and is it the intention of the Government to sustain the decision of the Registrar General in all such cases?

## 3. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1864, or for the final settlement of the Superannuation question?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the settlement of claims or liabilities which have arisen out of or in connection with the existing law?

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
2. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.
  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
3. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - “ (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - “ (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.”

## TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
2. MR. DODDS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Fuller Foster, brought up by him on the 7th December, 1870, be now adopted.

## FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
  - “ (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.”—
 Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.



## New South Wales.

No. 80.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Road from the Macleay River to the Bellinger River:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter of appropriation of £1,000 voted by Parliament in 1869, “for the purpose of opening the road from the Macleay River to the Bellinger River, and for the construction of punt, boat, and bridge in connection with that line”?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A contract has been taken for a Bridge over Trial Bay Creek. Tenders have been invited for punts over the Nambucca and Bellinger Rivers, and the expenditure of the balance on minor works has been ordered; of which facts the Member for the Electorate was informed by me some time since.

(2.) Mr. E. Ryan:—*Mr. Fraser*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is the Mr. E. Ryan, whose appointment as a Clerk in the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands appears in the Gazette of December 20th, the same person who held the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee?

(2.) Was the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee dismissed from that office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. His accounts having got into irregularity, he was removed from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee, and transferred to the Department of Lands, at a greatly reduced salary.

(3.) Bowenfells Railway Station:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The cost of the several buildings erected at the Bowenfells Railway Station, viz., the station-house and platform, station-master's residence (including enclosure), goods shed, and gate-houses?

(2.) The names, occupation, and salaries of all persons engaged at the Bowenfells Station during the month of November, 1870?

(3.) The amount received for goods and passenger traffic during November, 1870, at the Bowenfells Station?

Mr. Byrnes' answered,—

(1.) Station house and platform	...	...	...	...	...	£2,683	8	1
Station-master's residence	...	...	...	...	...	1,312	12	1
Enclosure (Fencing)	...	...	...	...	...	139	9	0
Goods-shed	...	...	...	...	...	936	14	0
Gate-house	...	...	...	...	...	512	19	3

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(2.) J. Norman, Station-master, acting also as Station-inspector from Mount Victoria to Rydal, £175 per year.

R. H. Mitchell, Assistant, £2 2s. per week.

Moses Woods, Parcels Porter, £2 2s. per week.

J. O. Bradley, Head Porter, 8s. per day.

W. Sayle, Pointsman, 7s. per day.

John Dwyer, Gatekeeper (without house) 6s. 6d. per day.

(3.) £143 0s. 11d.

(4.)

(4.) Recreation Reserve at Gundaroo:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—With reference to his question No. 1, and the answer thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Lands, upon the Business Paper of February 1, relative to a Recreation Reserve at Gundaroo,—

(1.) Has any portion of the Common been specially appropriated as a Recreation Reserve?

(2.) Have the Government appointed, or do they intend appointing, special Trustees for the Recreation Reserve?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) A portion of the Common has been marked on the chart as “for Public Recreation,” but there does not appear to have been a separate dedication.

(2.) Trustees have been appointed for the Common, including the recreation ground; and, as no objection has been taken by any of the inhabitants, it is not the intention of the Government to interfere with this arrangement.

(5.) Law Reform Commission:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When the Commission appointed to inquire into the state of the Law will render a Report?

Sir James Martin answered,—The first Report of the Law Reform Commission will probably be submitted shortly, together with a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the Criminal Law, now nearly completed. The subjects of a Consolidated Bankrupt Law, and the fusion of the Equity and Common Law procedure, together with Bills for the simplification of the practice in both those jurisdictions, are under consideration, and the latter are already drafted.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Questions Nos. 6 and 7.*

2. Discovery of Gold:—Mr. J. Suttor presented a Petition from William Tom, the younger, John Hardman Australia Lister, and James Tom, alleging that they are the real discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such; and praying for inquiry into the allegations contained in their Petition.  
Petition received.

3. Crown Lands Statistics (“Formal” Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—

(1.) The rents arising from Crown Lands for the year 1871.

(2.) An estimate of the area of country held under lease, in acres or square miles, not including forfeited runs.

Question put and passed.

4. Proposed repeal of Newspaper Postage Act:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864 be repealed forthwith.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Sir James Martin moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Ryan,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Fallon,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Greville,  
Mr. Garrett,

Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Baker,

*Tellers.*

Mr. S. Brown,  
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 17.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. King,

Mr. Speer,  
Mr. J. Suttor,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Smith,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Spring,  
Mr. Lucas.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Ryan,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Fallon,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Greville,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Butler,

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Baker,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Spring,  
Mr. S. Brown.

Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Piddington,

Mr. King,  
Mr. Speer,  
Mr. J. Suttor,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Samuel,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Lucas.

5. Motions Withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. Fallon withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(3.) *Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of Mr. Allen, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Allen No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(4.) *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business were postponed, as follows :—
- No. 1, by Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 2, by Mr. Lackey, until Friday, 17th February.
  - No. 3, by Mr. Stewart, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 4, by Mr. Lucas, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 5, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.
  - No. 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
  - No. 7, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 24th February.
  - No. 8, by Mr. R. Forster, until Friday, 17th February.
  - No. 9, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.
7. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time" postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
8. Roads Bill :—On the Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business being read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Report 3<sup>o</sup> of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Robertson then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government during the year 1870 in repairing the Officers Quarters of the Artillery Barracks?
  - (2.) By whom are the said Quarters now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the amendment of the law relating to Marriage?
  - (2.) If so, when?
  - (3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy the grievances and difficulties alleged to have arisen, and to be constantly arising, from the operation of the existing law?
  - (4.) Have the Government inquired, or do they intend inquiring, into any of those cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General—particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorized to marry—has been called in question; and is it the intention of the Government to sustain the decision of the Registrar General in all such cases?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1864, or for the final settlement of the Superannuation question?
  - (2.) If so, when?
  - (3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the settlement of claims or liabilities which have arisen out of or in connection with the existing law?
4. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When it may be expected that the Return moved for by him on the 12th April last, relative to the amount of Revenue collected within the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When it may be expected that the Return relative to the Braidwood District and Gold Fields, moved for by him on 6th September, 1870, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
6. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the Government have discontinued the Telegraph Office at Liverpool?
7. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The amount paid during 1870, for Permanent Way wages, Locomotive wages, and Traffic Branch wages, to employés, out of the sum of £171,250 voted on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1870, under the head Railways, Wages, Stores, &c.?
  - (2.) Any other amount that may have been paid for salaries or wages during the year 1870, under the above head?
8. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government received a Petition of Appeal from Laurence Darcy against a decision of the Court of Quarter Sessions in reference to the making of a road?
  - (2.) If the Government have received such Petition, have they done anything in reference to it; and if so, what?

9. Mr. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Is the office of Land Agent one of profit under the Crown?
  - (2.) Are Land Agents allowed to free select land, and are they also allowed to make selections of land in the names of their children?
  - (3.) Is there a Mr. Bray a Land Agent in the service of the Government in the District of the Tweed River?
  - (4.) Has Mr. Bray made selections of land himself, and also in the names of his children. If this is unknown to the Government, will the Minister for Lands ascertain the truth on the subject; and if true, does Mr. Bray do this with the sanction of the Government?
10. Mr. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Has the Attorney General, since his advent to office, appointed any policemen to the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions; and if so, how many?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to continue filling these important offices from the ranks of the police?
11. Mr. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) What is the lowest rate of wages per day paid by Government Contractors to carpenters?
  - (2.) Is it compulsory, in the case of Contractors tendering for carpenters work, to tender for a day of ten hours?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, (as an amendment on the Motion being made that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, or of Supply),—
- (1.) That the policy of the Government in proposing, as disclosed by the Estimates laid upon the Table of this House, to make certain deductions from the salaries of the Civil Servants, while at the same time they leave their own salaries and those of other high officials untouched, does not meet with the approval of this House.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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6. Roads Bill; third reading.

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1. Mr. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
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  - (2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.
3. Mr. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the operation of an Act to provide for the periodical publication of the Liabilities and Assets of Banks in New South Wales, and the Registration of the names of the proprietors thereof.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. Mr. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the road surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Arnheim, through Mr. Elyard's land, on the south bank of the Crookhaven River, be proclaimed or opened; or what other action, if any, do the Government intend to take in this matter?

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FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. Mr. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the Registrar General has violated the 15th section of the Registration Act, by including in the last published list of Registered Ministers of Religion the name of the Right Reverend Dr. Barker as resident at Bishopcourt, Sydney, when in fact that Reverend gentleman had left the Colony?
  - (2.) Will the Attorney General take any step to prevent similar violation of the law in future?
2. Mr. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to put any sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle?

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5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th February, from Messrs. William Tom, John H. A. Lister, and James Tom, relative to the discovery of gold in the Colony; be printed.
2. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

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" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—  
Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Officers Quarters, Artillery Barracks:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What amount has been expended by the Government during the year 1870 in repairing the Officers Quarters of the Artillery Barracks?

(2.) By whom are the said Quarters now occupied, and on what terms as to rent?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) £101 8s. 2d.

(2.) The house is occupied by the Water Police Magistrate, who is also Superintendent of Police. As to the matter of rent, the occupancy not being permanent, no rent is charged.

(2.) Amendment of the Marriage Law:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the amendment of the law relating to Marriage?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy the grievances and difficulties alleged to have arisen, and to be constantly arising, from the operation of the existing law?

(4.) Have the Government inquired, or do they intend inquiring, into any of those cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General—particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorized to marry—has been called in question; and is it the intention of the Government to sustain the decision of the Registrar General in all such cases?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This will be done as soon as the public business will permit the Government to give attention to the matter.

(3 and 4.) I have conferred with the Registrar General, and the matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(3.) Civil Service Superannuation:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1864, or for the final settlement of the Superannuation question?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Pending the introduction or passing of such a measure, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the settlement of claims or liabilities which have arisen out of or in connection with the existing law?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is not the intention of the Government, at least in the present prospect of affairs, to deal with this question during the present Session. There is a sum of £6,000 on the Estimates that may be in some way involved in this matter, and the subject will, therefore, come under consideration when that sum is brought before the Committee of Supply.

(4.)

(4.) Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When it may be expected that the Return moved for by him on the 12th April last, relative to the amount of Revenue collected within the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wilson answered,—My answer to this question will apply also to question No. 5, of which notice has been given by the Honorable Member. The information having to be obtained from several departments, I hope to lay upon the Table very shortly the Returns referred to in both questions.

*Mr. Baker not asking Question No. 5, it dropped.*

(5.) Telegraph Office, Liverpool :—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it true that the Government have discontinued the Telegraph Office at Liverpool? Mr. Robertson answered,—Yes. The revenue collected amounting in 1869 to the sum of only £30 4s. 2d., the late Postmaster-General, Mr. Egan, determined not to submit on the Estimates the sum of £52 which was necessary to keep the office open. This view was concurred in by both the late and present Governments.

*Mr. Farnell withdraw the Question No. 7.*

(6.) Laurence Darcy :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Have the Government received a Petition of Appeal from Laurence Darcy against a decision of the Court of Quarter Sessions in reference to the making of a road?

(2.) If the Government have received such Petition, have they done anything in reference to it; and if so, what?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The question has been referred to the Crown Law Officers.

(7.) Land Agents :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) Is the office of Land Agent one of profit under the Crown?

(2.) Are Land Agents allowed to free select land, and are they also allowed to make selections of land in the names of their children?

(3.) Is there a Mr. Bray a Land Agent in the service of the Government in the District of the Tweed River?

(4.) Has Mr. Bray made selections of land himself, and also in the names of his children. If this is unknown to the Government, will the Minister for Lands ascertain the truth on the subject; and if true, does Mr. Bray do this with the sanction of the Government?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not without special authority; but there is nothing to prevent their children making selections.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Mr. Bray selected 100 acres in 1867, which he states he received permission to select. There are other selections by persons named Bray on the Tweed River, but the Government have no information as to whether they are related to the Land Agent or not.

(8.) Appointment of Policemen as Clerks of Petty Sessions :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General, since his advent to office, appointed any policemen to the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions; and if so, how many?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to continue filling these important offices from the ranks of the police?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) Yes, three

(2.) I have not yet come to any determination to discontinue the practice of appointing policemen to act as Clerks of Petty Sessions in outlying districts where the Petty Sessions business is not sufficient to justify the appointment of a regular clerk.

(9.) Carpenters employed by Government Contractors :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) What is the lowest rate of wages per day paid by Government Contractors to carpenters?

(2.) Is it compulsory, in the case of Contractors tendering for carpenters work, to tender for a day of ten hours?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Government is not aware.

(2.) Not as far as the Government is concerned.

2. Papers :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Report on proposed Tramway from Goulburn to Braidwood or Queanbeyan, with general remarks on Railways for New South Wales.

(2.) Reports from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways on the subject of the cost of construction of proposed Railway Extensions beyond Goulburn, Bathurst, and Murrurundi.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Euroka Run (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) The whole of the Correspondence and Papers relating to the re-appraisement in 1869 of the Euroka Run, in the Bligh District.

(2.) A copy of the receipt for £1,200 refunded to the Lessees of the Euroka Run, with the name of the person who signed the said receipt.

Question put and passed.

4. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the operation of an Act to provide for the periodical publication of the Liabilities and Assets of Banks in New South Wales, and the Registration of the names of the proprietors thereof.

Question put and passed.

5. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to the "Euroka Run," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Brookes. (*See Entry 3 on page 2.*) Ordered to be printed.
6. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill:—Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the operation of an Act to provide for the periodical publication of the Liabilities and Assets of Banks in New South Wales and the Registration of the names of the proprietors thereof;*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 21st February.
7. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business were postponed, as follows:—  
 No. 1, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday next.  
 No. 2, by Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.  
 Nos. 3, 4, and 5, by Mr. Robertson, to follow after Order, No. 6.
8. Roads Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, *passed.*  
 Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for and regulate Roads.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for and regulate Roads,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 8th February, 1871.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 3 of Government Business further postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday next.
10. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read,—Mr. Lord moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
 Mr. Buchanan moved, as an amendment, the *Contingent Motion* standing in his name,—  
 And the amendment not being seconded, it dropped.  
 Whereupon Question,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.  
 The Speaker then left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
11. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed and continued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Bill read a second time.  
 On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
*Ordered,* on motion of Mr. Robertson, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. Motion Postponed:—Mr. Brookes postponed the Motion standing in his name No 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.  
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at half-past Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the road surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Arnheim, through Mr. Elyard's land, on the south bank of the Crookhaven River, be proclaimed or opened; or what other action, if any, do the Government intend to take in this matter?
2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—How many Municipal Boroughs have been proclaimed as towns under the Towns Police Act, and what are their names?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Can the Church and School Lands, or any portion of them, be bought at the price fixed by the Appraiser?
  - (2.) Can Church and School Lands on which improvements have been erected by the Lessee be put up to public auction although the Lessee is ready and willing to purchase them at their appraised value?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the Registrar General has violated the 15th section of the Registration Act, by including in the last published list of Registered Ministers of Religion the name of the Right Reverend Dr. Barker as resident at Bishopcourt, Sydney, when in fact that Reverend gentleman had left the Colony?
  - (2.) Will the Attorney General take any step to prevent similar violation of the law in future?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to put any sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle?
3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The amount paid during 1870, for Permanent Way wages, Locomotive wages, and Traffic Branch wages, to employes, out of the sum of £171,250 voted on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1870, under the head Railways, Wages, Stores, &c.?
  - (2.) Any other amount that may have been paid for salaries or wages during the year 1870, under the above head?
4. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Have the Government decided that a District Court shall be established at Grenfell; and if so, when it may be expected that such an establishment will be made, and the first sittings of the Court held?
5. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether any of the District Court Judges, or Crown Prosecutors, are absent from the Colony with or without leave?
  - (2.) What are their names?
  - (3.) Is it known where they are?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 

“ (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.

“ (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.

“ (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.”
4. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th February, from Messrs. William Tom, John H. A. Lister, and James Tom, relative to the discovery of gold in the Colony, be printed.

## 2. MR. WATSON to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

## TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.
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12. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government ought forthwith to bring in a Bill for the final settlement of the Superannuation Question.
13. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
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2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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 WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

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 FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
 "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
 "(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—  
 Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

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 TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Road through Mr. Elyard's land, at Crookhaven River:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the road surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Arnheim, through Mr. Elyard's land, on the south bank of the Crookhaven River, be proclaimed or opened; or what other action, if any, do the Government intend to take in this matter?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The necessary authority for opening the road will be obtained at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

(2.) Municipal Boroughs:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—How many Municipal Boroughs have been proclaimed as towns under the Towns Police Act, and what are their names?

Mr. Robertson answered,—There are thirty-seven, the names of which are as follow:—

Albury,	Morpeth,
Armidale,	Musclebrook,
Alexandria,	Newcastle,
Balmain,	Newtown,
Bathurst,	North Willoughby,
Cook and Camperdown,	Orange,
Darlington,	Paddington,
Deniliquin,	Parramatta,
East St. Leonards,	Randwick,
Forbes,	Redfern,
Goulburn,	Shellharbour (or Peterborough),
Glebe,	St. Leonards,
Grafton,	Singleton,
Hunter's Hill,	Wollongong,
Kiama,	Waverley,
Mudgee,	Woollahra,
Marrickville,	Waterloo,
Maitland, East, } partly	Wagga Wagga.
Maitland, West, }	

(3.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Can the Church and School Lands, or any portion of them, be bought at the price fixed by the Appraiser?

(2.) Can Church and School Lands on which improvements have been erected by the Lessee be put up to public auction although the Lessee is ready and willing to purchase them at their appraised value?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) It has been held that His Excellency the Governor, as Trustee for the Church and School Lands, may sell them at an appraised price.

(2.) There can be no doubt of it; the leases held by the occupiers of these lands give no right of purchase.

2. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways on the cost of the construction of the Railway Lines to Yass and to Orange.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Volunteer Artillery," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 27th January, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Return to Order relative to "Municipal Affairs, Newcastle," Ordered to be printed on 5th February, 1869, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill."  
Question put and passed.
4. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
5. Paper :—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the Year 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Whether he is aware that the Registrar General has violated the 15th section of the Registration Act, by including in the last published list of Registered Ministers of Religion the name of the Right Reverend Dr. Barker as resident at Bishopcourt, Sydney, when in fact that Reverend gentleman had left the Colony?  
(2.) Will the Attorney General take any step to prevent similar violation of the law in future?
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(1.) The amount paid during 1870, for Permanent Way wages, Locomotive wages, and Traffic Branch wages, to employés, out of the sum of £171,250 voted on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1870, under the head Railways, Wages, Stores, &c.?  
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(1.) Has Captain Evans, J. P., called upon the Attorney General, or Crown Solicitor, with the object of making affidavit in the case of the late Honorable Daniel Egan?  
(2.) Has the Attorney General, or the officers under him, seen that Captain Evans has made such affidavit; if not, will the Attorney General state the reason of this?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—  
" (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.  
" (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.  
" (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
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5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.

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  - (1.) Has the explanation stated to have been so requested by the then Colonial Secretary been received from the Lieutenant-Colonel; and if so, what was its effect?
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  - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the difference?
  - (3.) Is any body of trustees, denominational or otherwise, authorized to dispose of any portion of such Cemetery, in fee simple or otherwise, whether for purposes of burial or otherwise; and if so, from what law is such authority derived, or how is such a transaction rendered legal?

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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
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  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
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  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
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12. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government ought forthwith to bring in a Bill for the final settlement of the Superannuation question.
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14. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

Question:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What is the total annual amount now payable as Pensions under the 27th Vict. No. 11, out of the Superannuation Fund?  
 (2.) What is the total annual amount of the deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers as contributions to the Superannuation Fund?  
 (3.) How much of the sum of £6,286 17s. 6d. upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 has been expended?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
 " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
 " (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—  
 Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) The Right Rev. Frederic Barker, D.D.:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the Registrar General has violated the 15th section of the Registration Act by including in the last published list of Registered Ministers of Religion the name of the Right Reverend Dr. Barker as resident at Bishopcourt, Sydney, when in fact that Reverend gentleman had left the Colony?

(2.) Will the Attorney General take any step to prevent similar violation of the law in future?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) It is the fact that the Registrar General in the last published list inserted the name of the Right Reverend Dr. Barker as resident at Bishopcourt, although he was aware that at the time of such insertion he was absent from the Colony. He tells me that he so inserted the name because it has been his practice to write to the head, or to some officer of the various denominations for lists of Clergymen in their respective jurisdictions, and that the Bishop's name was returned in the list of the Clergy of the Church of England, and was therefore included in the published list.

(2.) There is no doubt the insertion of the Bishop's name, after he had left the Colony, was a mistake, but it will not occur again.

(2.) Post Office at Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to put any sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to put a sum of money on the Estimates at present for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

(3.) Wages of Railway Employés:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The amount paid during 1870 for Permanent Way wages, Locomotive wages, and Traffic Branch wages, to employés, out of the sum of £171,250 voted on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1870, under the head Railways, Wages, Stores, &c.?

(2.) Any other amount that may have been paid for salaries or wages during the year 1870, under the above head?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Permanent Way	...	...	...	...	£ 44,726	16	3
Locomotive	...	...	...	...	42,484	8	1
Traffic	...	...	...	...	39,654	10	5

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(2.) Other wages and Salaries	...	...	...	...	3,861	19	1
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£130,727 13 10

Amount

Amount paid for Wages, &c., as per answer to Mr. Farnell's			
Question	...	...	£130,727 13 10
Other Salaries, Stores, and Contingencies	...	...	67,988 1 4
			198,715 15 2
Amount Voted for Working Expenses, 1870, as under, viz.:—			
Salaries, Traffic Branch	...	...	9,490 0 0
Audit	...	...	550 0 0
Store	...	...	750 0 0
Allowance to Station Masters for House Rent	...	...	610 0 0
Traffic Expenses, Maintenance, Way and Works, &c.	...	...	171,250 0 0
			182,650 0 0
Deficit			£16,065 15 2

- (4.) District Court at Grenfell:—Mr. Baker asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Have the Government decided that a District Court shall be established at Grenfell; and if so, when it may be expected that such an establishment will be made, and the first sittings of the Court held?  
 Sir James Martin answered,—The Government has decided upon the establishment of a District Court at Grenfell, and the necessary proclamation will shortly be gazetted, but the first sittings of such Court cannot be held until after three months from the notification of the proclamation in the *Government Gazette*.
- (5.) District Court Judges and Crown Prosecutors:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
 (1.) Whether any of the District Court Judges, or Crown Prosecutors, are absent from the Colony with or without leave?  
 (2.) What are their names?  
 (3.) Is it known where they are?  
 Sir James Martin answered,—  
 (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Mr. District Court Judge Francis, and Mr. Crown Prosecutor Forbes.  
 (3.) I believe they are both in Tasmania.
- (6.) The late Honorable Daniel Egan:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
 (1.) Has Captain Evans, J. P., called upon the Attorney General, or Crown Solicitor, with the object of making affidavit in the case of the late Honorable Daniel Egan?  
 (2.) Has the Attorney General, or the officers under him, seen that Captain Evans has made such affidavit; if not, will the Attorney General state the reason of this?  
 Sir James Martin answered,—I did see Captain Evans, and I referred him to the Crown Solicitor, who informed him that it would be necessary, before commencing a prosecution, to be prepared with direct proof of the removal of Mr. Egan's body. The Crown Solicitor also informed him that he might proceed at once if he would make an affidavit directly charging any one with such removal. The Crown Solicitor at the same time suggested that, before making such charge, it would be better to wait the result of the further inquiries by the Police which were then being made, and Captain Evans stated that he thought so too. No further information has been obtained by the Police, nor has the Crown Solicitor since seen Captain Evans, but there is nothing to prevent that gentleman, if he is prepared to make a charge on oath before any Justice of the Peace against any one for removing the late Mr. Egan's body, having that charge at once investigated in the usual way.
2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Conditional Purchase made by John Cross," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Bawden, on 7th December, 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Discovery of Gold (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. J. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th February, from Messrs. William Tom, John H. A. Lister, and James Tom, relative to the discovery of gold in the Colony, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—  
 (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years*,"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
6. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from Christopher Rolleston, of Newtown, gentleman, William Gillett Sedgwick, of Newtown, surgeon, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain land and premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to trustees upon certain trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land,—  
 And Mr. Windeyer having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of December, 1870, and the month of January, 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
 Petition received.

7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration. The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed. The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 24th February.
8. Papers :—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
 (1.) Return of Customs Duty paid on Wine from the 6th to the 9th February, 1871, inclusive.  
 (2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Duties on Legacies, Residues, and Successions," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Samuel, on 31st January, 1871.  
 Ordered to be printed.
9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Brookes, until Tuesday, 21st February.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

4. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.

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WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the total annual amount now payable as Pensions under the 27th Vict. No. 11, out of the Superannuation Fund ?
  - (2.) What is the total annual amount of the deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers as contributions to the Superannuation Fund ?
  - (3.) How much of the sum of £6,286 17s. 6d. upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 has been expended ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—
 

"(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.

"(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above "Resolution,"—

Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
5. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
 

"(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.

"(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.

"(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

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TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill ; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) The Volunteers:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—With reference to his question No. 1, and, the answers thereto by the Colonial Secretary, upon the Business Paper of September 15, 1870, upon the subject of admission into the Volunteer Force of persons willing to serve therein:—

(1.) Has the explanation stated to have been so requested by the then Colonial Secretary been received from the Lieutenant-Colonel; and if so, what was its effect?

(2.) Have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, any steps to prevent the practice of balloting for or against such admission into any corps of Volunteers?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes; to the effect that he is not aware of any case where a candidate for admission to any corps has been rejected on account of religious denomination or political party.

(2.) This Government have not considered the question.

*Mr. W. Forster withdrew Question No. 2.*

- (2.) Licensing Publicans and Auctioneers at Gundaroo:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has an application been received from the Bench of Magistrates at Gundaroo for power to grant Publicans, Auctioneers, and other licenses, for the Gundaroo portion of the Police District of Queanbeyan?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Both Benches have been informed that, in my opinion, licenses for places nearer to Gundaroo than to Queanbeyan ought in future to be issued by the Gundaroo Bench.

- (3.) Amendment of the Electoral Law:—Mr. Fallon asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill during the present Session to rectify the existing anomalies in the distribution of the representation of the people in this Assembly?

Sir James Martin answered,—Not during the present Session.

2. Extension of Railway to Orange:—Mr. Samuel presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, and its neighbourhood, praying that the Railway may be extended to that district.

Petition received.

3. Short's Marriage Dissolution Bill:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from John Henry Short, of Dixon-street, Sydney, Storekeeper, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short,—

And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of November and December, 1870, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—

Petition received.

4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. E. Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
5. Joseph Clarence Ross (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd February, from Joseph Clarence Ross, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Allen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
7. Bridge over Crookhaven River, at Mayfield (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other parties, and all Minutes, Orders, Contracts, &c., with reference to the erection of a Bridge over the Crookhaven River, at Mayfield, and as to the opening of a Road along either bank of that river in place of the said proposed Bridge.  
Question put and passed.
8. Great Western Railway (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Vouchers and Correspondence between the Government and other persons relative to the performance and completion of, and payment for, No. 6 contract, Great Western Railway Line, from 1st August, 1869.  
Question put and passed.
9. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. Paper:—Sir James Martin laid upon the Table an Order in Council authorizing and directing alterations in the Scale of Fees stated in the Schedule to the District Courts Act of 1858.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Railway Management:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," the entire control and management of the Government Railways should be exclusively entrusted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words in the first section after the word "House," with the view of inserting in their place the words "the office of Commissioner of Railways should be separated from that of Secretary of Public Works."  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Commissioner of Railways should be separated from that of Secretary of Public Works.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the above Resolution,—put and passed.
12. John Fuller Foster:—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Fuller Foster, brought up by him on the 7th December, 1870, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Farnoll,  
Mr. Smith,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Dodds.

Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. E. Brown.
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Lucas,	

13. Leave of Absence to Ministers of Religion:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Documents relating to the absence from the Colony of Ministers of Religion, since the year 1862.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. Survey of Railway Lines:—Mr. Fallon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That, in the opinion of this House, the survey of the "Southern" Line of Railway from Goulburn to Albury should be completed without delay, and the land reserved from sale or selection for Railway purposes alone.  
Debate ensued.

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Mr. Baker moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "Southern," with the view of inserting in their place the words "Western, and Northern lines of Railway be completed for such a distance from their present termini as may be deemed advisable, without delay, and the land adjoining such lines of Railway be reserved from sale or selection for Railway purposes alone."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.	Noes, 18.
Mr. Farnell,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Baker,
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. W. Forster,
	Mr. Samuel,
	Mr. Dodds,
	Mr. Osborne,
	Mr. Fraser,
	Mr. Smith,
	Mr. Spring,
	Mr. Lackey,
	Mr. Byrnes,
	Mr. Driver,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Brookes,
	Mr. R. Forster.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That, in the opinion of this House, the survey of the Southern, Western, and Northern lines of Railway be completed for such a distance from their present termini as may be deemed advisable, without delay, and the land adjoining such lines of Railway be reserved from sale or selection for Railway purposes alone,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-nine minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the total annual amount now payable as Pensions under the 27th Vict. No. 11, out of the Superannuation Fund?
  - (2.) What is the total annual amount of the deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers as contributions to the Superannuation Fund?
  - (3.) How much of the sum of £6,286 17s. 6d. upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 has been expended?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that some of the girls at the Newcastle Industrial School have had their hair cut off as a punishment?
  - (2.) Is it true that those girls are liable to, and some of them have been chastised or flogged with a cane?
  - (3.) If this is true, on whose authority is it done, and will the Colonial Secretary take measures to prevent its repetition?
3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether, in the event of the proposed scheme of reduction in the wages of the men employed in the Railway Department being rejected by this House, the rate of wages previously paid will continue to be paid?
  - (2.) Will the said employes be paid on the former scale of wages for the interval between the notice for reduction and the decision of Parliament or otherwise?
4. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What was the rate of daily wages the Government paid to the Engine-drivers, Firemen, Engine-cleaners, Permanent way Labourers, Guards, and Porters, during the month of January, 1871?
  - (2.) What is the rate of daily wages the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the same classes of Railway employes during the month of February, 1871?
5. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the amount offered by the Government to Mr. Francis Bell in liquidation of his claim for his contract for the Belmore Bridge, West Maitland, be paid?

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, or of Supply), That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - (1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, ought to be withdrawn, with a view to a re-adjustment of the salaries and wages of the employés of the Government upon a more equitable basis.
  - (2.) That in a re-construction of the Estimates of Expenditure provision should be made for the further extension of Railways.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on 14th February, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, relative to the extension of the Railway to that district, be printed.
2. MR. FARNELL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short.
3. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain land and premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to trustees upon certain trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government ought forthwith to bring in a Bill for the final settlement of the Superannuation question.
8. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.

9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.
10. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
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6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
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3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
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  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
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## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

## TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

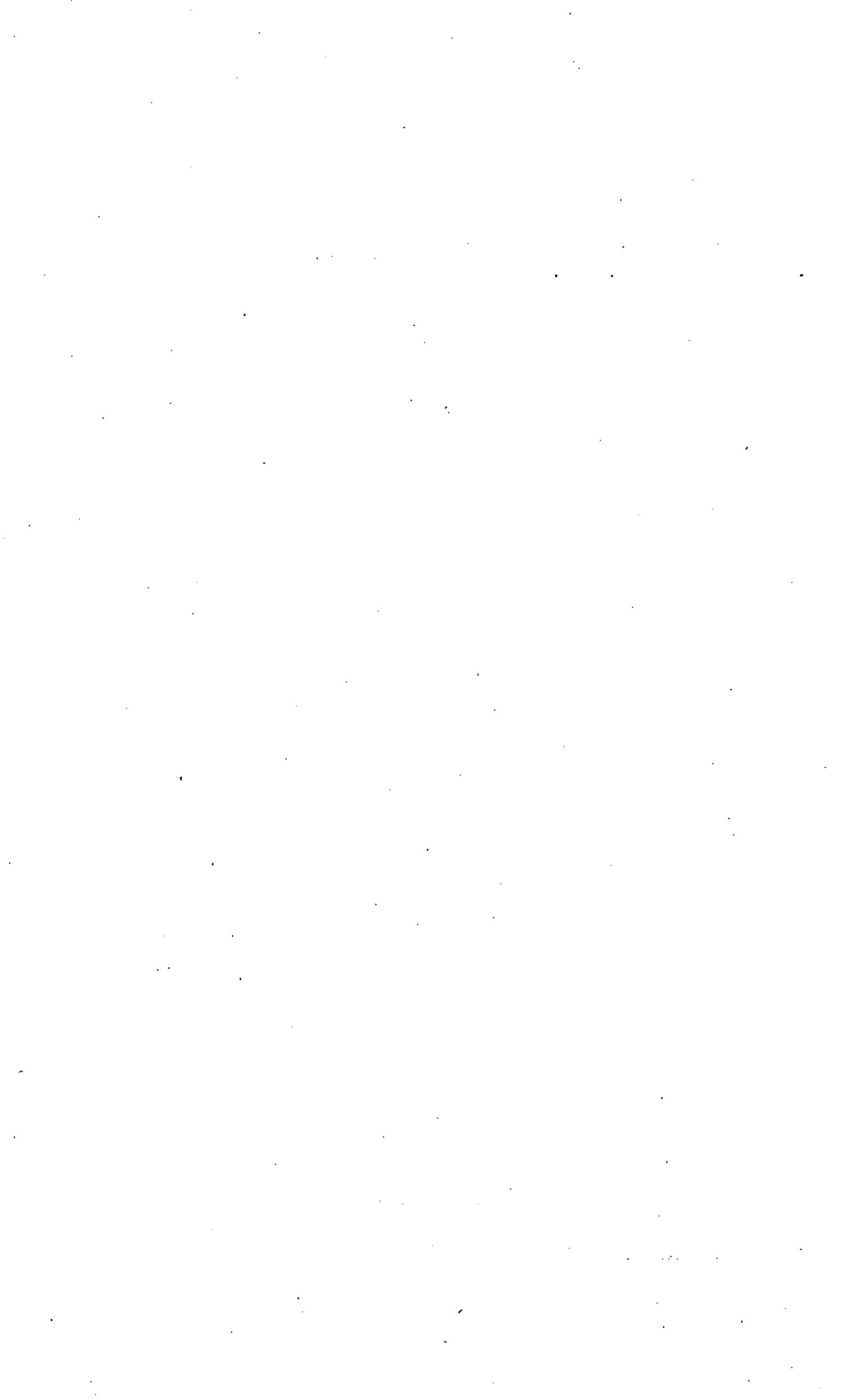
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1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1871.

There being only Eleven Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. J. Suttor, and Mr. Wilson,—The Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the total annual amount now payable as Pensions under the 27th Vict. No. 11, out of the Superannuation Fund?
  - (2.) What is the total annual amount of the deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers as contributions to the Superannuation Fund?
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3. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
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  - (1.) What was the rate of daily wages the Government paid to the Engine-drivers, Firemen, Engine-cleaners, Permanent way Labourers, Guards, and Porters, during the month of January, 1871?
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*Contingent*

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

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  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means; or of Supply), That, in the opinion of this House,—
  - (1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, ought to be withdrawn, with a view to a re-adjustment of the salaries and wages of the employés of the Government upon a more equitable basis.
  - (2.) That in a re-construction of the Estimates of Expenditure provision should be made for the further extension of Railways.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
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  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
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  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.—Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Church, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.

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1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
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2. Labour Bill of 1870; second reading.
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6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
7. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil Service Competitive Examinations; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution,"—  
Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
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" (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.  
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## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

## TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



New South Wales.

No. 86.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1) Pensions—Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What is the total annual amount now payable as Pensions under the 27th Vict. No. 11, out of the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) What is the total annual amount of the deductions from the Salaries of Public Officers as contributions to the Superannuation Fund?

(3.) How much of the sum of £6,286 17s. 6d. upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 has been expended?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) The annual amount of Pensions payable at this date is	... ..	£17,545	0	0
The annual amount of Pensions authorised for officers who have not yet retired is	... ..	1,746	6	8

Total	... ..	£19,291	6	8
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(2.) Total deductions from Salaries in 1870 ... .. £9,676 0 0

(3.) No portion of this amount has been expended.

(2.) Industrial School at Newcastle:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that some of the girls at the Newcastle Industrial School have had their hair cut off as a punishment?

(2.) Is it true that those girls are liable to, and some of them have been chastised or flogged with a cane?

(3.) If this is true, on whose authority is it done, and will the Colonial Secretary take measures to prevent its repetition?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Such has been the case.

(2.) At least one of them was flogged many months ago, but my predecessor, Mr. Cowper, cautioned the Superintendent on the subject.

(3.) I cannot find any definite authority. The Superintendent appears to rely on a letter from the Colonial Secretary, dated 12th September, 1867, which letter does not appear to me to justify him. In regard to the other branch of the question, which is, whether I will take measures to prevent the repetition of such an act, I desire to say that so long back as the 10th January last, I referred a letter from the Superintendent of the Institution to the Inspector of Public Charities, desiring that officer to proceed to Newcastle, for the purpose of inquiring into the management of the Institution, and on the 14th January that gentleman reported to me a state of things which seemed to me to be very objectionable indeed. It was only fair to the Superintendent that he should have an opportunity of answering the report, which he had, and on the 28th of January he replied to it. That rejoinder seemed to me to require further communication with the Inspector of Charities, and I received his reply on the 9th of February. I have no hesitation in saying that in this, and in some other even more objectionable regards, I have much reason to feel dissatisfied with the conduct of the Superintendent, and that the question as to whether he shall remain in the public service is now under consideration of the Government.

(3.)

(3.) Wages of Railway Employés:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether, in the event of the proposed scheme of reduction in the wages of the men employed in the Railway Department being rejected by this House, the rate of wages previously paid will continue to be paid?

(2.) Will the said employés be paid on the former scale of wages for the interval between the notice for reduction and the decision of Parliament or otherwise?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is impossible to answer these questions at present.

(4.) Wages of Railway Employés:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What was the rate of daily wages the Government paid to the Engine-drivers, Firemen, Engine-cleaners, Permanent way Labourers, Guards, and Porters, during the month of January, 1871?

(2.) What is the rate of daily wages the Government have paid, or have engaged to pay, the same classes of Railway employés during the month of February, 1871?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The answer to these questions will be found in a Return which I shall presently lay on the Table.

(5.) Belmore Bridge—Claim of Mr. Francis Bell:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will the amount offered by the Government to Mr. Francis Bell in liquidation of his claim for his contract for the Belmore Bridge, West Maitland, be paid?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—As soon as Parliament places the amount required at the disposal of the Government. A portion of the amount can be paid at once, from the balance unexpended of the vote for West Maitland Bridge.

2. Vote of Credit:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, in the year 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870; together with provision for defraying certain Supplementary Services of 1870 and previous years, and for Services of 1871 of an urgent character, for which the usual monthly rate is not sufficient.

Government House,  
Sydney, 15th February 1871.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years, passing through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
4. Extension of Railway to Orange (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 14th February, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, relative to the extension of the Railway to that district, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Short's Marriage Dissolution Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short.  
Question put and passed.
6. Motions Withdrawn:—  
(1.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Watson, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Watson No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Mr. David Chrystal:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from David Chrystal, of Windomal Station, in the Murrumbidgee District, alleging that he has been deprived, by the action of the Government, of portions of certain Stations held by him, known as Tararie and Windomal; and praying for inquiry into the matter.  
Petition received.
8. Short's Marriage Dissolution Bill:—Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short*,"—read a first time.
9. Proposed Retrenchment in the Civil Service:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony, praying that the House will not assent to any scheme of retrenchment in the Public Service without a full consideration of its equity in regard to the adjustment of remuneration for services performed, and of its probable effect upon the different classes of Civil Servants.  
Petition received.
10. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, as follows:—  
Nos. 1 and 2 to follow after No. 5.  
No. 3 to follow after No. 4.

11. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution,—and obtained leave to sit again this day.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

- (10.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £156,435 Os. 7d., for the Services of 1871 and previous years; being £125,300 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of that year; £16,235 Os. 7d. to defray Supplementary Services of the year 1870, and previous years, and £14,900 for other Services of the year 1871.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.

12. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution,—and obtained leave to sit again this day.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

- (9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1871, and previous years, the sum of £156,435 Os. 7d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1871; to defray Supplementary Services of the year 1870 and previous years; and for other Services of the year 1871.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 9, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years.

13. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1871 and previous years*,"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day.

14. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 1, and 2 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill.

15. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2)—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day.

16. Papers:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Statement of the names and occupations of the employes in the Public Works Department, not shown on the Estimates, with former and present rates of pay, and the annual saving effected thereon.

(2.) Report from the Commissioner for Roads on the works executed by the Roads Department during the year 1870.

*Ordered* to be printed.

17. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

18. Ways and Means:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means being read,—

Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to *amended* Contingent Notice No. 3, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—

"(1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.

"(2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates, this House is of opinion:—

"(1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.

"(2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.

"(3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the pro-

tection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced forthwith for this purpose."

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1871, A.M.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next,—put and passed.

19. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Sir James Martin, until To-morrow:—
- (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
  - (2.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
  - (3.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  - (4.) Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.
20. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2.), on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time and passed.  
Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th February, 1871, A.M.*
- Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at nine minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

*Question:—*

1. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount was due and uncollected on account of the Railways on the 31st December, 1870?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

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- "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.
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  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
3. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. HILL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will Volunteers who have received fifty acres of land for their past services be entitled to another fifty acres for a further service of five years?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

Questions :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience has arisen to Gold Miners in the district of Braidwood from the difficulty of obtaining the adjudication of the local Benches of Magistrates on their disputes?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Gold Commissioner for that district?
2. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the circumstance that the tender of the Government Printer for printing for the Council of Education was £552 18s. 2d., or 95 per cent. advance on the accepted tender of Messrs. J. Sands & Co., which was for £283 10s. 10d.?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to resort more extensively than hitherto to the practice of getting printing for the Public Service done by the tender and contract system, in preference to getting it done at the Government Printing Office?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
(2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair",—  
Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words :—  
" (1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.  
" (2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—  
" (1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.  
" (2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.  
" (3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced  
" forthwith for this purpose."

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Mr. Samuel not asking the Question standing in his name, it dropped.*
2. Post Office at Newcastle (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.  
Question put and passed.
3. Mr. David Chrystal (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 16th February, from David Chrystal, relative to the Tararie and Windomal Stations, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Proposed Retrenchment in the Civil Service (*"Formal" Motion*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 16th February, from certain persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony, relative to the proposed scheme of per centage deductions from their salaries, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Watson withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain land and premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to trustees upon certain trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr Windeyer having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain land and premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to trustees upon certain trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land,*"—read a first time.
7. Civil Service Competitive Examinations:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Captain Onslow,—  
" (1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," all first appointments to the Civil Service ought to be obtained by open competition.  
" (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above "Resolution,"—  
Upon which Sir James Martin had moved the Previous Question,—resumed and continued.  
Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.  
Original Question stated.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words of the first Resolution after the word "House," with a view to inserting in their place the words "no person should be appointed to perform any clerical duty in the Civil Service of this Colony who has not previously passed an examination, the character of which shall, from time to time, be determined by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council."  
Debate continued.

Question

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

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Farnell,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 14.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Wisdom,
Captain Onslow,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Moses,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Main Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no person should be appointed to perform any clerical duty in the Civil Service of this Colony who has not previously passed an examination, the character of which shall, from time to time, be determined by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the above Resolution.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Farnell,
Captain Onslow,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Fraser.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Macleay,	

8. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill:—Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adjourned (after Debate) until Friday, 3rd March.

9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—  
Nos. 3 and 4, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.  
No. 5, by Captain Onslow, until Friday, 3rd March.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

*Questions:—*

- MR. HILL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will Volunteers who have received fifty acres of land for their past services be entitled to another fifty acres for a further service of five years?
- MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Morton has been appointed to the Offices of Government Vaccinator, Medical Adviser, and Surgeon to the Gaol at Wollongong, although at the time of his appointment he was resident in another neighbourhood, and notwithstanding there were qualified medical men, in every way suited for the said offices, resident in or near the neighbourhood of Wollongong; or that private arrangements, within the knowledge of the Government, had been entered into for supplying the place of any of these medical men with another similarly qualified?  
(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and upon what sort of recommendation, was such appointment made?
- MR. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has the application of Robert P. Abbott for pre-lease of land made in 1868 at Murrurundi, in right of conditional purchase, been received?  
(2.) When will his pre-lease be granted?

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. MR. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Robertson on 15th February, 1870; from John Whitford, Esquire, of Redfern, near Sydney, relative to the loss he has suffered in consequence of the Crown failing to grant him a lease of a certain run occupied by him under promise of a lease, be printed.
4. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of meetings of the Council of Education regularly convened; and also, the number of meetings convened under regulation three, for the years 1867-8-9 and 1870; and the number of attendances of each Member of the Council at such meetings.
5. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Tunks, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
6. MR. WINDEYER to move,—
  - (1.) That the Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Watson, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
10. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill ; second reading.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
4. Labour Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
5. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
9. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
3. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

## WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience has arisen to Gold Miners in the district of Braidwood from the difficulty of obtaining the adjudication of the local Benches of Magistrates on their disputes?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Gold Commissioner for that district?
2. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the circumstance that the tender of the Government Printer for printing for the Council of Education was £552 18s. 2d., or 95 per cent. advance on the accepted tender of Messrs. J. Sands & Co., which was for £233 10s. 10d.?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to resort more extensively than hitherto to the practice of getting printing for the Public Service done by the tender and contract system, in preference to getting it done at the Government Printing Office?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move*, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
(2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, " That the Speaker do now leave the Chair",—  
Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all the words after the word " That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words :—  
" (1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn."  
" (2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—  
" (1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.  
" (2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.  
" (3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced " forthwith for this purpose."

## FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.

## FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."



New South Wales.

No. 88.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Grants of Land to Volunteers:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Will Volunteers who have received fifty acres of land for their past services be entitled to another fifty acres for a further service of five years?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I cannot see anything in the law to authorize such a course.

(2.) Dr. Morton.—Wollongong Gaol:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Dr. Morton has been appointed to the Offices of Government Vaccinator, Medical Adviser, and Surgeon to the Gaol at Wollongong, although at the time of his appointment he was resident in another neighbourhood, and notwithstanding there were qualified medical men, in every way suited for the said offices, resident in or near the neighbourhood of Wollongong; or that private arrangements, within the knowledge of the Government, had been entered into for supplying the place of any of these medical men with another similarly qualified?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and upon what sort of recommendation, was such appointment made?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) It has not been made at all.

(3.) Application of R. P. Abbott for pre-lease of Land at Murrurundi:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the application of Robert P. Abbott for pre-lease of land made in 1868 at Murrurundi, in right of conditional purchase, been received?

(2.) When will his pre-lease be granted?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. R. P. Abbott made no application for a pre-emptive lease in 1868, neither did he purchase any land in that year; he purchased land conditionally in the early part of January, 1869, and in virtue of this he applied for a pre-lease, which has been granted, but he also applied for a pre-lease on account of some additional purchase he had made. This was not granted, on the ground that the grant on which he had made this application had been cancelled.

2. Papers:—

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

(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Conveyance of Wood by Railway," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lackey, on 14th October, 1870.

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, in reference to "Reports against Government Officers," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Captain Onslow, on 8th September, 1870.

Ordered to be printed

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Conditional Purchase of Mr. Thomas Green," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 1st September, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill:—Mr. Allen having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intitled "A Bill to authorize the sale of Saint Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney,"—read a first time

4. Council of Education ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of meetings of the Council of Education regularly convened; and also, the number of meetings convened under regulation three, for the years 1867-8-9 and 1870; and the number of attendances of each Member of the Council at such meetings.  
Question put and passed.
5. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
(1.) That the Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Allen, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Watson, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
6. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Brookes No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2, That this House will, on next Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Farnell,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. E. Brown.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hoskins.

8. Mr. John Whitford:—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—That the Petition presented by Mr. Robertson on 15th February, 1870, from John Whitford, Esquire, of Redfern, near Sydney, relative to the loss he has suffered in consequence of the Crown failing to grant him a lease of a certain run occupied by him under promise of a lease, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Short's Marriage Dissolution Bill:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
(1.) That the Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short be referred "to" a Select Committee, for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Tunks, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Windeyer moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "to," in the second line of the first Resolution, with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Standing Orders Committee, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the Standing Orders which should be adopted by this House for dealing with this and other Divorce Bills."  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cummings,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wearne,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Stewart.

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 14.

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Mr. Robertson,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	

Main Question then put,—That the Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the Standing Orders which should be adopted by this House for dealing with this and other Divorce Bills.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

10. Motions Withdrawn :—

(1.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, withdrew the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 11, on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Brookes No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

11. Bank Liabilities and Assets Publication Act Extension Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—

The Speaker ruled that this Bill—imposing restrictions on Banking business—was of the class of Bills which should originate in a Committee of the Whole House.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows :—

No. 2, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday, 3rd March.

No. 3, by Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.

13. Labour Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Spring.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. W. Forster,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Driver.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Stewart then moved, "That" the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 3rd March.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Spring.
Mr. Weaver,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fraser,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Bell,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Hill,	

Question then,—That the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday 3rd March,—put and passed.

14. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows :—

No. 5, by Mr. Lackey, until Tuesday, 7th March.

No. 6, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday, 3rd March.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience has arisen to Gold Miners in the district of Braidwood from the difficulty of obtaining the adjudication of the local Benches of Magistrates on their disputes?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Gold Commissioner for that district?
2. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the circumstance that the tender of the Government Printer for printing for the Council of Education was £552 18s. 2d., or 95 per cent. advance on the accepted tender of Messrs. J. Sands & Co., which was for £283 10s. 10d.?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to resort more extensively than hitherto to the practice of getting printing for the Public Service done by the tender and contract system, in preference to getting it done at the Government Printing Office?
3. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Under what circumstances, and by virtue of what regulation, was a gentleman turned out of a Special Train, starting on Monday last from Goulburn to Sydney, after he had paid his fare and taken his seat?
4. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount was due and uncollected on account of the Railways on the 31st December, 1870?
5. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Railway be open to Scone for traffic?
6. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Aberdeen to Scone be open for traffic?
7. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the case of William Lorando Jones, lately convicted at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what appears to be legally known as “blasphemy,” and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100?  
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter, with a view to mitigate any injustice done, or undue severity inflicted, as well as to prevent any such proceeding in future, and in particular to deprive Courts of Law of the power of adopting extraordinary means to check the spread of what a Judge may be pleased to consider infidelity?
8. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has the laying down of a base line for trigonometrical surveys at Lake George been abandoned by the Government, permanently or otherwise?  
(2.) If so, under what circumstances?  
(3.) What has been the total cost of the work hitherto, what time has been occupied upon it altogether, and how many men upon an average have been employed?  
(4.) If the work be only temporarily abandoned, when is it likely to be resumed?
9. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount was due and payable to the Government at the end of 1870 under the provisions of the Stamp Duties Act?
10. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount is estimated as due by the Imperial Government to this Colony for money paid in excess of the actual expenditure for the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint?
11. MR. R. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What was the amount of fees received by each of the Commissioners of Titles under the Real Property Act during the year 1870.

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
(2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That all the words after the word “That,” be omitted, with the view to insert the following words, “this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government.”
3. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair”,—  
Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view of inserting in their place the following words :—  
“(1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.  
“(2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—  
“(1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.  
“(2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.  
“(3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced forthwith for this purpose.”

2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALLEN to move,—  
(1.) That the Bill to authorize the sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Captain Onslow, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Stephen, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
4. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—  
(1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration in the scale of District Court fees, notified by order in Council dated 27th January, 1871.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

## TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last ; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
2. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, affidavits, and proceedings, before any Court of Law, having reference to the case of William Lorando Jones, recently convicted before Mr. Justice Simpson, at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what is legally known as " blasphemy," and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100.

## FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—  
" (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.  
" (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.  
" (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

3. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870 ; to be considered in Committee
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
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New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Resident Gold Commissioner for Braidwood:—Mr. Greville asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience has arisen to Gold Miners in the district of Braidwood from the difficulty of obtaining the adjudication of the local Benches of Magistrates on their disputes?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Gold Commissioner for that district?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that serious inconvenience has arisen to the Gold Miners in the district of Braidwood, from the difficulty of obtaining adjudication on their disputes.

(2.) It is not the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Gold Commissioner for that district, there being a resident Magistrate at Araluen.

(2.) Printing for Council of Education:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the circumstance that the tender of the Government Printer for printing for the Council of Education was £552 18s. 2d., or 95 per cent. advance on the accepted tender of Messrs. J. Sands & Co., which was for £283 10s. 10d.?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to resort more extensively than hitherto to the practice of getting printing for the Public Service done by the tender and contract system, in preference to getting it done at the Government Printing Office?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) The Government Printer never tendered for the Printing for the Council of Education; though in a return recently presented to the Assembly it is erroneously stated that he did. In 1867, immediately after the Council of Education was established, a large quantity of urgent printing was done for it in the Government Printing Office. Mr. Sands's contract is only for a small portion, and commenced in 1870. No comparison of prices can therefore be made without going into the whole matter. The figures quoted in the return in question as the Government Printer's charges, are much in excess of the cost of the work—they are in fact incorrect.

(2.) It is not at present intended to extend the contract system for printing; because it is believed that the appliances at the command of the Government Printer enable him to perform work as well and as reasonably as it could be done by tender, if not more so.

(3.)

(3.) Removal of a passenger from a Railway Train:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Under what circumstances, and by virtue of what regulation, was a gentleman turned out of a Special Train, starting on Monday last from Goulburn to Sydney, after he had paid his fare and taken his seat?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A ticket was obtained by a gentleman from the Station master, by means of some misrepresentation, whether intentional or not I cannot say. So soon as the mistake was discovered, the person who obtained the ticket was informed that it was contrary to the regulations to issue tickets for special trains, and that he could not therefore go in the special train in question.

(4.) Railway Accounts:—Mr. Samuel asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What amount was due and uncollected on account of the Railways on the 31st December, 1870?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—£11,978 11s.

(5.) Railway to Scone:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5, When will the Railway be open to Scone for traffic?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—About the middle of next month.

*Mr. Hoskins not asking Question No. 6, it dropped.*

(6.) Case of William Lorando Jones:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the case of William Lorando Jones, lately convicted at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what appears to be legally known as “blasphemy,” and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter, with a view to mitigate any injustice done, or undue severity inflicted, as well as to prevent any such proceeding in future, and in particular to deprive Courts of Law of the power of adopting extraordinary means to check the spread of what a Judge may be pleased to consider infidelity?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) My attention has not been drawn to this conviction and sentence otherwise than by the report of the trial in the newspapers.

(2.) The Government are not at present in a position to take any steps in this matter. I gather from the newspaper report that some point has been reserved for argument before the Supreme Court, in which case there will probably be a judicial decision on such point in about a fortnight. In the event of the conviction being upheld by the Supreme Court, or the point reserved being abandoned, His Excellency the Governor will doubtless consider the propriety of mitigating the sentence, if a petition asking for such mitigation should be presented to him. What advice my colleagues and myself may feel called upon to give His Excellency in reference to such mitigation, it would at present be irregular and improper for me to disclose. The Courts of law cannot be deprived of any powers which they now have, except by Act of Parliament. Should any of them arrogate to themselves powers which they do not legally possess, the superior tribunals can correct and restrain them.

(7.) Base Line for Trigonometrical Surveys:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Has the laying down of a base line for trigonometrical surveys at Lake George been abandoned by the Government, permanently or otherwise?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances?

(3.) What has been the total cost of the work hitherto, what time has been occupied upon it altogether, and how many men upon an average have been employed?

(4.) If the work be only temporarily abandoned, when is it likely to be resumed?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1 and 2.) No; the work was originally under the superintendence of the Astronomer, Mr. Smalley, but since the death of that gentleman the Surveyor General has been prosecuting the work.

(3 and 4.) In the absence of the Surveyor General, who is at present at Lake George, it is impossible to answer these questions.

(8.) Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—What amount was due and payable to the Government at the end of 1870 under the provisions of the Stamp Duties Act?

Mr. Lord answered,—

Probate Duty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£143	0	0
Administration Duty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	10	0
										£222	10	0

It is impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the amount absolutely due to the Government on the outstanding estates, in consequence of the duty varying from one to ten per cent., and the value of the real estate not being disclosed till the accounts are rendered, which in many instances exceeds the personalty.

(9.) Sydney Branch Royal Mint:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—What amount is estimated as due by the Imperial Government to this Colony for money paid in excess of the actual expenditure for the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint?

Mr. Lord answered,—By Despatch received last mail, the amount admitted to be due by the Imperial Government to the Colony on 24th December, 1870, was £7,959 12s. 8d.

*Mr. R. Forster not asking Question No. 11, it dropped.*

2. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to “Areas of Municipalities,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 14th October, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) That the Bill to authorize the sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. King, Captain Onslow, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Stephen, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
4. Ways and Means:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—
- Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words:—
- "(1.) The Estimates of expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.
  - "(2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—
    - "(1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.
    - "(2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.
    - "(3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced forthwith for this purpose,"—
- resumed and continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1871, A.M.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, Debate adjourned (after Debate) until a later hour of the day.

5. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Act 24 Vict. No. 21 intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,'" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd February, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

LIABILITY OF MINING PARTNERSHIPS LIMITATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, 'An Act to amend the Act 24 Vict., No. 21, intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,' returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 22nd February, 1871.

For R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments,  
JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk Assistant.

Page 1, clause 1, line 5. After "twenty-one" insert "hereinafter designated the principal Act."

" " line 7. Omit "formed or"

" After clause 1 insert the following new clauses:—

2. And whereas doubts have arisen as to the true construction of the second eleventh fourteenth and twenty-fourth sections of the principal Act and it has been deemed advisable to repeal the same Be it therefore enacted that the second eleventh fourteenth and twenty-fourth sections of the principal Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 21 14 and 24 of principal Act.

3. In the event of a Company already formed or to be formed under the principal Act for the purposes therein or herein mentioned being wound up every shareholder shall be liable to contribute to the assets of the Company to an amount sufficient for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company and the cost charges and the expenses of the winding up and for the payment of such sums as may be required for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves with the qualification following (that is to say) no contribution shall be required from any shareholder exceeding the amount (if any) unpaid on the shares in respect of which he is liable as a shareholder.

Limitation of liability of shareholders.

4. In any action or suit brought in the Supreme or in any District Court by any Company formed or to be formed under the principal Act for the purposes therein or herein mentioned against any of its shareholders to recover any call or other moneys due from such shareholders in his character of shareholder such action shall be brought in the name of the official manager and it shall not be necessary to set forth the special matter but it shall be sufficient to allege that the defendant is a shareholder in the Company and is indebted to the Company in respect of a call made or other moneys due whereby an action or suit hath accrued to the Company Provided always that such call or other moneys shall be deemed to be a debt due from such shareholder to the Company and payment thereof may be enforced by and in the name of the manager before any two Justices of the Peace.

Actions against members for calls or other moneys due.

Company to  
have a registered  
office.

5. Every Company already formed or to be formed under the principal Act for the purposes therein or herein mentioned shall have a registered office situate in this Colony to which all communications and notices may be addressed and service of any notice or of any writ declaration plaint Judge's order or other proceeding or process whatsoever in any action suit or proceeding at such office shall be deemed to be service upon the Company or upon the registered manager thereof And any Company which shall carry on business without having such an office shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day during which business shall be so carried on.

Page 1, clause 2, line 12. Before "Act" insert "principal"

" " lines 13 to 15. Omit "twenty-fourth Victoria number twenty-one and may be cited as the 'Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Act of 1870.'"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Spring, that the consideration in Committee of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

(2.) Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank,*" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd February, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

UNCLAIMED BALANCES APPROPRIATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank,*" returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 22nd February, 1871.

For R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments,  
JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk Assistant.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 22 to 24. Omit "public use of the Colony and in support of the Government thereof and the said money shall be applied in such manner as to the Governor and Executive Council shall seem fit"; insert "purposes of the Consolidated Revenue of the said Colony."

Page 2, clause 2. Omit clause 2, substitute the following new clause:—

2. If at any time within six years after the payment of such money to the Colonial Treasurer as hereinbefore provided any person to whose credit or on whose account any portion of the moneys originally deposited as aforesaid was so deposited or the representative of such person shall make application to the Colonial Treasurer for payment to him of the amount of such deposit with the interest accrued thereon such application shall be referred to the Inspector General or other Chief Officer of Police for inquiry thereon and the report of that officer together with all proofs in support of the claim shall be submitted to the Attorney General for the time being for consideration And if the Attorney General shall advise that the claim has been established to his satisfaction the amount of such deposit together with all interest accrued thereon in the Savings Bank shall be forthwith paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the claimant under a warrant of His Excellency the Governor Provided that in considering any such claim it shall not be necessary for the Attorney General to require strict legal proof of all the facts necessary to establish the claim but it shall be sufficient that such claim is supported by any evidence which the Attorney General shall deem reasonably sufficient.

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, that the consideration in Committee of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER.

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd February 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at five minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

Provision in  
favour of  
claimants.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has the Minister for Works any answer to give to the Petition presented by Mr. Garrett from the crews of the Steam Dredge "Pluto" and Tug "Pearl" ?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What are the terms of the contract made between the Government and Mr. Alexander Fleming, of Moss Vale, for the repair of certain portions of the road between Sutton Forest Railway Station and Burrawang ?
  - (2.) Has this above-mentioned Alexander Fleming performed his contract, and has it been approved by the Government Inspector ?
  - (3.) Is there any money now owing to him ; if so, when will it be paid ?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That all the words after the word "That," be omitted, with the view to insert the following words, "this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government."
3. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair",—  
Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words :—  
" (1.) The Estimates of Expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.  
" (2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—  
" (1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.  
" (2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.  
" (3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced forthwith for this purpose."
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
2. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
4. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration in the scale of District Court fees, notified by order in Council dated 27th January, 1871.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
2. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, affidavits, and proceedings, before any Court of Law, having reference to the case of William Lorando Jones, recently convicted before Mr. Justice Simpson, at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what is legally known as "blasphemy," and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870; to be considered in Committee
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of " Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line " from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."



New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Crews of Steam Dredge "Pluto" and Tug "Pearl":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the Minister for Works any answer to give to the Petition presented by Mr. Garrett from the crews of the Steam Dredge "Pluto" and Tug "Pearl"?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Not at present. The Petition will be considered by the Government with others of a similar nature, when replies will be sent to the gentlemen who presented the Petitions.

- (2.) Road between Sutton Forest Railway Station and Burrawang:—*Mr. Fraser*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What are the terms of the contract made between the Government and Mr. Alexander Fleming, of Moss Vale, for the repair of certain portions of the road between Sutton Forest Railway Station and Burrawang?

(2.) Has this above-mentioned Alexander Fleming performed his contract, and has it been approved by the Government Inspector?

(3.) Is there any money now owing to him; if so, when will it be paid?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) To pay Mr. Fleming at the rate of £6 15s. per chain for forming, metalling, and blinding about 26 chains of road.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Road Superintendent was instructed, on the 20th instant, to pay the balance on contract, £126 18s.

2. Retrenchment in the Public Service:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition, signed by "William Brookes," as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of the City of Sydney and Suburbs, held in the Masonic Hall, disapproving of the reduction made by the Government in the wages of Mechanics and Labourers at present employed in the Public Service of this Colony; and praying the House to reject any measure which may tend to diminish the wages of labour lower than the rates previously paid.  
Petition received.

3. Ways and Means:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—

Upon which Mr. Samuel had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words:—

"(1.) The Estimates of expenditure for 1871, as submitted, are unsatisfactory, and ought to be withdrawn.

"(2.) That in any reconstruction of the Estimates this House is of opinion,—

"(1.) That the Salaries and Wages of Civil Servants, and of Mechanics and other labourers employed by the Government, ought to be readjusted upon a more equitable basis.

"(2.) That provision should be made for improved internal communication.

"(3.) That provision should be made for the settlement of claims and liabilities, and for the protection of vested interests arising out of the Superannuation Question, and a Bill introduced forthwith for this purpose,—

resumed and continued.

Question

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

Ayes, 24.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Weaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Brookes,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Farnell,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,
Mr. S. Brown.

Original Question then put, and passed;—

Whercupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Lands, upon the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 22, in the matter of laying down a base line at Lake George,—Is it intended to convey that the Government cannot, or will not, furnish the information asked relative to expense, time, and number of men employed, otherwise than by direct personal communication with the Surveyor General; or if otherwise, when will it be convenient for the Government to furnish such information?
2. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Was it Mr. Ninian Melville, junior, who gave the information upon which the Police authorities commenced the prosecution against William Lorando Jones, for blasphemy?  
(2.) If not, upon whose information?
3. MR. SMITH to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—The amount of office fees received by the Registrar of the District Court, Sydney, for the years 1869 and 1870 respectively?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
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5. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
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" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
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9. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICES

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1. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration in the scale of District Court fees, notified by order in Council dated 27th January, 1871.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
2. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd February, signed by William Brookes, relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen in the Public Service, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
3. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

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TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
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3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, affidavits, and proceedings, before any Court of Law, having reference to the case of William Lorando Jones, recently convicted before Mr. Justice Simpson, at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what is legally known as "blasphemy," and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.

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WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH.

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means*), That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means*), That all the words after the word "That," be omitted, with the view to insert the following words, "this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government."

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870 ; to be considered in Committee
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1871.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dight, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Sir James Martin, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Lands, upon the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 22, in the matter of laying down a base line at Lake George,—Is it intended to convey that the Government cannot, or will not, furnish the information asked relative to expense, time, and number of men employed, otherwise than by direct personal communication with the Surveyor General; or if otherwise, when will it be convenient for the Government to furnish such information?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Was it Mr. Ninian Melville, junior, who gave the information upon which the Police authorities commenced the prosecution against William Lorando Jones, for blasphemy?  
(2.) If not, upon whose information?
3. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—The amount of office fees received by the Registrar of the District Court, Sydney, for the years 1869 and 1870 respectively?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER *to move* (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WATSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover.
2. MR. BROOKES 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, affidavits, and proceedings, before any Court of Law, having reference to the case of William Lorando Jones, recently convicted before Mr. Justice Simpson, at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what is legally known as "blasphemy," and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100.
4. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.
5. MR. STEWART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration in the scale of District Court fees, notified by order in Council dated 27th January, 1871.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
6. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd February, signed by William Brookes, relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen in the Public Service, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
7. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
9. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
3. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH.

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. S. BROWN to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That all the words after the word "That," be omitted, with the view to insert the following words, "this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government."

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.

## FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870; to be considered in Committee
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

## TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."



New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Base Line for Trigonometrical Surveys:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto by the Hon. Secretary for Lands, upon the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 22, in the matter of laying down a base line at Lake George,—Is it intended to convey that the Government cannot, or will not, furnish the information asked relative to expense, time, and number of men employed, otherwise than by direct personal communication with the Surveyor General; or if otherwise, when will it be convenient for the Government to furnish such information?

Mr. Wilson answered,—What was intended to be conveyed by the answer to the Honorable Member's question on the 22nd instant was,—that the Government are not in possession of the necessary information to answer the question without communicating with the Surveyor General. He is expected in Sydney in a few days, and whenever he returns, the Government will furnish the required information.

(2.) Case of William Lorando Jones:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was it Mr. Ninian Melville, junior, who gave the information upon which the Police authorities commenced the prosecution against William Lorando Jones, for blasphemy?

(2.) If not, upon whose information?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) A member of the Police Force.

(3.) Fees received by Registrar of District Court, Sydney:—Mr. Smith asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—The amount of office fees received by the Registrar of the District Court, Sydney, for the years 1869 and 1870 respectively?

Sir James Martin answered,—

1869, £2,164 19s. 6d.

1870, £1,909 3s. 6d.

2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Summary of Runs appraised in 1870 by Government Appraisers, by two Appraisers, and by Umpires, respectively, shewing loss of Revenue under such appraisements.

Ordered to be printed.

3. District Court Fees ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration in the scale of District Court fees, notified by order in Council dated 27th January, 1871.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Wearne,

*Tellers.*

Mr. S. Brown,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 20.

Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Watson, Mr. Alexander, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Ryan, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Bell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lackey, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Fraser, Mr. King.
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4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. S. Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Charges against the Collector of Customs:—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. George R. Dibbs, in a Petition presented to this House on the 2nd day of September last; and also to inquire into and report upon the charges preferred against the Collector of Customs by Mr. Edward Lowther.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Lord, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. Levy, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wearne, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Sir James Martin, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lord, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Lackey, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Campbell, Mr. Watson.
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Noes, 18.

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Stewart, Mr. King, Mr. Stephen, Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Moses, Mr. S. Brown, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Leary.
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The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *Affirmative*.

6. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Mr. Charles Brady.—Silk Culture:—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871 the sum of £2,000 as an encouragement to Mr. Charles Brady, and in aid of his efforts for the establishment of the Silk Industry in this Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers.*

Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Sutherland.

Noes, 30.

Sir James Martin, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Lord, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Baker, Mr. Stewart, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Hill, Mr. Levy, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Webb,	Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Moses, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Lackey, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Leary, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Weaver, Mr. Smith.
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8. Case of William Lorando Jones:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*),—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all informations, affidavits, and proceedings, before any Court of Law, having reference to the case of William Lorando Jones, recently convicted before Mr. Justice Simpson, at the Quarter Sessions, Parramatta, of what is legally known as "blasphemy," and sentenced for the said offence to two years imprisonment, and a fine of £100.

(2.) Also, a Return of the names of the Magistrates by whom the said William Lorando Jones was committed to take his trial, and of the Jurors before whom he was tried, for the said offence.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed:

9. Retrenchment in the Public Service :—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd February, signed by William Brookes, relative to the reduction of the wages of workmen in the Public Service, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wearne, until Friday next.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 10th March.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LACKEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Has the road from Prospect to Smithfield been proclaimed and marked out?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to open it for traffic; if so, when?
2. MR. FRASER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of their being in power at the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, to introduce a measure for the purpose of carrying into effect the following Resolution of this House, adopted on the 25th day of November, 1870, viz. :—  
“ That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.”  
(2.) Is it their intention to introduce any other material alteration in the present Land Law; and if so, to what effect?
3. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Has any land in or near Parramatta, belonging to Mrs. Stinson, been resumed for Railway purposes; if so, when?  
(2.) Has Mrs. Stinson been paid for same; if not, when will payment be made therefor?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it true that Captain Evans, J.P., waited upon the Crown Solicitor a short time ago, and, in reference to the removal of the body of the late Postmaster General, expressed his readiness to make affidavit to the effect that the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church said in his presence and hearing—“ we ordered it to be done;” that the Crown Solicitor would not take an affidavit to this effect from Captain Evans, but asked him to make affidavit that the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church did remove the body?  
(2.) Will the Attorney General state to the House what the authorities have done in the matter, and what they are doing, and whether they intend to increase the reward for the discovery and apprehension of the perpetrator or perpetrators of this very grave offence?  
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government, without further delay, to convey the remains of the late Postmaster General back to their original resting place, with the usual accompaniments of respect?
5. MR. SUTHERLAND to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) The date of the notice to Mr. George Cowdrey, surveyor, that his services would be dispensed with?  
(2.) The names of all officers employed on Trial Surveys, where employed, and what salaries and allowances in each case?  
(3.) The name of each officer whose services have been dispensed with, and date of same; the salaries and allowances paid, and from what fund?  
(4.) The probable time required to complete the Trial Surveys on each line; and if the salaries are paid from Loan, the amount of interest on same, in each case?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
(2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.

2. MR. S. BROWN to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means*), That all the words after the word "That," be omitted, with the view to insert the following words, "this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government."
3. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
8. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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THURSDAY, 2 MARCH.

Questions:—

1. MR. SMITH to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Whether inquiries have been instituted in reference to the case of the boy John Phillips, sent by the Police Magistrate, Captain Scott, and Mr. Long, J.P., on board the Training Ship "Vernon?"  
 (2.) If so, what is the result of such inquiries?
2. MR. SMITH to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
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1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
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- (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
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5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.
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7. MR. DRIVER to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown; Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Road from Prospect to Smithfield:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the road from Prospect to Smithfield been proclaimed and marked out?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to open it for traffic; if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Surveyor Knapp has been instructed to report on the cost of fencing, and on the present necessity for the road being opened, the opening having been postponed in 1865 owing to the cost of fencing.

(2.) Amendment of the Land Law:—Mr. Fraser asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the event of their being in power at the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, to introduce a measure for the purpose of carrying into effect the following Resolution of this House, adopted on the 25th day of November, 1870, viz.:—

“That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the upset price of Crown Lands at auction should be reduced, and that a Bill or Bills for this purpose, as well as with a view to offer increased facilities for the settlement and improvement of the country, should be introduced with as little delay as possible.”

(2.) Is it their intention to introduce any other material alteration in the present Land Law; and if so, to what effect?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) A Bill substantially of that character will be introduced next Session, if the Government should be then in office.

(2.) The Honorable Member is, I am sure, aware of the difficulties and complications of the question, and will therefore pardon me if I say that the Government will have various matters to consider, and that the advantage of postponing the measure till next Session will be obvious. Every consideration will be given to it during the recess of Parliament. I may say that, so far as the principles of the Bill are concerned, no great change will take place.

(3.) Land resumed for Railway Purposes:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has any land in or near Parramatta, belonging to Mrs. Stinson, been resumed for Railway purposes; if so, when?

(2.) Has Mrs. Stinson been paid for same; if not, when will payment be made therefor?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; date of taking, 9th September, 1858.

(2.) No; payment will be made as soon as the Conveyance (the draft of which is in the hands of Mrs. Stinson's Solicitor for perusal) is completed.

I may mention that a claim in this case was made and entertained in 1859. An offer was made by the Government at that time, which claimant allowed to remain in abeyance until January, 1870, when she made a fresh claim, which was acceded to in April, 1870. Mrs. Stinson was so informed at the time, and requested to forward Abstract of Title, which however was not received till November last.

(4.) The late Honorable Daniel Egan:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it true that Captain Evans, J.P., waited upon the Crown Solicitor a short time ago, and, in reference to the removal of the body of the late Postmaster General, expressed his readiness to make affidavit to the effect that the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church said in his presence and hearing—"we ordered it to be done;" that the Crown Solicitor would not take an affidavit to this effect from Captain Evans, but asked him to make affidavit that the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church did remove the body?

(2.) Will the Attorney General state to the House what the authorities have done in the matter, and what they are doing, and whether they intend to increase the reward for the discovery and apprehension of the perpetrator or perpetrators of this very grave offence?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government, without further delay, to convey the remains of the late Postmaster General back to their original resting place, with the usual accompaniments of respect? Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) The Crown Solicitor informs me that he did not at any time ask Captain Evans to make an affidavit that the Vicar General, or any other person, removed the body of the late Mr. Daniel Egan. He further states that he prepared two forms of information, either of which Captain Evans might have used if he had thought fit, and handed the same to him for perusal. He adds that, a day or two afterwards, Captain Evans called upon him and again stated that he was willing to make an affidavit that the Vicar General told him, "We did it," when the Crown Solicitor told Captain Evans that, if he believed that statement, he could not understand why he had not made use of one of the forms of information he had handed to him, which merely set out that he had just cause for suspecting and believing that some person (to be named by him) had committed the offence, to which he replied, that "he would not take upon himself to say that he suspected any persons, as, if he did, they might proceed against him," and he then left.

(2.) The police have made inquiries in all quarters where it was probable that information might be obtained. The Government have not determined to increase the reward.

(3.) The Government do not know where the remains of the late Postmaster General now are. If they had such knowledge, they do not consider that it is within their power, or, if within their power, that it is any part of their duty as responsible Ministers to convey those remains back to their original resting place. If they did consider that they had such power, and that any such duty was imposed upon them, they think that they would still be unable to perform it with "the usual accompaniments of respect," if by those words some religious ceremony, gone through by a Roman Catholic Priest, is to be understood. No member of the Ministry has yet been ordained as a Priest by a Roman Catholic Bishop, and the Ministry have no power to compel any Roman Catholic Priest to perform the suggested re-interment with the usual or with any other accompaniment of respect.

(5.) Mr. George Cowdrey—Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) The date of the notice to Mr. George Cowdrey, surveyor, that his services would be dispensed with?

(2.) The names of all officers employed on Trial Surveys, where employed, and what salaries and allowances in each case?

(3.) The name of each officer whose services have been dispensed with, and date of same; the salaries and allowances paid, and from what fund?

(4.) The probable time required to complete the Trial Surveys on each line; and if the salaries are paid from Loan, the amount of interest on same, in each case?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 1st December, 1870.

(2.) There are no officers employed on Trial Surveys.

(3.) Mr. Jamieson	...	...	...	...	£300 Salary	£200 Allowance.
Mr. Kennedy	...	...	...	...	300 "	200 "
Mr. Palmer	...	...	...	...	300 "	200 "
Mr. Mann	...	...	...	...	300 "	200 "
Mr. Melrose	...	...	...	...	300 "	200 "
Mr. Francis	...	...	...	...	300 "	200 "

Messrs. Mann, Melrose, and Francis, were employed temporarily in the office when notice was given that their services were to be dispensed with, and while so employed received no field allowance.

The services of the above named gentlemen were dispensed with on 31st January, 1871; their salaries were paid from Vote for Trial Surveys (Loans.)

(4.) From Yass to Albury, and from Murrurundi to Tamworth, about 15 months. Supposing each Surveyor to receive the full salary and allowance (£500 per annum) the interest in each case would be, at 5 per cent, £25 per annum; in all £150 per annum.

2. Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and previous years,"—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, 1st March, 1871.

3. Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.

4. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill :—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from certain Parishioners of Saint Andrew's, in the City of Sydney, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 2.
6. Ways and Means :—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means being read,—  
Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—  
And Mr. W. Forster not moving the contingent amendment standing in his name on the Notice Paper,—  
And Mr. S. Brown proceeding to move the contingent amendment standing in his name,—  
Mr. W. Forster requested the ruling of the Speaker, whether the proposed amendment was in order, as referring indirectly to certain financial proposals of the Government now under consideration, but not yet reported upon, by the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Debate ensued.  
The Speaker said that the proposed amendment would be irregular if it were intended to refer to proposals now under the consideration of the Committee of Ways and Means; and in any debate that might arise thereon, the restrictions imposed by Parliamentary usage must be complied with,—and directed the attention of the House to the practice of the House of Commons respecting amendments on going into Committee of Supply, or of Ways and Means, as laid down in May, 6th Edition, p.p. 556-7.  
Mr. S. Brown then moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government."  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adjourned until To-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Whether inquiries have been instituted in reference to the case of the boy John Phillips, sent by the Police Magistrate, Captain Scott, and Mr. Long, J.P., on board the Training Ship "Vernon?"  
(2.) If so, what is the result of such inquiries?
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(1.) Have the Government considered the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into Floods prevention in the Hunter River District?  
(2.) If so, do they intend taking any action, by legislation thereon, to assist and compel owners of property to perform such works as might mitigate the disastrous effects of these floods upon the town of West Maitland, as well as the district?

7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Has the Government received a Petition from one Charles Brook, complaining of illegal treatment received by him at the hands of the Ulladulla Bench, and praying for redress of the same?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause an inquiry to be made into the conduct of the Ulladulla Bench in reference to the complaint of Charles Brook?  
 (3.) Will the Government lay the Petition in question before the House?

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

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 (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
 (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
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6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
8. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.

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1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Case of John Phillips :—Mr. Smith asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) Whether inquiries have been instituted in reference to the case of the boy John Phillips, sent by the Police Magistrate, Captain Scott, and Mr. Long, J.P., on board the Training Ship "Vernon?"
- (2.) If so, what is the result of such inquiries?
- Sir James Martin answered,—No such inquiries have been instituted by me, nor do I think them necessary. Captain Scott was informed by me to this effect on the 23rd February last.
- (2.) Case of Joseph Clarence Ross :—Mr. Smith asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Whether inquiry has been made into the decision pronounced by the Police Magistrate, Captain Scott, in the case of J. C. Ross, charged with setting fire to his premises in Market-street?
- (2.) If so, what is the result of such inquiry?
- Sir James Martin answered,—About a month ago I read through the very voluminous depositions taken in this case, and came to the conclusion that there existed no reason for ordering any further investigation, or taking any further steps in the matter.
- (3.) Discharge of Sewerage into the Harbour :—Mr. Leary asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware of the serious injury that is likely to arise from the sewerage flowing into the Harbour of Port Jackson?
- (2.) If so, do they intend to take any action in this matter?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—
- (1.) This matter has been frequently brought under the notice of the Government by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, and repeated applications have been made to the City Corporation to adopt proper means to arrest the discharge of silt into the Harbour, but without any beneficial result.
- (2.) The Government has now the matter under its consideration, and should it have power to compel the Corporation to adopt means to remedy the evil, Legislative action will be sought in regard to it. I hold in my hand a list of some thirteen communications which have been made to the City Corporation with regard to this matter.
- (4.) Unproclaimed Gold Fields :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that there are several small Gold Fields unproclaimed as such, and that the Gold Miners are suffering much inconvenience thereby, particularly in consequence of selections of land being made on such unproclaimed Gold Fields under the 13th clause of the Land Act instead of under the 14th clause?
- (2.) Do the Government intend taking steps to proclaim the small Gold Fields at present unproclaimed?

Mr.

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) There are several localities where a few Miners are at work which have not been proclaimed as Gold Fields, but I am not aware that the Miners have suffered much inconvenience from selections having been made in such localities.

(2.) Reports have been requested from the Gold Commissioners as to the propriety of making additional reserves on some of the localities indicated.

(5.) Importation of Orange Trees :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Were the Orange Trees referred to in the answer to Question No. 7, of date the 31st January last, sent to this Colony at the request of Mr. Moore by Don José Do Canto, from St. Michael's, at the Azores, on Mr. Moore's private account, or were they forwarded to the Botanic Gardens for public purposes?

(2.) What was the date of their importation?

(3.) Were they accompanied with any statement of the result of Don José Do Canto's inquiries into the orange tree disease, as promised by that gentleman to Mr. Moore at Paris?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Orange plants sent to this Colony at the request of Mr. Moore by Señor José Do Canto, from St. Michael's, Azores, were forwarded to the Botanic Gardens in the usual course of exchange for public purposes.

(2.) They were imported in August, 1868.

(3.) They were not accompanied by any statement of the result of Señor José Do Canto's inquiries into the orange disease, but at a subsequent period that gentleman wrote a letter to Mr. Moore on the subject, the contents of which were made known to the public through the press.

(6.) Floods Prevention in Hunter River District :—*Mr. Lee* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into Floods prevention in the Hunter River District?

(2.) If so, do they intend taking any action, by legislation thereon, to assist and compel owners of property to perform such works as might mitigate the disastrous effects of these floods upon the town of West Maitland, as well as the district?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—The Honorable Member is no doubt aware of the great importance of the report to which he has alluded, and he will have, I dare say, in his mind the last two paragraphs of that report. I have always been most anxious about this matter, and incurred some expense without the authority of Parliament in furtherance of the objects of the Commission, but it has been a question whether the Government should take special steps for the protection of a private town. I can however promise the Honorable Member that I will bring the subject before the Government at as early a date as possible.

(7.) Petition of Charles Brook :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has the Government received a Petition from one Charles Brook, complaining of illegal treatment received by him at the hands of the Ulladulla Bench, and praying for redress of the same?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause an inquiry to be made into the conduct of the Ulladulla Bench in reference to the complaint of Charles Brook?

(3.) Will the Government lay the Petition in question before the House?

*Sir James Martin* answered,—I am not aware of any such Petition having been received by the Government, but I will cause further inquiry to be made into the matter.

2. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill :—*Mr. Windeyer*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred, on 21st February, 1871, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

*Mr. Windeyer* then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 10th March.

Question put and passed.

3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill :—*Sir James Martin* presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of Sydney, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received.

4. Postage on Newspapers :—

(1.) *Mr. Stephen* presented a Petition from George Edwin Shettle, of Mudgee, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.

Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. Stephen* presented a Petition from Frederick Lawrence, of Mudgee, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.

Petition received.

(3.) *Mr. Greville* presented a Petition from John Musgrave, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.

Petition received.

5. Ad Valorem Duties :—*Mr. King* presented a Petition from the Committee of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, signed by J. B. Watt, as Chairman, in favour of the abolition of the system of Ad Valorem Duties; and praying that, even if it be necessary for the maintenance of the public credit to delay the abolition of these duties, they may be made uniform in amount.

Petition received.

6. Public Vehicles:—Mr. Tunks presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of East St. Leonards, signed by the Mayor, and bearing the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying for an amendment of the law relating to the Licensing of Public Vehicles in the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.  
Petition received.
7. Postage on Newspapers (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 1st March, from John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 1st March, from certain Parishioners of St. Andrew's, relative to the St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Ways and Means:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lord, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—  
Upon which Mr. S. Brown had moved, as an amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the following words:—"This House does not approve of the Financial propositions of the Government,"—  
resumed and continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH, 1871, A.M.—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Osborn,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. King,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Groville,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Baker,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Church,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. W. Forster,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at two minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

- MR. SUTHERLAND *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the balance unexpended on vote of £12,000 for constructing Railway Sheds?
  - (2.) What is the amount expended on each work from that vote?
  - (3.) Is the £124 now on the Supplementary Estimates required to complete the sheds at Penrith?
- MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has Mr. Liardet, formerly Secretary to the Necropolis, preferred any claim to the Government for payment of salary, or for money on account of services of any sort?
  - (2.) If so, does the Government admit, in any degree, the justice of the claim?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay Mr. Liardet; and when?

3. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has Mr. Freeman, lately a clerk in the Lands Department, been a defaulter in the matter of any public moneys, or failed to account for any such moneys entrusted to him, by or for the Government?
  - (2.) If so, to what extent, and under what circumstances?
  - (3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Are volunteer cadets after the usual term of service, being the number of years served by the ordinary volunteers, supposed to get a grant of land from the Colonial Government; and if this is not the case, will the Colonial Secretary state the reason why?
5. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the amount estimated to be received from additional Specific Duties in the proposed new Tariff?
  - (2.) What is the amount estimated to be received from the proposed duties of ten per cent. ad valorem?
  - (3.) What is the amount estimated to be received from the remaining duties of five per cent. ad valorem?
6. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether it has come to the knowledge of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, that the inhabitants of Wallsend, Newcastle, and the surrounding neighbourhood, are desirous of having a train put on the Wallsend line, to run to and fro at a fixed period each day (Sundays excepted), for the convenience and accommodation of passengers; and if so, when is it the intention of the Minister to commence operations?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a suitable platform for the convenience of passengers at the Wallsend Station; and if so, when?
7. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware of the incomplete state of the High-street Embankment, West Maitland?
  - (2.) If so, will they cause this work to be proceeded with and completed without delay?
  - (3.) Is there any amount upon the Estimates for 1870 for this work?
8. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Government with respect to Mrs. Jane Dixon's claim for compensation for certain property alleged to have been destroyed by fire from one of the Railway locomotives employed near Branxton, on the Northern Railway; and if so what is the purport of such decision?
9. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether the Punt plying across the Paterson, at Wallalong, is now leased; and if so, what amount of rent is payable by the lessee?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the "Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill"*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
3. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870; to be considered in Committee
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
9. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
10. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

11. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
12. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
15. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, relative to the abolition of the Ad Valorem Duties, be printed.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Council of the Borough of East St. Leonards, relative to the system of licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.
3. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any other person, since the 11th August, 1868, with reference to the Conditional Purchase, by William Emery, of 72 acres of land, at Good-Dog, Shoalhaven, and also, of 96 acres at the same place; and also, as to the issue of a Grant of Title to the said 72 acres, or a portion of it, to one Isaac Barclay.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

## Questions:—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?  
 (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?  
 (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?  
 (4.) The character of the school—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?
2. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to his question and the answers thereto by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 8, relative to certain cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General, particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorised to marry, has been called in question,—  
 (1.) What is the result of the Colonial Secretary's conference with the Registrar General?  
 (2.) What decision has been arrived at by the Government after having taken the matter into consideration?
3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) The number of passengers carried to and from Newcastle, on the Wallsend line of Railway, for the six months ending 31 December, 1870?  
 (2.) The quantity of goods traffic (including coal) for the same period?  
 (3.) The total amount of revenue received during the period named for goods and passenger traffic (coal included)?  
 (4.) The average number of trains per day passing to and fro between Wallsend and Newcastle?  
 (5.) The average running miles per day to and fro performed by each locomotive employed in this traffic between Wallsend and Newcastle?
4. MR. BROOKES to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Whether any complaint has been made to the Government relative to the conduct of the Sheriff's Bailiff (Mr. John Taylor) at Parramatta, during the recent municipal elections of that municipality; and if so, what action does the Government intend taking in the matter?  
 (2.) Is the Government aware that the said John Taylor, whilst holding the office of Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta, also carries on the business of a house and estate agent, of auctioneer and money lender, and that he also acts in the capacity of paid correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, as well as Accountant to the Savings Bank?  
 (3.) Is it in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Service that a salaried officer of the Government shall be allowed to follow the several occupations herein referred to?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.

(2.)

- (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
- (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
- (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
- (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
- (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
- (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
- (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
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9. MR. STEPHEN to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on 2nd March, from George Edwin Shettle, and Frederick Lawrence, relative to the postage charge upon Newspapers being regulated by weight, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

## WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH.

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means), That this House is of opinion,—
- (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
- (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
    - (1.) How came the various items, making a total of £552 18s. 2d., alleged to have been the amount of a tender made by the Government Printer for certain work specified, to be placed in a Return ordered by this Assembly to be printed on the 15th November last?
    - (2.) By whom were the figures furnished, and upon whose authority?
    - (3.) What are the particulars of the error which is said to exist in regard to this sum; when was it discovered, and what is the total amount?
    - (4.) How was the overcharge, admitted by the Government Printer to have been made, adjusted, and when; and, if it was “allowed for in the final settlement with the Council by reductions from other accounts,” from what other accounts was the overcharge deducted?
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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
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New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH, 1871.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Allen, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. King, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Sir James Martin, Captain Onslow, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Tunks,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the school—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to his question and the answers thereto by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 8, relative to certain cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General, particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorised to marry, has been called in question,—
  - (1.) What is the result of the Colonial Secretary's conference with the Registrar General?
  - (2.) What decision has been arrived at by the Government after having taken the matter into consideration?

3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) The number of passengers carried to and from Newcastle, on the Wallsend line of Railway, for the six months ending 31 December, 1870?
  - (2.) The quantity of goods traffic (including coal) for the same period?
  - (3.) The total amount of revenue received during the period named for goods and passenger traffic (coal included)?
  - (4.) The average number of trains per day passing to and fro between Wallsend and Newcastle?
  - (5.) The average running miles per day to and fro performed by each locomotive employed in this traffic between Wallsend and Newcastle?
4. MR. BROOKES to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Whether any complaint has been made to the Government relative to the conduct of the Sheriff's Bailiff (Mr. John Taylor) at Parramatta, during the recent municipal elections of that municipality; and if so, what action does the Government intend taking in the matter?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that the said John Taylor, whilst holding the office of Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta, also carries on the business of a house and estate agent, of auctioneer and money lender, and that he also acts in the capacity of paid correspondent of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, as well as Accountant to the Savings Bank?
  - (3.) Is it in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Service that a salaried officer of the Government shall be allowed to follow the several occupations herein referred to?
5. MR. SUTHERLAND to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) What is the balance unexpended on vote of £12,000 for constructing Railway Sheds?
  - (2.) What is the amount expended on each work from that vote?
  - (3.) Is the £124 now on the Supplementary Estimates required to complete the sheds at Penrith?
6. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Liardet, formerly Secretary to the Necropolis, preferred any claim to the Government for payment of salary, or for money on account of services of any sort?
  - (2.) If so, does the Government admit, in any degree, the justice of the claim?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay Mr. Liardet; and when?
7. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Has Mr. Freeman, lately a clerk in the Lands Department, been a defaulter in the matter of any public moneys, or failed to account for any such moneys entrusted to him, by or for the Government?
  - (2.) If so, to what extent, and under what circumstances?
  - (3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
8. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Are volunteer cadets after the usual term of service, being the number of years served by the ordinary volunteers, supposed to get a grant of land from the Colonial Government; and if this is not the case, will the Colonial Secretary state the reason why?
9. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) What is the amount estimated to be received from additional Specific Duties in the proposed new Tariff?
  - (2.) What is the amount estimated to be received from the proposed duties of ten per cent. ad valorem?
  - (3.) What is the amount estimated to be received from the remaining duties of five per cent. ad valorem?
10. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Whether it has come to the knowledge of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, that the inhabitants of Wallsend, Newcastle, and the surrounding neighbourhood, are desirous of having a train put on the Wallsend line, to run to and fro at a fixed period each day (Sundays excepted), for the convenience and accommodation of passengers; and if so, when is it the intention of the Minister to commence operations?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a suitable platform for the convenience of passengers at the Wallsend Station; and if so, when?
11. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware of the incomplete state of the High-street Embankment, West Maitland?
  - (2.) If so, will they cause this work to be proceeded with and completed without delay?
  - (3.) Is there any amount upon the Estimates for 1870 for this work?
12. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Government with respect to Mrs. Jane Dixon's claim for compensation for certain property alleged to have been destroyed by fire from one of the Railway locomotives employed near Branxton, on the Northern Railway; and if so what is the purport of such decision?
13. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether the Punt plying across the Paterson, at Wallalong, is now leased; and if so, what amount of rent is payable by the lessee?

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the "Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill"*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
3. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. **MR. BROOKES** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
5. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.
6. **MR. W. FORSTER** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.
7. **MR. DRIVER** to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parranatta, and Berrima, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
8. **MR. W. FORSTER** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
9. **MR. STEPHEN** to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on 2nd March, from George Edwin Shettle, and Frederick Lawrence, relative to the postage charge upon Newspapers being regulated by weight, be printed.
10. **MR. KING** to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, relative to the abolition of the Ad Valorem Duties, be printed.
11. **MR. TUNKS** to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Council of the Borough of East St. Leonards, relative to the system of licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.
12. **MR. GARRETT** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any other person, since the 11th August, 1868, with reference to the Conditional Purchase, by William Emery, of 72 acres of land, at Good-Dog, Shoalhaven, and also, of 96 acres at the same place; and also, as to the issue of a Grant of Title to the said 72 acres, or a portion of it, to one Isaac Barclay.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Internal Communication ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
4. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
6. Labour Bill of 1870 ; to be considered in Committee
7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
10. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
14. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
16. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

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WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH.

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means*), That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.
  - (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
    - (1.) How came the various items, making a total of £552 18s. 2d., alleged to have been the amount of a tender made by the Government Printer for certain work specified, to be placed in a Return ordered by this Assembly to be printed on the 15th November last?
    - (2.) By whom were the figures furnished, and upon whose authority?
    - (3.) What are the particulars of the error which is said to exist in regard to this sum ; when was it discovered, and what is the total amount?
    - (4.) How was the overcharge, admitted by the Government Printer to have been made, adjusted, and when ; and, if it was “allowed for in the final settlement with the Council by reductions from other accounts,” from what other accounts was the overcharge deducted?
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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Public Schools :—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
- (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
- (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
- (4.) The character of the school—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I must ask for the postponement of this question for a short time. I shall most likely be in a position to give the Honorable Member an answer next week.

- (2.) Amendment of the Marriage Law :—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to his question and the answers thereto by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the Business Paper of Wednesday, February 8, relative to certain cases in which the authority or jurisdiction of the Registrar General, particularly in regard to the alleged rights of persons applying to be placed upon the list of Registrars, or of persons authorised to marry, has been called in question,—

- (1.) What is the result of the Colonial Secretary's conference with the Registrar General?
- (2.) What decision has been arrived at by the Government after having taken the matter into consideration?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I must also ask that this question be postponed. The Government have been very much involved in other business, and have not been able to deal with this matter.

- (3.) Wallsend Railway Line :—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) The number of passengers carried to and from Newcastle, on the Wallsend line of Railway, for the six months ending 31 December, 1870?
- (2.) The quantity of goods traffic (including coal) for the same period?
- (3.) The total amount of revenue received during the period named for goods and passenger traffic (coal included)?
- (4.) The average number of trains per day passing to and fro between Wallsend and Newcastle?
- (5.) The average running miles per day to and fro performed by each locomotive employed in this traffic between Wallsend and Newcastle?

Mr.



- (2.) If so, does the Government admit, in any degree, the justice of the claim?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to pay Mr. Liardet; and when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Mr. Liardet, late Secretary to the Necropolis, has made two claims, one for £62 10s., being arrears of salary, and also a claim for £515 15s., being an additional £250 per annum, said to have been promised to him, but of which there is no record.

(2.) The late Government decided that the £62 10s., for which provision has been made on the Supplementary Estimates, should be paid Mr. Liardet, after deducting £45 8s. 9d., the amount of the deficiency found to occur after investigation of the accounts in the Necropolis Office.

(3.) The present Government see no reason to alter the decision arrived at by the late Government.

- (7.) Mr. Freeman, late of the Lands Department:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has Mr. Freeman, lately a clerk in the Lands Department, been a defaulter in the matter of any public moneys, or failed to account for any such moneys entrusted to him, by or for the Government?

(2.) If so, to what extent, and under what circumstances?

(3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Freeman is not known to be a defaulter in the matter of any public moneys, but since 1867, sums amounting to in all £50, for incidental expenses, have been advanced to Mr. Freeman, for which vouchers have not been received. An investigation into these accounts is now being made.

- (8.) Grants of Land to Volunteers:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Are volunteer cadets after the usual term of service, being the number of years served by the ordinary volunteers, supposed to get a grant of land from the Colonial Government; and if this is not the case, will the Colonial Secretary state the reason why?

Mr. Robertson answered,—They are not. The reason is, that the law does not so provide.

*Mr. Farnell not asking Question No. 9, it dropped.*

- (9.) Wallsend Railway Line:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Whether it has come to the knowledge of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works, that the inhabitants of Wallsend, Newcastle, and the surrounding neighbourhood, are desirous of having a train put on the Wallsend line, to run to and fro at a fixed period each day (Sundays excepted), for the convenience and accommodation of passengers; and if so, when is it the intention of the Minister to commence operations?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a suitable platform for the convenience of passengers at the Wallsend Station; and if so, when?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The question of having a daily passenger train on the Wallsend Line appears to have been brought under the attention of the late Secretary for Public Works, who directed inquiries to be made; but the proposal was not favourably received by the Wallsend Company, as it was feared the running of a Passenger Train would interfere with their coal traffic.

(2.) The site of the Wallsend Station is not the property of the Government, and it is not considered desirable that the expense of erecting a platform there should be borne by the Government.

- (10.) High-street Embankment, West Maitland:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Lee, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—

(1.) Are the Government aware of the incomplete state of the High-street Embankment, West Maitland?

(2.) If so, will they cause this work to be proceeded with and completed without delay?

(3.) Is there any amount upon the Estimates for 1870 for this work?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is proposed to defray the cost of the repairs out of the vote for Incidental Expenses to to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works.

- (11.) Claim of Mrs. Jane Dixon:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—Has any decision been arrived at by the Government with respect to Mrs. Jane Dixon's claim for compensation for certain property alleged to have been destroyed by fire from one of the Railway locomotives employed near Branxton, on the Northern Railway; and if so, what is the purport of such decision?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes; on 29th April, 1870, it was decided, after full inquiry, that there is not sufficient evidence to show that the fire originated from sparks from the engine, and the applicant was so informed.

*Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, withdrew Question No. 13.*

## 2. Postage on Newspapers:—

- (1.) Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from J. B. Elworthy, of Gundagai, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.

Petition received.

- (2.) Mr. Bell presented a Petition from Messrs. Hines and Dorney, Newspaper proprietors, to the same effect.

Petition received.

- (3.) Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Charles Isaac Watson, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.

Petition received.

- (4.) Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from J. Campion Lodge, Newspaper proprietor at Moruya, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (5.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Hugh McDicken, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (6.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Benjamin J. Bennett, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (7.) Mr. Hart presented a Petition from Messrs. Heney and Spring, of Cooma, Newspaper proprietors, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (8.) Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Robert Barr, of Kiama, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (9.) Mr. Lord presented a Petition from Thomas Manning, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (10.) Mr. Alexander presented a Petition from W. R. Riley, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (11.) Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain Newspaper proprietors, of Sydney, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
- (12.) Mr. Weaver presented a Petition from Walter Craigie and G. W. J. Hipgrave, Newspaper proprietors, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
3. St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company :—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from James White, Michael Donovan, and others, alleging that they made application to be admitted as Members of the St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company, and were refused admission on the ground of their religious views ; and praying for inquiry into the matter.  
Petition received.
4. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill :—Mr. Allen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd February, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Allen then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th March.  
Question put and passed.
5. Employés on board Steam Dredge "Hunter" :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Employés on board the Steam Dredge "Hunter," stationed at Newcastle, stating that they have learned with regret that the Government have decided upon reducing their wages in a certain ratio ; and praying the House to take their case into consideration, with a view to a more equitable reduction of their wages.  
Petition received.
6. Dennis Dwyer :—Mr. Eckford presented a Petition from Dennis Dwyer, of Wamberall, in the District of Brisbane Water, late Chief Constable of Gosford, representing that he held the said appointment of Chief Constable for upwards of twenty years, and resigned that office at the instance of the Bench of Magistrates at Brisbane Water, who informed him that it was their intention to recommend him for a pension in consideration of his length of service, but that up to the present time he has not received such pension ; and praying for inquiry into his case, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
7. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. Postage on Newspapers ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Allen, on behalf of Mr. Stephen, moved pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the two Petitions presented by Mr. Stephen on 2nd March, from George Edwin Shettle, and Frederick Lawrence, relative to the postage charge upon Newspapers being regulated by weight, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Ad Valorem Duties ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, relative to the abolition of the Ad Valorem Duties, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Public Vehicles ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from the Council of the Borough of East St. Leonards, relative to the system of licensing Public Vehicles, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Conditional Purchase of William Emery ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Baker, on behalf of Mr. Garrett, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any other person, since the 11th August, 1868, with reference to the Conditional Purchase, by William Emery, of 72 acres of land, at Good-Dog, Shoalhaven, and also, of 96 acres at the same place ; and also, as to the issue of a Grant of Title to the said 72 acres, or a portion of it, to one Isaac Barclay.  
Question put and passed.

12. **British Protection for the Colony**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the British Government in withdrawing all its Troops from this country implies an intention to leave us without British assistance in the event of Great Britain being involved in war.
  - (2.) That, while cherishing the warmest affection for the Mother Country as well as the most devoted loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, we can apprehend nothing but danger to this country so long as the British connection is maintained, and the British Troops withdrawn.
  - (3.) That, while Great Britain may at any moment be involved in war, it is incumbent upon her, so long as she holds these Colonies, to see to their proper security and defence, otherwise she involves us in a serious peril, while by her action in the withdrawal of her Troops she seems dead to this very grave responsibility.
  - (4.) That the Government of New South Wales should at once ascertain the intentions of the British Government on this head, and obtain from the authorities in England a clear statement of their readiness and willingness, in the event of England being involved in war, to undertake such a share in the defence of this country as our relationship and political connection imperatively demand.
  - (5.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
13. **Gold Fields Commission**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should dissolve the Gold Fields Commission, appointed on the 6th of June last, without delay.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Hoskins,*Tellers.*Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 28.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Ryan,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH.

*Questions*:—

1. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Punt plying across the Paterson, at Wallalong, is now leased; and if so, what amount of rent is payable by the lessee?
2. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of Ministers?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to reduce the Salaries of those officers whose salaries are regulated by Act of Parliament?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Have the Members of the Gold Commission made application to the Government for any money which they allege is due to them?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the name of each Member of the Gold Commission, with the amount he claims, and the date up to which he alleges money is due to him?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, made any claim for money, and up to what date does his claim extend?
  - (4.) Has the Government any knowledge of any communication from Mr. Baker, addressed to this or the late Government, in which he proclaimed that, from the date of that communication, he would perform what remained of the duties of the Commission for nothing?
  - (5.) How much money has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, received from the Government up to this date?
  - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the Honorable Member for the Southern Gold Fields any more money?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is the office of Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Wellington at present vacant; if so, is it the intention of the Government to fill it up without delay?

6. MR. CHURCH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to increase the Railway Rates of Fares and Carriage, and make an alteration in the Time Table; if so, what notice do they purpose giving the public previous to so doing?
7. MR. CHURCH *to ask* SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Report of the Gold Fields Commission be laid upon the Table of this House, and what is the cause of the delay?
8. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Is it true that the mechanics and labourers employed under the Public Works Department have been paid on the reduced scale of wages on the last pay day, in accordance with the rate of reductions as set forth in a document laid upon the Table of this House?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to persist in paying, upon the lower scale of wages so set forth, all the parties who may continue to be so employed?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to revise, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the scale of wages of the various employes whose names and rate of reductions appear in the said document?  
 (4.) Have the Government any immediate intention of reducing the hours of labour in the Public Works Department to eight hours per day; if so, when is that regulation likely to come into operation?
9. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What became of the documents, books, and other records, recalled from the Court Houses and Gaols of Parramatta and Liverpool in the early part of last year?  
 (2.) Are the books, documents, and other records relating to Imperial Convicts still in the possession of the Government?
10. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has William Lorando Jones been liberated?  
 (2.) If not, what has been done in the matter?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means*), That this House is of opinion,—  
 (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade ought to be avoided.  
 (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient.
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the "Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill"*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.
3. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at seven o'clock.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to blasphemy.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of St. Leonards, relative to their having been refused admission into the St. Leonards Rifle Company upon religious grounds, be printed.
3. MR. ECKFORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Dennis Dwyer, be printed.
4. MR. BELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Messrs. Hines and Dorney, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from J. B. Elworthy, of Gundagai, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
6. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Charles Isaac Watson, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
7. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Campion Lodge, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
8. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Heney and Spring, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
9. MR. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Robert Barr, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
10. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Manning, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.

11. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from certain Newspaper Proprietors of Sydney, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
12. MR. WEAVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Craigie and Hipgrave, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
13. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer degrees in certain cases without examination.
14. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to simplify the recovery of rates payable to the Municipal Council of Sydney under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and otherwise to amend the said Act.
15. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
16. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
17. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.
18. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.
19. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
20. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - "(1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - "(2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - "(3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."
4. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
6. Labour Bill of 1870; to be considered in Committee
7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
10. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

12. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
14. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
16. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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THURSDAY, 9 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) How came the various items, making a total of £552 18s. 2d., alleged to have been the amount of a tender made by the Government Printer for certain work specified, to be placed in a Return ordered by this Assembly to be printed on the 15th November last?
  - (2.) By whom were the figures furnished, and upon whose authority?
  - (3.) What are the particulars of the error which is said to exist in regard to this sum; when was discovered, and what is the total amount?
  - (4.) How was the overcharge, admitted by the Government Printer to have been made, adjusted, and when; and, if it was "allowed for in the final settlement with the Council by reductions from other accounts," from what other accounts was the overcharge deducted?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from W. R. Riley, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.

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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee still in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If so, will the Government lay upon the Table the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into certain charges against him, and which report was promised by the late Government to be laid upon the Table?
  - (3.) Will the Government also lay upon the Table any report or recommendation with reference to the officer in question, made to the Government by the Auditor General, or any other Public Officer?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Hugh McDicken, proprietor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Benjamin J. Bennett, proprietor of the *Burrangong Argus*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from the employés on the Steam Dredge "Hunter," relative to the reduction in their wages, be printed and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Accounts Current between the Government and Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, and Co., showing the appropriation of moneys received by them from the Oriental Bank in the year 1869, and particularly the sums of £5,000 and £10,000 drawn about the 29th April and the 3rd May, in that year.

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TUESDAY, 14 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—

(1.) A copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, dated 27th August, 1866, to the Select Committee then sitting on the "Disease in Fruit Trees," together with copies of any instructions from the Government to the same officer respecting his visiting Portugal, or other places, for the purpose of inquiring into the management and condition of fruit trees in the countries visited.

(2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.

(3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.

(4.) A statement of the amount of money paid by the Government for or on account of Mr. Moore's expenses, and for the importation and exportation of trees or plants exchanged in connection with this matter.

(5.) A copy of the letter from Don José Do Canto to the Director of the Botanic Gardens, referring to the disease in orange or fruit trees.

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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

Question :—

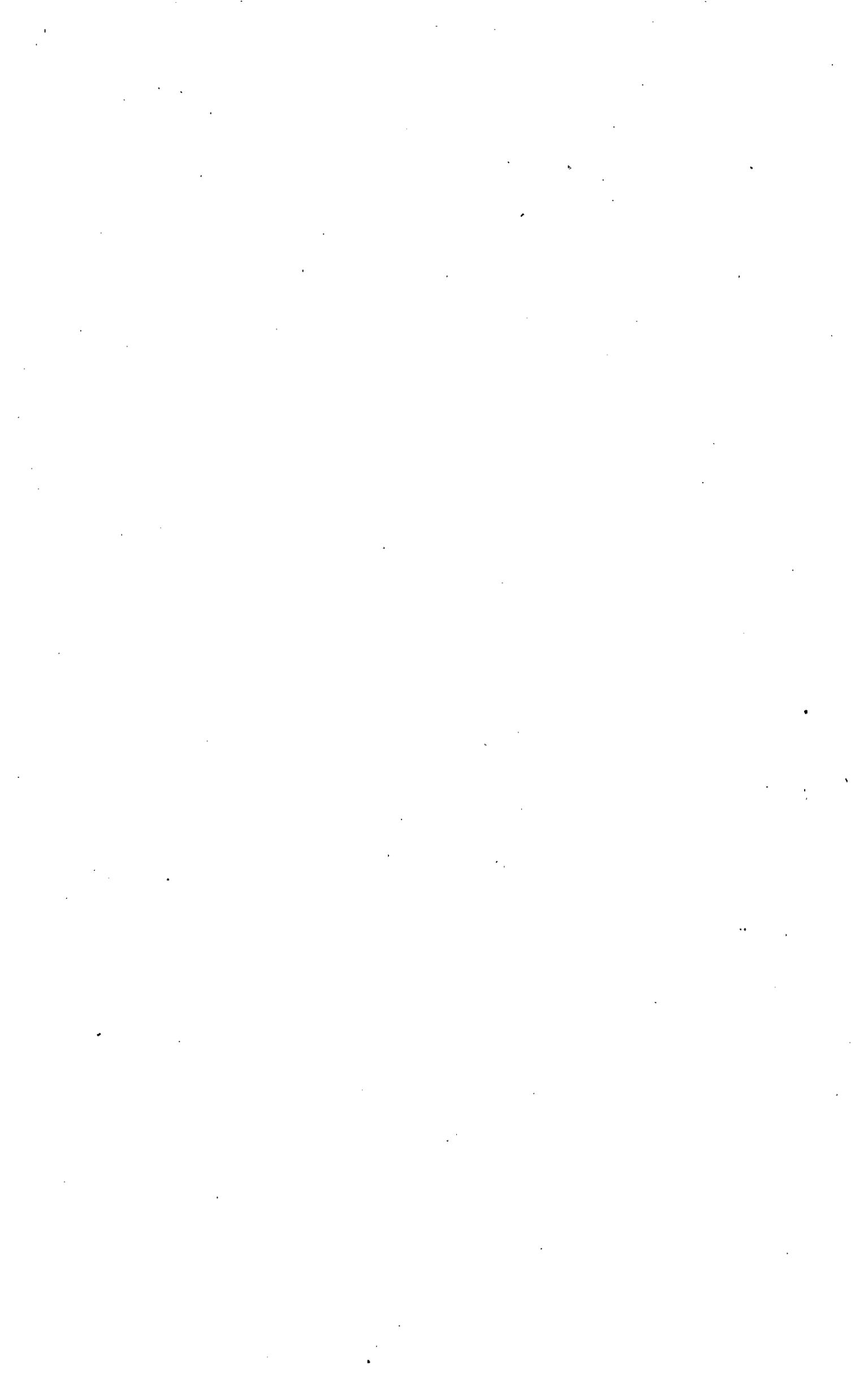
1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?

(2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?

(3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?

(4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?



New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Punt on the Paterson:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the Punt plying across the Paterson, at Wallalong, is now leased; and if so, what amount of rent is payable by the lessee?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A ferry, called the Paterson Ferry, was leased by the Treasury at 2s. 6d. per annum for period ending 31st December, 1860. On the 23rd of March, 1859, it was submitted to public competition for a further term of five years and not bid for. On the 5th April, 1859, the Paterson District Council were requested to take charge of the punt, &c., and it now appears to be under its control.

- (2.) Ministers Salaries:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of Ministers?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government have not determined to introduce a Bill to reduce the salary of any Minister except that of the Colonial Secretary, as already announced.

- (3.) Salaries of certain Public Officers:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to reduce the Salaries of those officers whose salaries are regulated by Act of Parliament?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government have not determined to introduce such a Bill as that referred to by the Honorable Member.

*Mr. Buchanan not asking Questions 4 and 5, they dropped.*

- (4.) Railway Rates and Fares:—Mr. Church asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to increase the Railway Rates of Fares and Carriage, and make an alteration in the Time Table; if so, what notice do they purpose giving the public previous to so doing?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government have not yet determined upon the increase to the Railway rates, nor the alteration of the Time Table. When such determination is arrived at, due notice will be given.

- (5.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Church asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When will the Report of the Gold Fields Commission be laid upon the Table of this House, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Honorable gentleman will have gathered from the debate that took place last night that the Government are not in a position to lay before the House the Report of the Gold Commission, they not having received it.

(6.) Wages of Employés in Public Works Department:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Is it true that the mechanics and labourers employed under the Public Works Department have been paid on the reduced scale of wages on the last pay day, in accordance with the rate of reductions as set forth in a document laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to persist in paying, upon the lower scale of wages so set forth, all the parties who may continue to be so employed?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to revise, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the scale of wages of the various employés whose names and rate of reductions appear in the said document?

(4.) Have the Government any immediate intention of reducing the hours of labour in the Public Works Department to eight hours per day; if so, when is that regulation likely to come into operation?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Since the document referred to was laid upon the Table, I have caused applications to be made to several of the largest employers of labour, both skilled and unskilled, for the purpose of ascertaining the total amount earned last year by each individual in their employment, with the rates of their daily pay, and the number of days during the year that they were out of employment, respectively. So soon as I obtain this information, the scale of wages to be paid to the mechanics and labourers in the Public Works Department will be again taken into consideration.

(4.) The Government have not come to any determination to reduce the hours of labour in the Public Works Department to eight hours per day.

(7.) Convict Records:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What became of the documents, books, and other records, recalled from the Court Houses and Gaols of Parramatta and Liverpool in the early part of last year?

(2.) Are the books, documents, and other records relating to Imperial Convicts still in the possession of the Government?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The public records called in from the Court Houses and Gaols at Parramatta, Liverpool, and elsewhere throughout the Colony, have been destroyed.

(2.) The set of indents and other records relative to the Imperial Government Convicts remain in the possession of the Government.

(8.) William Lorando Jones:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) Has William Lorando Jones been liberated?

(2.) If not, what has been done in the matter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) His Excellency has remitted the fine imposed upon William Lorando Jones, and directed him to be liberated on the 18th instant, on his entering into his own recognizances, in the sum of £100, to be of good behaviour until the 18th February, 1873.

2. Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. Levy presented a Petition from J. A. Gallagher, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.

3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Council of Education," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 21st February, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. Special Adjournment ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at seven o'clock.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. King,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Lord,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Church.
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Moses,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Stewart,	

5. Religious Opinions Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved pursuant to Notice No. 1, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to blasphemy.  
Question put and passed.

6. St. Leonards Volunteer Rifle Company ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of St. Leonards, relative to their having been refused admission into the St. Leonards Rifle Company upon religious grounds, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Dennis Dwyer (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Dennis Dwyer, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postage on Newspapers (*"Formal" Motions*):—  
(1.) Mr. Bell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Messrs. Hines and Dorney, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from J. B. Elworthy, of Gundagai, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—  
(1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer degrees in certain cases without examination.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer degrees in certain cases without examination*",—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday 24th March.
10. Postage on Newspapers:—  
(1.) Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Messrs. Downer and Ella, Newspaper proprietors, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.  
(2.) Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Messrs. Ryan and Macnamara, Newspaper proprietors, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
11. Ways and Means:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means being read,—  
Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, No. 1, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this House is of opinion,—  
" (1.) That the imposition of Customs Duties calculated to affect injuriously the freedom of trade "ought to be avoided.  
" (2.) That any extension of the principle of ad valorem duties is highly inexpedient."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. B. Forster,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Brynes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Bell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. King.
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Church,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order had been determined in the House.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—

A certain Resolution having been proposed to the Committee as one motion, an Honorable Member demanded that the items composing such Resolution should be dealt with seriatim, and the Chairman having proceeded so to deal with the items, the Honorable Member for the Murrumbidgee objected to such a proceeding, on the ground that the Resolution having been submitted as one motion it was not competent for the Colonial Treasurer to propose the items in detail, unless the Resolution as a whole were first withdrawn.

The Speaker said there was no Parliamentary Rule to prevent any Member from moving an amendment in any part of the Resolution submitted to the Committee, provided an amendment had not been moved in a subsequent part of such Resolution; and thus it would be in the power of any Member to require a vote to be taken on each item in the Resolution which had been originally moved—by means of successive amendments.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Committee resumed.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 1871, A.M.—

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until *Seven o'clock*, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 9 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) How came the various items, making a total of £552 18s. 2d., alleged to have been the amount of a tender made by the Government Printer for certain work specified, to be placed in a Return ordered by this Assembly to be printed on the 15th November last?
  - (2.) By whom were the figures furnished, and upon whose authority?
  - (3.) What are the particulars of the error which is said to exist in regard to this sum; when was it discovered, and what is the total amount?
  - (4.) How was the overcharge, admitted by the Government Printer to have been made, adjusted, and when; and, if it was "allowed for in the final settlement with the Council by reductions from other accounts," from what other accounts was the overcharge deducted?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether John Farrell, who was convicted of Cattle Stealing in 1864, and whose sentence is not yet expired, has been granted a license for a Public House within the same district in which he committed the offence?
  - (2.) If so, what are the names of the Magistrates who granted such license?
  - (3.) Whether Farrell's wife, who, in 1865, was also convicted of Cattle Stealing, is or is not in the management of that Public House?
  - (4.) Whether Farrell's son, who has lately been convicted of the like offence, was discharged at the Water Police Office on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence against him?
  - (5.) Whether the Magistrate so deciding was one of those who granted Farrell's license?
  - (6.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in reference to the above matter?
  - (7.) Whether he (the Attorney General) has received any Official representation on the subject; and if so, from whom?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debats on the motion for the second reading of the "Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill"*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
5. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from W. R. Riley, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
2. MR. LEVY, to move, That the Petition presented by him on 8th March, from J. A. Gallagher, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers be printed.
3. MR. GABBETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Charles Isaac Watson, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
4. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Campion Lodge, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
5. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Heney and Spring, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
6. MR. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Robert Barr, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
7. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Manning, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
8. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from certain Newspaper Proprietors of Sydney, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
9. MR. WEAVER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Craigie and Hipgrave, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
10. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to simplify the recovery of rates payable to the Municipal Council of Sydney under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and otherwise to amend the said Act.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.
  - (2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill, which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.
  - (3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.
  - (4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. BROOKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.
13. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000.
14. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.
15. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
16. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Internal Communication; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government at an early period of this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

4. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
6. Labour Bill of 1870; to be considered in Committee
7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
9. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
10. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
14. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
16. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

*Question:—*

1. MR. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee still in the Public Service?  
 (2.) If so, will the Government lay upon the Table the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into certain charges against him, and which report was promised by the late Government to be laid upon the Table?  
 (3.) Will the Government also lay upon the Table any report or recommendation with reference to the officer in question, made to the Government by the Auditor General, or any other Public Officer?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Hugh McDicken, proprietor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Benjamin J. Bennett, proprietor of the *Burrangong Argus*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from the employés on the Steam Dredge "Hunter," relative to the reduction in their wages, be printed and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Accounts Current between the Government and Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, and Co., showing the appropriation of moneys received by them from the Oriental Bank in the year 1859, and particularly the sums of £5,000 and £10,000 drawn about the 29th April and the 3rd May, in that year.

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TUESDAY, 14 MARCH.

*Question:—*

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Whether Mr. Bedford, Medical Adviser to the Government, President of the Medical Board of Visitors to Lunatic Asylums, Member of the Medical Board, and Examiner in Medicine of the Sydney University, receives any remuneration for his services?  
 (2.) If so, in what capacity, to what amount, and since when?  
 (3.) How long has Mr. Bedford been a resident in this Colony?  
 (4.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Mr. Bedford receives a Pension from the Tasmanian Government?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move,
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—
  - (1.) A copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, dated 27th August, 1866, to the Select Committee then sitting on the "Disease in Fruit Trees," together with copies of any instructions from the Government to the same officer respecting his visiting Portugal, or other places, for the purpose of inquiring into the management and condition of fruit trees in the countries visited.
  - (2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.
  - (3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.
  - (4.) A statement of the amount of money paid by the Government for or on account of Mr. Moore's expenses, and for the importation and exportation of trees or plants exchanged in connection with this matter.
  - (5.) A copy of the letter from Don José Do Canto to the Director of the Botanic Gardens, referring to the disease in orange or fruit trees.
3. MR. S. BROWN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers.
4. MR. SAMUEL 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £1,000, to be paid to Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the Public Services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.

## FRIDAY, 17 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

## FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

## Question:—

MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
- (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
- (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
- (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?



New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Printing for the Council of Education:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How came the various items, making a total of £552 18s. 2d., alleged to have been the amount of a tender made by the Government Printer for certain work specified, to be placed in a Return ordered by this Assembly to be printed on the 15th November last?

(2.) By whom were the figures furnished, and upon whose authority?

(3.) What are the particulars of the error which is said to exist in regard to this sum; when was it discovered, and what is the total amount?

(4.) How was the overcharge, admitted by the Government Printer to have been made, adjusted, and when; and, if it was "allowed for in the final settlement with the Council by reductions from other accounts," from what other accounts was the overcharge deducted?

Mr. Lord answered,—Questions 1 and 2 are answered by the Secretary to the Council of Education, and 3 and 4 by the Government Printer. The Answers are to the following effect:—

(1.) When tenders were invited for Printing for the Council of Education, a schedule was drawn up showing the rates to be charged by each person tendering. The rates previously charged by the Government Printer were then placed in an additional column, with a view to a comparison of the prices formerly paid, and the prices offered in the tenders. The Government Printer did not furnish a tender then, or at any other time.

(2.) The figures were furnished by the Secretary of the Council of Education, from vouchers in the office.

(3.) The figures £552 18s. 2d., represent an estimate on the basis of the rates originally charged by the Government Printer. Their inaccuracy arises from some of these rates being excessive. The overcharge was discovered, perhaps eighteen months or two years ago, but there is no record of the precise date. The actual cost of the work in question was £314 9s. 1d.

(4.) The overcharge was allowed for by writing off the sum of £123 6s. 7d. from the amount to the debit of the Council of Education. The last account was rendered on the 10th September, 1870. The whole amount charged to the Council of Education for work done at the Government Printing Office, was paid into the Colonial Treasury, partly by transfers from the Vote for Public Instruction to the Vote for Stores and Stationery, and the Vote for Printing and Bookbinding, respectively, and partly by direct payments to Revenue.

(2.)

(2.) John Farrell :—*Mr. King*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether John Farrell, who was convicted of Cattle Stealing in 1864, and whose sentence is not yet expired, has been granted a license for a Public House within the same district in which he committed the offence?

(2.) If so, what are the names of the Magistrates who granted such license?

(3.) Whether Farrell's wife, who, in 1865, was also convicted of Cattle Stealing, is or is not in the management of that Public House?

(4.) Whether Farrell's son, who has lately been convicted of the like offence, was discharged at the Water Police Office on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence against him?

(5.) Whether the Magistrate so deciding was one of those who granted Farrell's license?

(6.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in reference to the above matter?

(7.) Whether he (the Attorney General) has received any Official representation on the subject; and if so, from whom?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) The John Farrell referred to, who obtained a publican's license, is identical with the offender convicted in 1864, for maliciously wounding cattle. His sentence expired prior to his obtaining such license.

(2.) Messrs. John Evans, Edward S. Hill, and John Kettle.

(3.) Farrell's wife resides with her family on the licensed premises.

(4.) Farrell's son was charged under the 17th Vic. No. 3, sec. 5, with having portions of the carcass of a stolen beast in his possession, for which he could not satisfactorily account, and the Bench (two Justices) disagreeing, there was no adjudication, and the prisoner was discharged.

(5.) One of the Magistrates who sat in the case (*Mr. Kettle*) was one of those who granted Farrell's license.

(6.) Supposing the Magistrates to have acted improperly in the above matters, I can take no steps against them beyond recommending their removal from the Commission of the Peace, but I would not be justified in making such recommendation unless it were shewn that they acted partially or corruptly either in granting the license or dismissing the case already referred to. Of such partiality or corruption there is no evidence before me at present, but I will cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances under which such license was granted, and such case was dismissed.

(7.) I have received an official communication on the subject from His Honor the Chief Justice.

2. Motions Withdrawn :—*Mr. W. Forster* withdrew the Motions standing in his name Nos. 14 and 16 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Religious Opinions Bill :—*Mr. W. Forster* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Blasphemy*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th March.
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill :—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st February, 1871, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Postage on Newspapers :—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Petition from *John Ferguson*, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.
6. Postage on Newspapers ("*Formal*" Motion) :—*Mr. Alexander* moved, pursuant to Notice No 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from *W. R. Riley*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Motion for Adjournment :—*Mr. Driver* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. Ways and Means :—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means being read,—  
*Mr. Lord* moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
*Sir James Martin* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEPHEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee still in the Public Service ?
  - (2.) If so, will the Government lay upon the Table the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into certain charges against him, and which report was promised by the late Government to be laid upon the Table ?
  - (3.) Will the Government also lay upon the Table any report or recommendation with reference to the officer in question, made to the Government by the Auditor General, or any other Public Officer ?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Have the Members of the Gold Commission made application to the Government for any money which they allege is due to them ?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the name of each Member of the Gold Commission, with the amount he claims, and the date up to which he alleges money is due to him ?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, made any claim for money, and up to what date does his claim extend ?
  - (4.) Has the Government any knowledge of any communication from Mr. Baker, addressed to this or the late Government, in which he proclaimed that, from the date of that communication, he would perform what remained of the duties of the Commission for nothing ?
  - (5.) How much money has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, received from the Government up to this date ?
  - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the Honorable Member for the Southern Gold Fields any more money ?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is the office of Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Wellington at present vacant; if so, is it the intention of the Government to fill it up without delay ?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint any person to fill the office of Commissioner for Railways ?
  - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Member of this House to that office ?
  - (3.) Will the Government give this House an assurance that none of its Members shall be appointed to the office of Commissioner for Railways ?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has there been any complaint made to the Sheriff, or other officer, as to the conduct of the Gaoler and Wardens of Maitland Gaol ?
  - (2.) If so, by whom was such complaint made, and what was the nature of it ?
  - (3.) Has the Government adopted any action in consequence of this complaint; and if so, what action has been adopted ?
  - (4.) Will the Government lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence and other documents connected with this matter, or in any way bearing upon it ?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the "Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill"*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.
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1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, 17 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ECKFORD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

*Question:—*

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
    - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
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    - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
    - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?
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No. 99.

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WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

FRIDAY, 17 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ECKFORD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.
2. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes Accounts, Proclamations, Plans, &c., as to the opening of the road from Phoenix Park through the Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates, and as to the erection of a Punt-house at, and the placing of a Punt across the Paterson, at Wallalong.

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TUESDAY, 21 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

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FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?



New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Bedford, Medical Adviser to the Government:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether Mr. Bedford, Medical Adviser to the Government, President of the Medical Board of Visitors to Lunatic Asylums, Member of the Medical Board, and Examiner in Medicine of the Sydney University, receives any remuneration for his services?

(2.) If so, in what capacity, to what amount, and since when?

(3.) How long has Mr. Bedford been a resident in this Colony?

(4.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Mr. Bedford receives a Pension from the Tasmanian Government?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes; in two of the offices named, to the others no remuneration is attached.

(2.) As Medical Adviser to the Government, Mr. Bedford received in 1870 the sum of £250 as an allowance; in 1869 he received the sum of £85 for special services. £40 per annum is allowed for an office. As Visitor to the Lunatic Asylums, he receives with other Visitors £100 per annum as salary.

(3.) 4th August, 1863.

(4.) I understand from Mr. Bedford that he does not receive any pension from the Tasmanian Government; but that a pension of £91 5s. per annum is paid to him by the Imperial Government.

- (2.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Will the Colonial Treasurer lay upon the Table of the House a return showing the amounts each member of the Gold Commission has received from the date of its appointment; also, stating the number of days for which each member has received payment, and if they were paid for Sundays, and for any other days on which they were not doing the duty of the Commission?

Mr. Lord answered,—Yes. I will lay the Return upon the Table at a later period of the evening.

- (3.) The late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee:—Mr. King, on behalf of Mr. Stephen, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee still in the Public Service?

(2.) If so, will the Government lay upon the Table the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into certain charges against him, and which report was promised by the late Government to be laid upon the Table?

(3.) Will the Government also lay upon the Table any report or recommendation with reference to the officer in question, made to the Government by the Auditor General, or any other Public Officer?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I will do so in the course of a week.

(3.) I shall have no objection to do so when a further contemplated examination of accounts has been made.

(4.)

(4.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) Have the Members of the Gold Commission made application to the Government for any money which they allege is due to them?
- (2.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the name of each Member of the Gold Commission, with the amount he claims, and the date up to which he alleges money is due to him?
- (3.) Has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, made any claim for money, and up to what date does his claim extend?
- (4.) Has the Government any knowledge of any communication from Mr. Baker, addressed to this or the late Government, in which he proclaimed that, from the date of that communication, he would perform what remained of the duties of the Commission for nothing?
- (5.) How much money has Mr. Baker, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, received from the Government up to this date?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to give the Honorable Member for the Southern Gold Fields any more money?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Each member of the Gold Commission has applied for money due to him at various periods:—  
Mr. Innes has claimed, from 14th June to 28th December last, £732 3s., of which the sum of £135 15s. is still unpaid.  
Mr. Coombes has claimed, from 15th June to 15th November last, £495 1s. 6d., and there is nothing due to him.  
Mr. Thompson has claimed, from 14th June to 29th December last, £680 8s., of which the sum of £81 18s. is still unpaid.  
Mr. Frappell has claimed, from 14th June to 29th December last, £670 19s., of which the sum of £81 18s. is still unpaid.  
Mr. Baker has claimed, from 17th June to 19th November last, £510 16s. 6d., and there is nothing due to him.
- (3.) Mr. Baker has made a claim at various times for money due to him, his claim extending to 19th November last.
- (4.) The Government received the following letter from Mr. Baker, offering his services gratuitously in respect to the Gold Commission, in December last:—

“ Grenfell,  
“ December 16th, 1870.

“ Sir,

“ Some time since His Excellency the Governor did me the honor to appoint me a member of the Gold Fields Commission, and I acted in the capacity of Commissioner until the 19th of last month, when circumstances compelled me to resign the office I held.

“ I now beg to tender my services to the Government as an unpaid member of the Commission, and shall be glad to be appointed as an honorary member, so that I may be able to assist in drawing the report and otherwise completing the duty the Commission was authorised to fulfil.

“ I have the honor to remain,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,

“ E. A. BAKER.”

“ To the Honorable the Minister for Lands.”

- (5.) Since the date of Mr. Baker's letter, offering his gratuitous services to the Government, he has received the sum of £165 7s. 6d., being amounts due for the months of October and November last.
- (6.) No.

(5.) Returning Officer for Electorate of Wellington:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is the office of Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Wellington at present vacant; if so, is it the intention of the Government to fill it up without delay? Mr. Robertson answered,—It is not vacant.

(6.) Commissioner for Railways:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint any person to fill the office of Commissioner for Railways?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Member of this House to that office?
- (3.) Will the Government give this House an assurance that none of its Members shall be appointed to the office of Commissioner for Railways?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Government have not yet determined to appoint any person to fill the office of Commissioner for Railways, and will not so determine until Parliament has sanctioned the appropriation of a sum of money to defray the salary of such an officer.

(3.) The Government are unable to give any such assurance.

(7.) Gaoler and Warders of Maitland Gaol:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

- (1.) Has there been any complaint made to the Sheriff, or other officer, as to the conduct of the Gaoler and Warders of Maitland Gaol?
- (2.) If so, by whom was such complaint made, and what was the nature of it?
- (3.) Has the Government adopted any action in consequence of this complaint; and if so, what action has been adopted?
- (4.) Will the Government lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence and other documents connected with this matter, or in any way bearing upon it?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—I can, perhaps, best answer the Honorable Member's question by reading from the report of Mr. Maclean, the Sheriff, in which he says, "A complaint was recently made to me, by the Roman Catholic Chaplain, that he was not treated by some of the officers with the respect and attention due to his office, and that he had reason to believe tracts had been disseminated among the Roman Catholic prisoners, contrary to the regulations. The complaint is now under inquiry by the Visiting Justice."

I am not aware of any other matter coming within the meaning of the question. I can only reply to the fourth question when I shall have had the opportunity of seeing, and reading, the papers to which it refers.

2. The Tariff:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain farmers and others, inhabitants of the Town and District of Moruya, praying that a customs duty may be levied on Potatoes imported into this Colony.  
Petition received.
3. Postage on Newspapers:—
  - (1.) Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from R. W. Sharpe, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.
  - (2.) Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from William H. Braine, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
  - (3.) Mr. W. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Fraser, presented a Petition from Henry Tuck, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
  - (4.) Mr. W. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Osborne, presented a Petition from Messrs. Campbell and Hart, Newspaper proprietors, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
  - (5.) Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Edward C. Madgwick, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
  - (6.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from Charles Boyce, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
4. Papers:—
  - (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Great Western Railway," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 14th February, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, a Return showing particulars of the amounts paid to each Member of the Gold Fields Commission. (*See Answer to Question No. 2 above.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table,—
    - (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic., No. 1, during the period between 10th February and 8th March, 1871.
    - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic., No. 1, during the same period.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion for Adjournment—The late Sir William Denison:—Sir James Martin having informed the House that intelligence had been received of the death of Sir William Denison, formerly Governor of this Colony, moved, out of respect to the memory of that gentleman, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Flood,	

## Noes, 18.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. King,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. E. Forster,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Webb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Greville,	

6. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers.  
Question put and passed.
7. Postage on Newspapers ("*Formal*" Motions):—
  - (1.) Mr. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice No. 13, That the Petition presented by him on 8th March, from J. A. Gallagher, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Campion Lodge, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Heney and Spring, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 17, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Robert Barr, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 18, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Thomas Manning, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 19, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from certain Newspaper Proprietors of Sydney, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. Weaver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 20, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th March, from Messrs. Craigie and Hipgrave, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Official Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. S. Brown having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th March.
9. Internal Communication—Question of Order:—The Speaker pointed out that the Motion standing in the name of the Honorable Member for The Murrumbidgee No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day was in substance, and very nearly in terms, the same as one that had already been under the consideration of the House during the present Session—the further consideration of which now stood on the Business Paper as an Order of the Day, and that it would be irregular to anticipate the Order of the Day by proceeding with the same Motion.  
Whereupon Mr. Macleay withdrew the Motion.
10. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Tunks not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to day.
12. The Hastings Electorate:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petition of 465 Electors of the Police District of Macleay, in the Electoral District of the Hastings, presented to this House on Wednesday, January 25, and ordered to be printed on Friday, January 27, taking exception to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, by which the Seat of Mr. Horace Dean was declared vacant, and Mr. R. B. Smith declared the Sitting Member for the said Electoral District, and praying that the Seat of Mr. R. B. Smith should be declared vacant, and a Writ issued for a fresh election.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Bawden,  
Mr. Moses,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Dodds,

## Tellers.

Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Driver.

## Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Lord,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Wearno,
Mr. King,	Tellers.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Weaver,	

13. Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.  
Question put and passed.
14. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
15. Postage on Newspapers:—
- (1.) *Mr. Allen*, on behalf of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lloyd on 7th March, from Hugh McDicken, proprietor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) *Mr. Allen*, on behalf of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lloyd on 7th March, from Benjamin J. Bennett, proprietor of the *Burrangong Argus*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

16. Employés on board Steam Dredge "Hunter":—*Mr. Allen*, on behalf of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Lloyd* on 7th March, from the employés on the Steam Dredge "Hunter," relative to the reduction in their wages, be printed and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
17. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Allen*, on behalf of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of *Mr. Lloyd* No. 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
18. Postage on Newspapers :—  
(1.) *Mr. Brookes*, on behalf of *Mr. Farnell*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 12, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Farnell*, on 9th March, from *John Ferguson*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) *Mr. S. Brown*, on behalf of *Mr. Garrett*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 14, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Garrett* on the 7th March, from *Charles Isaac Watson*, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
19. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill :—*Mr. Driver* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 21, for leave to bring in a Bill to simplify the recovery of rates payable to the Municipal Council of Sydney under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and otherwise to amend the said Act.  
Question put and passed.
20. The Law of Divorce :—*Mr. Buchanan* moved pursuant to Notice No. 22,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the law of this country in reference to Divorce should be assimilated to the law of England and the adjacent Colonies, with the exception of that part of the English Divorce Law which denies to the woman equal rights to those of the man.  
(2.) That the present state of the law of this country, in denying adequate relief, remedy, or redress, in cases of infidelity to the marriage vow, is inconsistent with justice, and has necessitated application to this House for the remedy by private Bill which should be obtainable on application to the Courts of Law.  
(3.) That under such circumstances this House is of opinion that the Government should introduce a Bill, either this Session or early next, or at their convenience, to assimilate the law of this country in the matter of Divorce to that of England, with the important exception above stated.  
(4.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

*Mr. Driver*,  
*Mr. W. Forster*,  
*Mr. Hill*,  
*Mr. S. Brown*,  
*Mr. Sutherland*,

Tellers.

*Mr. Brookes*,  
*Mr. Buchanan*.

Noes, 20.

<i>Sir James Martin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wearne</i> ,
<i>Mr. Lord</i> ,	<i>Mr. Webb</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wilson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick</i> ,
<i>Mr. Windeyer</i> ,	<i>Mr. Butler</i> ,
<i>Mr. Stephen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Smith</i> ,
<i>Mr. Levy</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lackey</i> ,
<i>Mr. Bell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Byrnes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Clarke</i> ,	Tellers.
<i>Mr. Dodds</i> ,	<i>Mr. Baker</i> ,
<i>Mr. Stewart</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bawden</i> .
<i>Mr. Hoskins</i> ,	

21. Main Road to Townships in Mining District of Northumberland :—*Mr. Brookes* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 23, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £9,000, for the construction of a main road to the various Townships of Pitt Town, Waratah, Old Lambton, New Lambton, Wallsend, Platsburg, and Brookes Town, situate in the Mining District of the Electorate of Northumberland.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
22. Motions Withdrawn :—  
(1.) *Mr. Buchanan* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 24 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
(2.) *Mr. Driver* withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 25 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
23. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Wearne*, until Friday, 24th March.
24. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill,—on motion of *Mr. Windeyer*, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on Motion of *Mr. Windeyer*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of *Mr. Windeyer*, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
25. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Claims of *Mr. Bartholomew Rush* postponed, on motion of *Mr. Lackey*, until Friday, 31st March.
26. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
*Sir James Martin* moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice No. 1, That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.  
Question put and passed.  
*Mr. S. Brown* then moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 24th March.  
Question put and passed.

27. Internal Communication:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject discharged, on motion of Captain Onslow.
28. Postponement:—The Order of the Day respecting the Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore postponed, on motion of Captain Onslow, until Friday, 31st March.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-one minutes after Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it true that the Warders of Wagga Wagga Gaol have received no pay for 1871?  
(2.) Is this neglect to pay those men regularly of common occurrence?  
(3.) Will the Colonial Secretary look into this matter, with the view to the redress of so great a grievance?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Is there any record in the books of the Treasury of a sum of money having been returned to Messrs. Asher and Co.?  
(2.) If this is the case, was this money paid by Asher and Co. to the Government for a license to sell spirits?  
(3.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the reasons which caused the return of this money?  
(4.) Was there any application made to the Government for this money by a Member of this House, and was that Member in any way connected with the firm which received the returned money?  
(5.) If this is the case, will the Government give the name of the Member of this House who so acted?
3. CAPTAIN ONSLOW *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to instruct the officers who may be appointed to take the ensuing Census to obtain the following information with regard to individuals who have obtained land under the Lands Acts of 1861?

Form to be filled up by a selector or holder of selected land or grazing right.

I. Selected Land.

1. Date of selection.
2. No. of acres.
3. County and Police District.
4. Post town.
5. Name of original selector.
6. Occupation of selector for 12 months previous to selection.
7. Where resident for 12 months previous to selection.
8. Name of present occupant of selection.
9. Occupation or calling of selector.
10. Date of transfer.
11. No of acres under crops.
12. Description of crops.
13. Average return per acre of different crops since first cropped.
14. Value of the improvements of the following description on selection:—
  - (1.) Clearing and cultivating.
  - (2.) Buildings.
  - (3.) Fencing and yards.
  - (4.) Water saving.
  - (5.) Ring barking.
  - (6.) Grass seed sowing.
  - (7.) Other improvements.
15. No. of stock owned by occupant, kept on selection:—
  - (1.) Horses.
  - (2.) Cattle.
  - (3.) Sheep.
  - (4.) Pigs.
  - (5.) Goats.
16. Amount paid up per acre.
17. Amount of interest due.
18. Amount of interest paid.
19. Approximate amount paid for surveying selection.
20. State what other selections occupant holds, either as selector or as transferee of a selector.

II.

## II. Grazing Right.

1. Date of grant.
2. Extent.
3. Description of soil.
  - No. of acres fit for agriculture.
  - No. of acres only fit for grazing.
4. Name of original grantee.
5. Occupation or calling, and address.
6. Name of present holder.
7. Occupation or calling, and address.
8. Improvements :—
  - (1.) Clearing and cultivating.
  - (2.) Buildings.
  - (3.) Fencing and yards.
  - (4.) Water saving.
  - (5.) Other improvements.

N.B.—The collectors will state generally, if in their opinion the Returns of the value of the improvements are correct, and if not, how far they are out?

- (2.) If not, will the Government consider the propriety of obtaining such information?
4. MR. HILL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that in repairing the approach to the platform at the Ashfield Station, the road has been made in such a manner that all the water will be thrown on to the pathway, and that the latter not having been repaired or formed, will in wet weather be more than before impassable for foot passengers?
  - (2.) Will the Minister see that a proper pathway is formed from the platform to the gate, and from thence to Elizabeth-street?
  - (3.) When will additional sitting accommodation be provided at the Redfern Station?
5. MR. HART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a Reporter to the *Sydney Morning Herald* was admitted to the Ministers room, on Thursday evening last, and was that Reporter there during the time the Solicitor General, Mr. Windeyer, delivered his speech, after strangers were ordered to withdraw from the House?
  - (2.) If so, by whose authority was he admitted?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

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4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

Question:—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?  
 (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?  
 (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?  
 (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

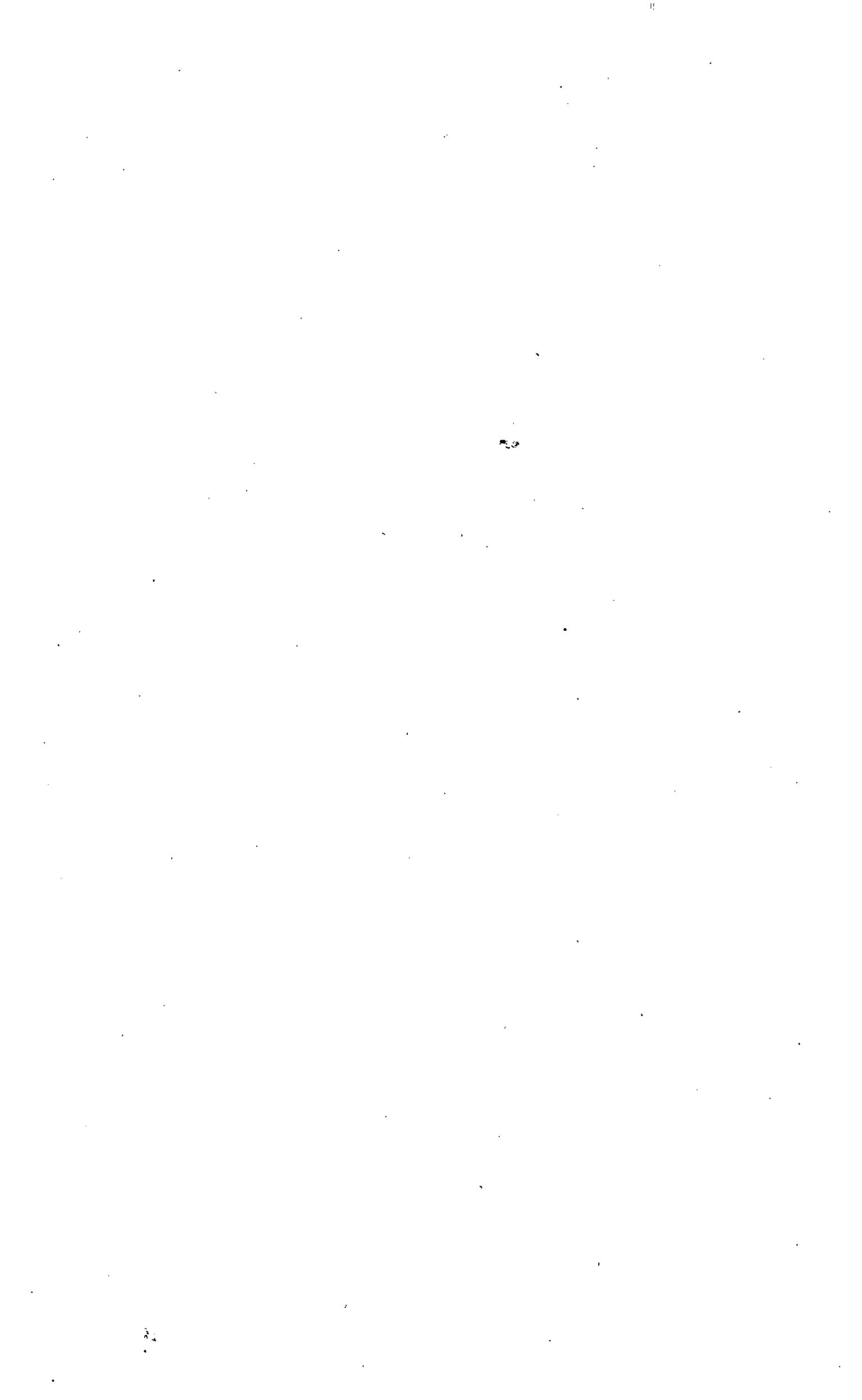
1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in reference to the removal of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, and its failure to bring the authors of this outrage to justice, notwithstanding the information in the possession of the Government, is unsatisfactory.  
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 (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.  
 (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.



New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Warders of Wagga Wagga Gaol:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Warders of Wagga Wagga Gaol have received no pay for 1871?
- (2.) Is this neglect to pay those men regularly of common occurrence?
- (3.) Will the Colonial Secretary look into this matter, with the view to the redress of so great a grievance?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think the most satisfactory mode of replying to the Honorable Member's question will be to read a minute I have received from the Sheriff on this matter. He says, "The salaries for these officers were forwarded in the regular course by cheques to the Gaoler, whose receipts therefor are in this office; for January salary, dated 8th February; and for February, 9th March. A letter, dated the 10th instant, has been received from the Gaoler, stating that the cheque for January had not reached him. I have telegraphed that he has acknowledged its receipt; and for explanation. The cheque has not been presented at the Bank, and the Manager has been requested to suspend its payment. The pay of the officers of Wagga Wagga and other Gaols is issued so soon as it can be obtained from the Treasury after the receipt of the Abstracts from the Establishments, which are never delayed in this office."

(2.) Messrs. Asher and Co.:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Is there any record in the books of the Treasury of a sum of money having been returned to Messrs. Asher and Co.?
- (2.) If this is the case, was this money paid by Asher and Co. to the Government for a license to sell spirits?
- (3.) Will the Colonial Treasurer state the reasons which caused the return of this money?
- (4.) Was there any application made to the Government for this money by a Member of this House, and was that Member in any way connected with the firm which received the returned money?
- (5.) If this is the case, will the Government give the name of the Member of this House who so acted?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Yes. £16. 3s. 3d. on 13th January, 1869.
- (2.) Yes. £20 on 23rd October, 1868, as Fee upon a wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant's License.
- (3.) As it was considered a great hardship that a License Fee should be paid for the whole year (1st January to 31st December, 1868), while the License did not recommence until 23rd October, it was recommended by the then Treasurer (Mr. Eagar), concurred in by his successor (Mr. Samuel), and decided by the Executive Council, that a refund of a portion of the amount should be made.
- (4.) Application was made by a Member of the House, who was connected with the firm of Asher and Co.
- (5.) Mr. James Hoskins.

*Captain Onslow withdrew the Question No. 3.*

(3.) Ashfield and Redfern Railway Stations:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that in repairing the approach to the platform at the Ashfield Station, the road has been made in such a manner that all the water will be thrown on to the pathway, and that the latter not having been repaired or formed, will in wet weather be more than before impassable for foot passengers?

(2.) Will the Minister see that a proper pathway is formed from the platform to the gate, and from thence to Elizabeth-street?

(3.) When will additional sitting accommodation be provided at the Redfern Station?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1. and 2.) The approach road is not finished; proper drainage will be provided when completed.

(3.) Additional sitting accommodation will be provided for in the new Station Buildings, the drawings for which are nearly completed.

(4.) Admission of a Reporter to the Ministers Room:—Mr. Hart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Reporter to the *Sydney Morning Herald* was admitted to the Ministers Room, on Thursday evening last, and was that Reporter there during the time the Solicitor General, Mr. Windeyer, delivered his speech, after strangers were ordered to withdraw from the House?

(2.) If so, by whose authority was he admitted?

Sir James Martin answered.—It is a fact that a gentleman who reports for the *Sydney Morning Herald* was in the Ministers Room on Thursday during the delivery, I believe, of all the speeches made after strangers were ordered to withdraw. I presume that this gentleman was admitted by the authority of a Minister, in the same way as it is customary to admit other strangers to that room. If his presence in that room has been the means of publishing a report of a debate which the House desired to withhold from the public, the Government regret that the circumstance should have occurred.

2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Fourteenth Annual Report of the Municipal Council of Sydney on Sewerage and Water Supply.

(2.) Despatch respecting fixing of day for celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Postage on Newspapers:—

(1.) *Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. W. Suttor, presented a Petition from Thomas Talbot Wilton, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Samuel Hawkins, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.

Petition received.

4. Stamp Duties Act Continuation Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to continue for a further period the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865."

Question put and passed.

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Question put and passed.

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Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 14th March, from Charles Boyce, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill, (*"Formal" Order of the Day*) on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain Land and Premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to Trustees upon certain Trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain Land and Premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to Trustees upon certain Trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th March, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

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

9. Ham Common Resumption Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Ham Common,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th March 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-eight minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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Form to be filled up by a selector or holder of selected land or grazing right.

## I. Selected Land.

1. Date of selection.
2. No. of acres.
3. County and Police District.
4. Post town.
5. Name of original selector.
6. Occupation of selector for 12 months previous to selection.
7. Where resident for 12 months previous to selection.
8. Name of present occupant of selection.
9. Occupation or calling of selector.
10. Date of transfer.
11. No of acres under crops.
12. Description of crops.
13. Average return per acre of different crops since first cropped.
14. Value of the improvements of the following description on selection :—
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  - (2.) Buildings.
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  - (5.) Ring barking.
  - (6.) Grass seed sowing.
  - (7.) Other improvements.
15. No. of stock owned by occupant, kept on selection :—
  - (1.) Horses.
  - (2.) Cattle.
  - (3.) Sheep.
  - (4.) Pigs.
  - (5.) Goats.
16. Amount paid up per acre.
17. Amount of interest due.
18. Amount of interest paid.
19. Approximate amount paid for surveying selection.
20. State what other selections occupant holds, either as selector or as transferee of a selector.

## II. Grazing Right.

1. Date of grant.
  2. Extent.
  3. Description of soil.
    - No. of acres fit for agriculture.
    - No. of acres only fit for grazing.
  4. Name of original grantee.
  5. Occupation or calling, and address.
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4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

Question:—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in reference to the removal of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, and its failure to bring the authors of this outrage to justice, notwithstanding the information in the possession of the Government, is unsatisfactory.
  - (2.) That this Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That no Debate shall be allowed upon any Motion for Adjournment of the House (Fridays excepted) unless previous Notice of Motion of such Adjournment shall have been given.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
Loans Account:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What course do the Government intend taking with reference to those portions of the Tailings Loan, raised by the late Government, including amounts for works already completed, and others not intended to be carried out, in this Colony, as well as Queensland?  
Mr. Lord answered,—As complete accounts have not yet been received from the Financial Agents in England, the Government cannot at present say what course they intend to take. The subject will, however, be taken into consideration at the earliest opportunity.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2):—Mr. W. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the admission of Her Majesty's subjects to serve as Volunteers under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed; and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th March.
3. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Additional Regulation, under the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, respecting re-selection of cancelled Mineral Leases.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Printing for the Council of Education ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Questions relative to printing tendered for by the Government Printer for the Council of Education, together with the replies thereto, made on the 22nd February and 9th March, 1871, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Government Printing Office.  
Question put and passed.
5. Postage on Newspapers ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. W. Suttor, on 15th March, from Thomas Talbot Wilton, relative to postage on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation:—Mr. Bowden, on behalf of Mr. Brookes (Chairman of the Committee), brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 20th September, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

7. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2) :—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to continue for a further period the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865," having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to continue for a further period the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865," and the "Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865."  
 Mr. Lord then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865,' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.  
 The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 17 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Have the Government, in dealing with the question of retrenchment, had their attention called to, or have they fully considered, the case of the Police Magistrate at Wollombi, whose salary had been virtually reduced from £400 per annum to £325 per annum before any per centage was deducted under the so called retrenchment scheme of the Government?  
 (2.) If not, are the Government prepared to reconsider the case, and to modify in any way the emoluments attached to the office in question?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House all the Correspondence that has passed between the Members of the Gold Fields Inquiry Commission and the Government relative to that Commission?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER *to move* (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Labour Bill of 1870 ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.

9. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
10. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
12. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
15. Government Savings Bank Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ECKFORD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.
2. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes, Accounts, Proclamations, Plans, &c., as to the opening of the road from Phoenix Park through the Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates, and as to the erection of a Punt-house at, and the placing of a Punt across the Paterson, at Wallalong.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Accounts Current between the Government and Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, and Co., showing the appropriation of moneys received by them from the Oriental Bank in the year 1859, and particularly the sums of £5,000 and £10,000 drawn about the 29th April and the 3rd May, in that year.
4. MR. BAWDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications received by the Government since the 1st January, 1870, for the respective appointments of Police Magistrate at Casino, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Casino, and Police Magistrate at Grafton ; together with copies of all Correspondence, Recommendations, Minutes, and other papers in reference to the appointments in question.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 21 MARCH.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE MINISTER REPRESENTING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,—How often during the year 1870 were the mails from Sydney to Braidwood, and *vice versa*, delayed in their delivery on account of floods and freshets in the Shoalhaven River ?
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to instruct the officers who may be appointed to take the ensuing Census to obtain the following information with regard to individuals who have obtained land, under the Lands Acts of 1861 ?

Form to be filled up by a selector or holder of selected land or grazing right.

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4. Post town.
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6. Occupation of selector for 12 months previous to selection.
7. Where resident for 12 months previous to selection.
8. Name of present occupant of selection.
9. Occupation or calling of selector.
10. Date of transfer.
11. No. of acres under crops.
12. Description of crops.
13. Average return per acre of different crops since first cropped.
14. Value of the improvements of the following description on selection :—
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  - (2.) Buildings.
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  - (5.) Ring barking.
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  - (7.) Other improvements.

15. No. of stock owned by occupant, kept on selection :—
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  - (2.) Cattle.
  - (3.) Sheep.
  - (4.) Pigs.
  - (5.) Goats.
16. Amount paid up per acre.
17. Amount of interest due.
18. Amount of interest paid.
19. Approximate amount paid for surveying selection.
20. State what other selections occupant holds, either as selector or as transferee of a selector.

#### II. Grazing Right.

1. Date of grant.
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3. Description of soil.
  - No. of acres fit for agriculture.
  - No. of acres only fit for grazing.
4. Name of original grantee.
5. Occupation or calling, and address.
6. Name of present holder.
7. Occupation or calling, and address.
8. Improvements :—
  - (1.) Clearing and cultivating.
  - (2.) Buildings.
  - (3.) Fencing and yards.
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(2.) If not, will the Government consider the propriety of obtaining such information ?

#### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.
2. MR. SAMUEL 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £1,000, to be paid to Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the Public Services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That this Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents relating to a free selection of land near Carcoar by one Charles Brady.
6. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

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#### WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH.

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

1. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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#### FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

#### OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad cundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

*Question:—*

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in reference to the removal of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, and its failure to bring the authors of this outrage to justice, notwithstanding the information in the possession of the Government, is unsatisfactory.
  - (2.) That this Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That no Debate shall be allowed upon any Motion for Adjournment of the House (Fridays excepted) unless previous Notice of Motion of such Adjournment shall have been given.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, dated 27th August, 1866, to the Select Committee then sitting on the "Disease in Fruit Trees," together with copies of any instructions from the Government to the same officer respecting his visiting Portugal, or other places, for the purpose of inquiring into the management and condition of fruit trees in the countries visited.
  - (2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.
  - (3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.
  - (4.) A statement of the amount of money paid by the Government for or on account of Mr. Moore's expenses, and for the importation and exportation of trees or plants exchanged in connection with this matter.
  - (5.) A copy of the letter from Don José Do Canto to the Director of the Botanic Gardens, referring to the disease in orange or fruit trees.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of "Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



## New South Wales.

No. 103.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 1871.

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

*Mr. Eckford not asking Question No. 1, it dropped.*

*Mr. Baker not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

2. Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, and Co. ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House any Accounts Current between the Government and Messrs. Lloyd, Beilby, and Co., showing the appropriation of the sums of £5,000 and £10,000 drawn from the Oriental Bank in London about the 29th April and the 3rd May, in the year 1859, and any Correspondence referring to those amounts.  
Question put and passed.
3. Police Magistrates at Casino and Grafton ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications received by the Government since the 1st January, 1870, for the respective appointments of Police Magistrate at Casino, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Casino, and Police Magistrate at Grafton; together with copies of all Correspondence, Recommendations, Minutes, and other papers in reference to the appointments in question.  
Question put and passed.
4. Marine Board Bill:—Mr. Samuel, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th September, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 28th March.
5. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill:—Mr. Allen moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week."  
Question put.—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Bawden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Buchanan,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *Affirmative*.

Original

Original Question stated.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Question put.

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Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. S. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Groville,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Dodds,	

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 31st March.

6. Religious Opinions Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 31st March.

Debate ensued,—

And the Honorable the Minister for Lands (Mr. Wilson) having—in referring to the Honorable Member for East Sydney, Mr. Buchanan—used certain words which were immediately excepted to,—those words were, at the instance of Mr. Buchanan, taken down by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—"The Honorable Member never told the truth in his life, except by accident."

Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved, That the words used by the Honorable the Minister for Lands, and read by the Speaker, are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn.

And a discussion arising thereon,—

Mr. Wilson retracted the words excepted to, and apologised to the House for having used them, and then withdrew.

And Mr. Buchanan proceeding to address the Speaker,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bawden, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-six minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH.

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6. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
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8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
10. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
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11. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
12. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
13. Government Savings Bank Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
14. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; adoption of Report.
4. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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## WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## Question:—

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1. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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  - (4.) A statement of the amount of money paid by the Government for or on account of Mr. Moore's expenses, and for the importation and exportation of trees or plants exchanged in connection with this matter.
  - (5.) A copy of the letter from Don José Do Canto to the Director of the Botanic Gardens, referring to the disease in orange or fruit trees.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Postal Communication with Braidwood :—Mr. Greville asked the Minister representing the Post Office Department, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—How often during the year 1870 were the mails from Sydney to Braidwood, and *vice versa*, delayed in their delivery on account of floods and freshets in the Shoalhaven River?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

Sydney to Braidwood	...	...	...	...	...	49 times
Braidwood to Sydney	...	...	...	...	...	22 „
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The large number of delays on the down journey arose from the Contractor neglecting to provide an additional conveyance to take the mails into Braidwood as soon as they reached and crossed the Shoalhaven River, in consequence of which the mails from Sydney had to remain at the river until the coach arrived from Braidwood and returned with the mails to Braidwood.

*Captain Onslow not asking the Question No. 2, it dropped.*

2. Telegraphic Communication with the Manning River District :—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Manning River District, alleging that they suffer hardship in being denied a line of Telegraph from Port Macquarie; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
3. Postage on Newspapers :—
- (1.) Mr. Smith presented a Petition from James Florence M'Carthy, Newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Joseph Weston, Newspaper proprietor, to the same effect.  
Petition received.
4. Motions Withdrawn :—
- (1.) Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
- (2.) *Mr. Weaver*, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Dodds No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day

5. Vote of Credit:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, in the year 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870; and to meet certain other claims of an urgent character for which the monthly rate is not sufficient.

Government House,  
Sydney, 21 March, 1871.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

6. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Dropped:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd not making the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
8. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £1,000, to be paid to Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the Public Services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Eckford,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. R. Forster,

Tellers.

Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 17.

Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. S. Brown,  
Mr. King,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Bawden,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Weaver,

Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Lacey,  
Mr. Speer,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Wearne.

9. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Buchanan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
10. Gaols:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the state and management of the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, and Berrima, respectively.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Bell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. Conditional Purchase of Charles Bradley:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 5, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents relating to a free selection of land near Carcoar by one Charles Bradley.  
Question put and passed.
12. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill:—Mr. Eckford having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to dissolve the Maitland District Council and to repeal the Maitland Road Trust Acts,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
13. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday next.  
No. 2, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 31st March.
14. Labour Bill of 1870:—On motion of Mr. Stewart the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

15. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 4, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday next.  
No. 5, by Mr. Samuel, until Friday next.  
No. 6, by Mr. Samuel, until Friday, 31st March.  
No. 7, by Mr. R. Forster, until Tuesday next.  
No. 8, by Mr. R. Forster, until Tuesday, 4th April.  
No. 9, by Mr. S. Brown, until Tuesday next.  
No. 10, by Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.  
No. 11, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 7th April.  
No. 12, by Mr. Samuel, until Friday, 31st March.

16. **Government Savings Bank Bill**:—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to some, and disagreed to others of the said amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report.
17. **Postponement**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Religious Opinions Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Friday, 7th April.
18. **Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill**:—On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,* Speaker.  
*Sydney, 21st March, 1871.*
19. **Supply**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered,* on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House,*) that the said Resolution be now received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(11.) *Resolved,*—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £135,300, for the services of 1871 and the previous year; being £125,300 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and services of the Colony from the 1st to the 31st of March, 1871; £7,500 to defray the expense of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* San Francisco, for the nine months ended the 31st December, 1870, and the sum of £2,500 to defray the like expense for the three months ending 31st March, 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
20. **Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill**:—Mr. Robertson moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.  
Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of considering a new clause to stand clause 4 of the Bill."  
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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of considering a new clause to stand clause 4 of the Bill,—put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
21. **Postponement**:—The Order of the day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Tuesday, 4th April.
22. **Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill**:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales, having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved,*—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the Service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.  
Mr. Robertson then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the Service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales,*"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 29th March.
- The House adjourned at Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER *to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply)*, That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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THURSDAY, 23 MARCH.

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FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Have the Government, in dealing with the question of retrenchment, had their attention called to, or have they fully considered, the case of the Police Magistrate at Wollombi, whose salary had been virtually reduced from £400 per annum to £335 per annum before any per centage was deducted under the retrenchment scheme of the Government?

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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, " That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line " from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
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4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
6. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for " Conditional Selection " in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 : Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever : Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land : Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on " Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1871.

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

*Mr. Greville not asking the Question standing in his name, it dropped.*

2. Short's Marriage Dissolution Bill—Divorce Bills:—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee:—

"The Standing Orders Committee, to whom was referred on the 21st February, 1871, 'The Bill to dissolve the Marriage between John Henry Short and Mary Elizabeth Short, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the Standing Orders which should be adopted by this House for dealing with this and other Divorce Bills',—have agreed to the following Report:—

"Your Committee having given the subject so referred to them their best consideration, and being of opinion that certain Rules of Practice should be defined with reference to the conduct of Divorce Bills through Select Committee, beg leave to recommend, for the adoption of your Honorable House, the following proposed New Standing Orders.

"(1.) Every Petition presented to Parliament, praying for a Dissolution of Marriage, shall contain an allegation that an action for damages has been brought in one of Her Majesty's Courts of Record against the persons supposed to have been guilty of adultery, and that judgment for the plaintiff has been had thereupon; or allege why such action has not been brought.

"(2.) The Select Committee on a Divorce Bill shall require evidence to be given of the judgment in such action, and a certified copy of the record shall be given in evidence before the said Committee, or sufficient cause to be shown, to the satisfaction of the said Committee, why such action was not brought, or such judgment was not obtained.

"Your Committee are further of opinion that power should be given to Committees on Divorce and other Private Bills to examine and compel the attendance of witnesses, and that false evidence should be punishable as perjury."

" W. M. ARNOLD,  
" Chairman."

" *Speaker's Room,  
" 22nd March, 1871.*"

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington to be printed, and that the proposed New Standing Orders be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into certain charges against the late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee. (*See Answer to Question (3) in Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 14th March, 1871.*)

4. Postage on Newspapers ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st March, from Joseph Weston, Newspaper Proprietor, relative to the postal charge on newspapers, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st March, from James Florence M'Carthy, Newspaper Proprietor, relative to the postal charge on newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Telegraphic Communication with the Manning River District ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st March, from certain Electors of the Manning River District, praying for extension of telegraphic communication to that District, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2).—On motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1871 and the previous year, the sum of £135,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st to the 31st March, 1871, to defray the expense of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* San Francisco, for the nine months ended 31st December, 1870, and to defray the like expense for the three months ending 31st March, 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 10, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871, and of the previous year.
8. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871, and of the previous year,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Wednesday next.
10. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*see entry 7 above*) having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

## TABLE.

- (11.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty, from and after the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, in lieu of the existing Customs Duties upon the several Articles, Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the Colony, hereunder mentioned, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, the Duties of Customs specified against each (including all such of these Goods as are now in Bond), namely:—

	s.	d.
Spirits—		
On all kinds of Spirits imported into the Colony, the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer ... ..	the proof gallon	10 0
On all Spirits and Spirituous Compounds imported into the Colony, the strength of which cannot be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer ...	per liquid gallon	10 0
Methylated Spirits ... ..	"	2 0
Wines—Sparkling ... ..	"	6 0
" Other kinds ... ..	"	4 0
Beer, Ale, Porter, Spruce or other Beers, Cider and Perry; in wood or jar	"	0 6
" " " " " " " " " " " "	"	0 9
Cigars ... ..	per lb.	5 0
Snuff ... ..	"	2 0
Tobacco—Manufactured ... ..	"	2 0
" Unmanufactured ... ..	"	1 0
" Sheepwash ... ..	"	0 3
		Opium

	s.	d.
Opium (including all goods, wares, and merchandise, mixed or saturated with Opium, or with any preparation or solution thereof, or steeped therein) ... ..	per lb.	10 0
Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, Chocolate ... ..	"	0 3
Tea ... ..	"	0 3
Sugar—Raw ... ..	per cwt.	5 0
Refined ... ..	"	6 8
Molasses and Treacle ... ..	"	3 4
Grain and Pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated (wheat excepted)	"	0 9
Grain and Pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated, when ground, or in any way prepared or manufactured (wheaten flour excepted)	"	1 0
Confits, Confectionery, Succades ... ..	per lb.	0 1½
Alkali, Soda Ash, Caustic Soda ... ..	per ton	20 0
Soda Crystals ... ..	"	20 0
Cordage, Rope, Lead Pipe or Sheet, Nails and Screws, Paints, Galvanized Iron in bars, bundles, or sheets, or corrugated ... ..	"	40 0
Acids, Vinegar, Oils, except specially exempted ... ..	per gallon	0 6
Turpentine ... ..	"	1 0
Varnish ... ..	"	2 0
Arrowroot, Starch, Blue, Sago, Tapioca, Ginger, Blasting Powder, Salt and Dried Fish, Maizena, Corn Flour, Jams, Jellies, Nuts of all kinds (except Cocoa-nuts), Mustard, Biscuits, Dates, Preserves, Preserved Meats, Fish, and Vegetables ... ..	per lb.	0 1
Sporting Powder ... ..	"	0 3
Shot ... ..	per cwt.	5 0
Bags and Sacks ... ..	per doz.	1 0
Gunny Bags ... ..	"	0 6
Butter, Cheese, Dried Fruits, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pepper, Spices, Bacon, and Hams ... ..	per lb.	0 2
Candles ... ..	"	0 1
Cement ... ..	per barrel	2 0
Bottled Fruits, quarts ... ..	per dozen	2 0
"    pints and smaller packages ... ..	"	1 0
Rice ... ..	per ton	60 0
Whiting, Chalk, Pig, Bar, Rod-plate, Sheet, Bundle, and Hoop Iron ... ..	"	10 0
Iron Wire, Iron Pipes, Rough Iron Castings, Chains, Salt, Saltpetre, Steel	"	20 0
Malt ... ..	per bushel	0 6
Hops ... ..	per lb.	0 3
Soap—Common ... ..	per ton	40 0
Fancy ... ..	"	120 0
Timber—Dressed ... ..	per 100 feet super.	2 0
Rough and Undressed ... ..	"	1 0
Palings ... ..	per 100	1 0
Shingles, Laths ... ..	per 1,000	1 0
Sashes, Doors, Shutters ... ..	each	1 0
Spades, Shovels, Picks, Axes ... ..	per doz.	2 0
Oilmen's Stores—Sauces and Pickles, quarts ... ..	"	1 0
"    "    pints, and smaller quantities ... ..	"	0 6
Iron Tanks ... ..	each	5 0
Galvanized Manufactures ... ..	per cwt.	3 0
Zinc ... ..	"	4 0
Zinc, in sheets or rolls ... ..	"	2 0
Woolpacks ... ..	each	0 3
Paper—Writing and Fancy ... ..	per lb.	0 1
Brown and Wrapping ... ..	per cwt.	3 4

On the several Articles, Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the Colony, not included in the foregoing lists, nor enumerated in the appended Schedule of Exemptions, 5 ¢ cent. ad valorem.

#### FREE LIST.

Wheat, Wheaten Flour, Animals (living), Anchors and Cables, Beche-le-mer, Sandalwood, Cocoa-nuts, Sulphur, Sperm, Black, and Cocoa-nut Oils, Crude Petroleum, Fibre, Cocoa Fibre, Pulu, Copra, Lime-juice, South Sea Island Produce (except specially rated), Gold and Silver, in Coin, Bar, or Dust, Ores, Raw Cotton, Cotton Wick and Waste, Old Sails, Old Rope, Old Iron, Unmanufactured Copper, Old Metals, Dolomite, Guano and Manures, Fresh Meat and Fish, Kaurie Gum, Curiosities, Old Casks, Hides, Horns, Hair, Skins, Bristles, Wool, Tallow and Animal Oils, Bones, and Bone Products, Whalebone, Dyers Materials, Rags, and Paper-making Materials (raw), Flax, Hemp, Flock, Military and Naval Stores, Oakum, Pitch, Tar, Resin, Oars, Printed Books, Seeds for Garden purposes, Plants, Trees, and Shrubs, Green Fruit and Vegetables, Rattans and Canes, Shooks and Staves, Mill and Grindstones, Rough Stone and Marble unmanufactured, Paving Stones, Ships Ballast, Tortoiseshell, Yams, Yellow Metal and Yellow Metal Rods and Nails, Sheathing-felt, Coal and Coke, Passengers Luggage and Effects, Packages in which goods are usually imported, Specimens of Natural History.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH, 1871, A.M.

Mr. Lord moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Driver moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Question,—That the Resolution be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Resolution read a second time.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Sir James Martin moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

11. Government Savings Bank Bill:—Mr. Samuel moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 26th October, 1870, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Government Savings Bank Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in pages 1 and 2, clauses 1, 2, and 4.

Agrees to the amendments in page 2, clause 5, line 28.

Disagrees to the latter part of the amendment in page 2, clause 5, line 29, viz.:—"shall so soon as the same shall from time to time amount to the sum of five thousand pounds,"—and disagrees to the amendment in line 29, and the amendment in lines 30 to 32, in the same clause,—

Because whilst the Government guarantee interest on deposits, they would be unable to invest and receive interest on such moneys so deposited until the same amounted to £5,000,—and because it may not at all times be possible to invest in Government securities, as they may not be held for sale by the Government or be obtainable in the local market—in such event it would then be desirable to lodge such moneys for a limited period with the local Banks on interest, until Government securities can be obtained.

Agrees to the amendment in page 2, clause 5, line 37.

Agrees to the amendments in page 3, clauses 10, 11, and 13.

Disagrees to the amendment in page 4, omitting clause 15,—Because it is conceived to be only just that the expenses of the administration of the Act should be paid out of the moneys received under its authority, as provision is therein made guaranteeing payment of all deposits, interest thereon, and any deficiency, should such arise, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 23rd March, 1871, A.M.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BAUDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the returns relative to "Land Statistics," ordered by this House on the 7th December last, be laid upon the Table?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the Government had occasion to find fault with the management of the Intestate Estates Department of the Supreme Court?
  - (2.) Has the Government discovered any irregularities or mismanagement in the above department; and if so, will the Government state the nature of those irregularities?
  - (3.) Has the Government directed the Government Inspector of Accounts, or any other officer, to inquire into this matter; and if so, has the Government received any report from its officer, and will the Government lay that report upon the Table of the House?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If the sum of £300 appropriated for the purpose of fencing the new road from Windsor to the Riverston Railway Station has been duly expended; and if not, what is the intention of the Government with regard to this Vote?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

- GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2) ; third reading.
2. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3) ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Lord, That the Tariff Resolution be now agreed to.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

## Question:—

1. MR. ECKFORD to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Have the Government, in dealing with the question of retrenchment, had their attention called to, or have they fully considered, the case of the Police Magistrate at Wollombi, whose salary had been virtually reduced from £400 per annum to £335 per annum before any per centage was deducted under the retrenchment scheme of the Government?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
8. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Standing Orders proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes, Accounts, Proclamations, Plans, &c., as to the opening of the road from Phoenix Park through the Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates, and as to the erection of a Punt-house at, and the placing of a Punt across the Paterson, at Wallalong.

## TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

## Question:—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in reference to the removal of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, and its failure to bring the authors of this outrage to justice, notwithstanding the information in the possession of the Government, is unsatisfactory.
  - (2.) That this Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
2. CAPTAIN ONSLOW to move, That no Debate shall be allowed upon any Motion for Adjournment of the House (Fridays excepted) unless previous Notice of Motion of such Adjournment shall have been given.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move,
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
  - (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during this Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, dated 27th August, 1866, to the Select Committee then sitting on the "Disease in Fruit Trees," together with copies of any instructions from the Government to the same officer respecting his visiting Portugal, or other places, for the purpose of inquiring into the management and condition of fruit trees in the countries visited.

(2.)

- (2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.
- (3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.
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WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

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6. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
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  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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 FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- 2 Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Land Statistics :—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the returns relative to "Land Statistics," ordered by this House on the 7th December last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The return will require a great deal of labour in the compilation. It is being gone on with, but I am sorry to say that, in consequence of there being so many returns in hand, it will be some little time before it can be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Intestate Estates Department :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No 2,—

(1.) Has the Government had occasion to find fault with the management of the Intestate Estates Department of the Supreme Court?

(2.) Has the Government discovered any irregularities or mismanagement in the above Department; and if so, will the Government state the nature of those irregularities?

(3.) Has the Government directed the Government Inspector of Accounts, or any other officer, to inquire into this matter; and if so, has the Government received any report from its officer, and will the Government lay that report upon the Table of the House?

Sir James Martin answered,—On the 8th July last the Colonial Secretary, at the instance of the Attorney General, caused an examination to be made by the Inspector of Accounts into the books of Mr. Crouch, the clerk in charge of the Intestacy Accounts under the Curator. On the 6th January last, the Inspector reported certain irregularities and defalcations on the part of Mr. Crouch, which defalcations the Curator has been called upon to make good. Certain recommendations were made by the Inspector, to ensure greater accuracy, which recommendations have been directed to be carried into effect. The Inspector's report is a very long one, and I do not think it would be of any advantage to the public to print it.

- (3.) Road from Windsor to Riverston Railway Station :—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If the sum of £300 appropriated for the purpose of fencing the new road from Windsor to the Riverston Railway Station has been duly expended; and if not, what is the intention of the Government with regard to this Vote?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The £300 has been paid to Mr. A. H. M'Culloch as compensation for the fencing of this road, but I am not in a position to say whether the fencing has been commenced or not.

2. Tolls at Camperdown Toll-gate :—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from certain Residents of Ashfield, Enfield, &c., complaining of the rates of Toll levied at the Toll-gate at Camperdown; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.

3. Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill, No. 2 ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intitled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.'"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd March, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Assent to Ham Common Resumption Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 23.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption and re-dedication of Ham Common,*" 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, 23rd March, 1871.*

5. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3) :—Mr. Lord 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. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd March, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (2.) Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable 'the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain Land and Premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to 'Trustees upon certain Trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said 'land,'*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd March, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

7. Postponement :—The Order of the day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.

8. Ways and Means :—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Lord, That the Resolution No. 11 (Tariff) from the Committee of Ways and Means be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. King,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Stephen.

Noes, 13.

Mr. S. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Church.
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Butler,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 24 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Have the Government, in dealing with the question of retrenchment, had their attention called to, or have they fully considered, the case of the Police Magistrate at Wollombi, whose salary had been virtually reduced from £400 per annum to £335 per annum before any per centage was deducted under the retrenchment scheme of the Government?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a patient was lately refused admission to the Infirmary, and that the same patient was shortly afterwards found dead in Hyde Park?
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*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. DRIVER *to move* (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queambeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
8. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes, Accounts, Proclamations, Plans, &c., as to the opening of the road from Phoenix Park through the Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates, and as to the erection of a Punt-house at, and the placing of a Punt across the Paterson, at Wallalong.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3); third reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
  - (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
  - (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
  - (4.) The character of the School—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

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  - (2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.
  - (3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

## WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

## FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."

2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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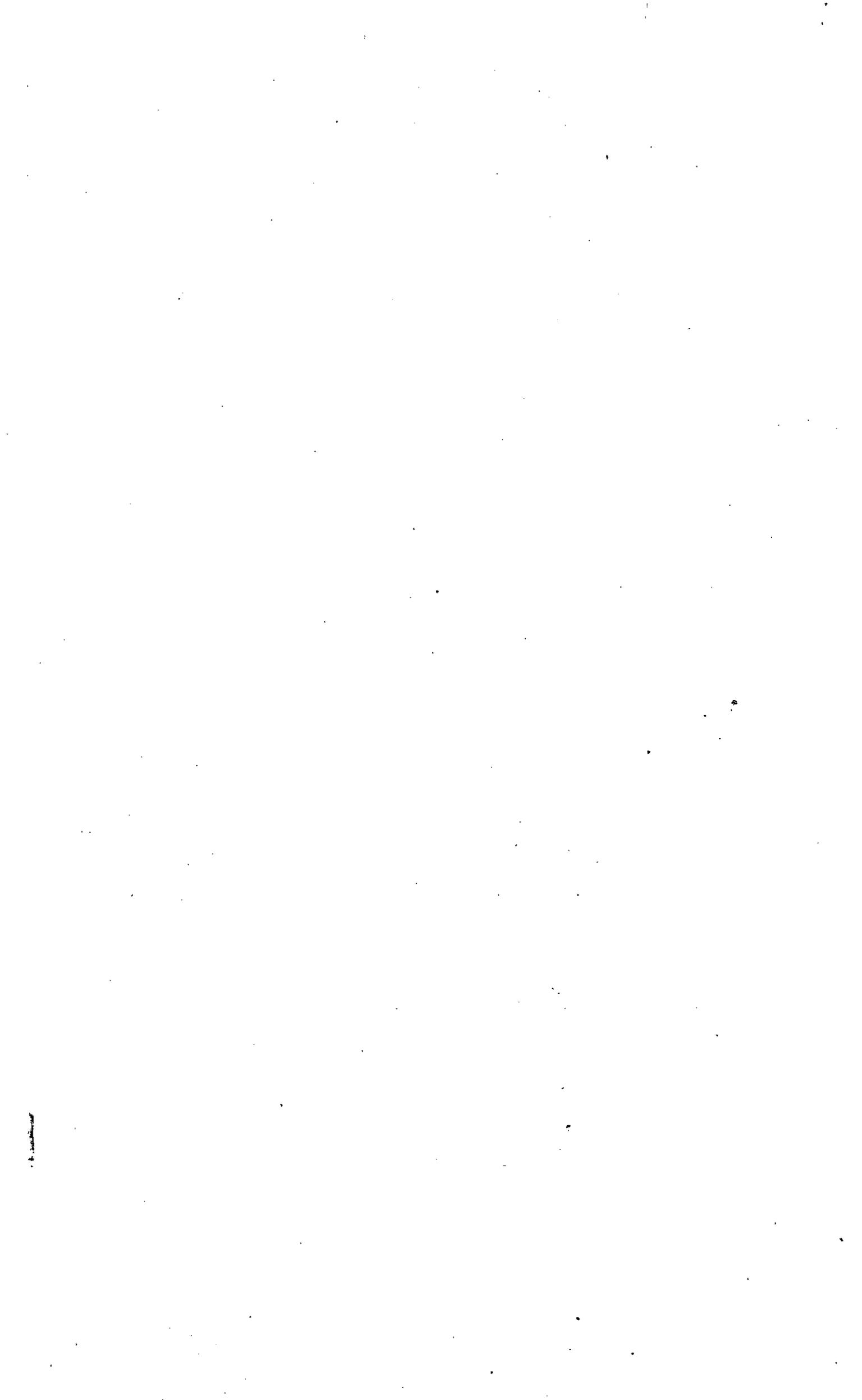
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New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY, 24 MARCH, 1871.

There being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Bawden, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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6. Official Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
9. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.

11. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
12. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
13. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
14. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3) ; third reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
5. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
6. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 : Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever : Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions

conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

3. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Public Schools:—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What sums of money have been expended by the Council of Education on the various schools throughout the Colony?
- (2.) The date on which each sum was advanced?
- (3.) The locality in which each school aided by the Council of Education is situated?
- (4.) The character of the school—whether Public or Denominational—and where Denominational, the particular denomination of each school?

Mr. Robertson answered,—On the 7th instant I received from the Council of Education a letter, in the following words—"The Council of Education will most willingly supply the information requested, if sufficient time be allowed for the purpose; but as the answers to these inquiries would involve an entire transcription of the Council's ledgers for the years 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870, comprising about 50,000 items, it has not been found possible to furnish them in the short period that has elapsed since notice was received on the subject.—W. WILKINS, Secretary."

Yesterday I caused a communication to be made to the Council, as a reminder, and received the following reply:—

"On reference to my B. C. Memorandum of the 7th instant, No. 71-1927, it will be observed that, regarding Mr. Leary's questions as intended to apply to all expenditure on account of Schools, and not to School buildings merely, it was stated that it would be necessary to transcribe the ledgers of this Department for the years 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870. This work it is estimated will occupy two efficient clerks at least six weeks, and will fill about four reams of closely ruled paper. The staff of the office has been engaged during the current month in preparing the Council's Annual Report, which is required by the Public Schools Act to be rendered to the Government by the 31st instant, and was consequently unable to compile the information asked for. It is not in the power of the Council to afford any further reply at present; but the preparation of the information sought will be proceeded with at once.—W. WILKINS, Secretary."

Now, I am inclined to the opinion that this information will be very valuable, and will therefore take steps to obtain it.

- (2.) Police Magistrate at Wollombi:—Mr. Eckford asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the Government, in dealing with the question of retrenchment, had their attention called to, or have they fully considered, the case of the Police Magistrate at Wollombi, whose salary had been virtually reduced from £400 per annum to £335 per annum, before any per centage was deducted under the retrenchment scheme of the Government?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government have not had their attention called to, nor have they considered this case more fully than any of the other cases included in their proposals for retrenchment. The Police Magistrate at the Wollombi was Clerk of Petty Sessions there, with a salary of £175, before his appointment to his present office. On his appointment as Police Magistrate his salary was fixed at £300, being £100 less than his predecessor, but being also an increase of £125 on his own former salary. The reduction proposed in the Estimates is on the salary of £300. This gentleman, in addition to his salary as Police Magistrate, is Land Agent, for which office he receives pay. He also receives certain allowances for attending at Ellalong.

(3.)

(3.) Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is it true that a patient was lately refused admission to the Infirmary, and that the same patient was shortly afterwards found dead in Hyde Park?
- (2.) Had this patient applied more than once for admission to the Infirmary?
- (3.) Why was his application refused?
- (4.) Were there any patients accommodated on the floor of any of the wards when the patient referred to was refused admission?
- (5.) Is there no officer of the Infirmary to ascertain whether patients, refused admission as this man was, are in a dying state or not?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to hold the person who refused this patient admission responsible for his death?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) This cannot be answered at present, as the deceased person cannot be identified. Patients are, however, refused occasionally from the want of beds, and from the unfitness of certain cases.
- (2 and 3.) Cannot be answered, for reasons given in reply to question No. 1. I may add that further inquiry shall be made through the police in order to identify the deceased.
- (4.) Patients are never accommodated on the floors of the Infirmary.
- (5.) Applicants for admission are always examined by some of the Honorary Staff of the Infirmary, who alone are responsible for their refusal.
- (6.) Up to this time the Government have no knowledge of any such refusal, but it is not my purpose to leave this matter in its present state, if I can find out who the deceased was, and the circumstances of his case.

2. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, By-Laws of the Borough of Redfern.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Postage on Newspapers :—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Messrs Balmer and Hobson, Newspaper Proprietors, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.

4. Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker—Gold Fields South :—Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Treasury the three vouchers handed in to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications on 21st October, 1870, being Appendices B 1, 2, 3, to Report on "Seat of Ezekiel Alexander Baker—Gold Fields South."  
Question put and passed.

5. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill :—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from the Rev. Patrick Dunne, of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,—  
And Mr. Fitzpatrick having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Yass Courier*, newspapers, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of March 1871, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.

6. Road from Phoenix Park through Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates—Punt at Wallalong ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Eckford, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers, Letters, Minutes, Accounts, Proclamations, Plans, &c., as to the opening of the road from Phoenix Park through the Wallalong and Bowthorne Estates, and as to the erection of a Punt-house at, and the placing of a Punt across the Paterson, at Wallalong.  
Question put and passed.

7. Tolls at Camperdown Toll-gate ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd March, from certain Residents at Ashfield, Enfield, &c., praying for a reduction in the rates of toll levied at the Camperdown Toll-gate, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

8. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill, No. 3 ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and of the previous year.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and of the previous year,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th March, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Treasury Bills :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 24.

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding three hundred and forty-three thousand and two hundred pounds, to provide for the payment at maturity of Treasury Bills issued under the authority of the "Treasury Bills Act of 1870," the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th March, 1871.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Ways and Means.

10. The late Honorable Daniel Egan :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in reference to the removal of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel Egan, Postmaster General, and its failure to bring the authors of this outrage to justice, notwithstanding the information in the possession of the Government, is unsatisfactory.
- (2.) That this Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," in the first Resolution, with a view to inserting in their place the words "a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report to this House upon the alleged removal of the remains of the late Daniel Egan, Esquire.
- "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Captain Onslow, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Leary, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hart, Mr. Wearne, and the Mover."
- Debate continued.
- Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Tellers.
Mr. King,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Eckford,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Samuel,	Tellers.
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. W. Forster,	

Original Question then put, and negatived.

11. Motion Dropped :—Captain Onslow not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. Internal Communication :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of internal communication in this country calls for the prompt and energetic attention of the Government.
- (2.) That a measure should be introduced by the Government during "this" Session of Parliament with the view of effectually providing for the improvement of communication with the interior.
- (3.) That an Address embodying these Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.

Mr. Byrnes moved, That the question be amended, by omitting the word "this" in the second Resolution, with a view to inserting in its place the words "the next."

Debate continued.

Mr. Lackey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next, then to take precedence of all other business.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	Tellers.
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Weaver,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Baker,
Captain Onslow,	Tellers.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Driver.

Main Question stated.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hoskins,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hill,	Tellers.
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Church.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Wilson,	Tellers.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Baker,	

Original

Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Buchanan,	

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Lucas,	

13. Importation of Fruit Trees :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A copy of a letter from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, dated 27th August, 1866, to the Select Committee then sitting on the "Disease in Fruit Trees," together with copies of any instructions from the Government to the same officer respecting his visiting Portugal, or other places, for the purpose of inquiring into the management and condition of fruit trees in the countries visited.

(2.) A statement of the number and description of fruit trees received at the Botanic Gardens from Don José Do Canto, the date of their reception, the number of trees propagated from them annually, the manner of their distribution, the names of the persons to whom they have been distributed, and where the original trees are kept, if in the possession of the Government, and if not in the possession of the Government, who has them, or to whom, and upon what terms were they given, and by what authority were they disposed of.

(3.) A catalogue of the specimens of plants returned to Don José Do Canto in exchange for the trees presented by him to the Botanic Gardens.

(4.) A statement of the amount of money paid by the Government for or on account of Mr. Moore's expenses, and for the importation and exportation of trees or plants exchanged in connection with this matter.

(5.) A copy of the letter from Don José Do Canto to the Director of the Botanic Gardens, referring to the disease in orange or fruit trees.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Has the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates made any charges against the late Registrar, Archibald Campbell?

(2.) What was the nature of these charges?

(3.) Was there a Board appointed to inquire into this matter; and if so, what decision did said Board arrive at?

(4.) Did the Executive Council come to any conclusion on the subject; and if so, what?

2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—

(1.) How much money has been expended on the Sydney Fortifications up to this date?

(2.) Has the Government expended this money with or without the sanction of Parliament?

(3.) What was the cost of the Exhibition or Review which took place last Saturday?

(4.) Was this money expended with or without Parliamentary sanction?

3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to deduct from the salaries of the Civil Servants four per cent. for the Superannuation Fund, as well as five per cent. and seven per cent. by way of retrenchment?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the question of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund this Session?

4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter that portion of the Main Western Road near Molong, called Smith's Lane; if so, by what or whose authority has the alteration been deemed necessary?

(2.) Have the inhabitants of Molong ever petitioned Government to have the road altered; if not, by what authority has the Government deemed it necessary to make any alteration?

(3.) Has the Government entered into any contract or other stipulation with any person in regard to this part of the road, or the intended alterations that are to be made; if so, will the Government give the name of the person, and specify the nature of the contract or agreement entered into?

(4.)

- (4.) Is the Government aware that the inhabitants of Molong, by Petition some few years back, protested against any alteration being made in this portion of the Main Western Road, as it would deprive the public of their right and use of the water frontage to the Molong Creek, if the intended alteration be carried out?
- (5.) Is it usual for the Government to cause alterations to be made in roads, except by Petition; if not, has the Government received any Petition in the present case, and from whom?
- (6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table a copy of all papers or other communications that have passed between any person and the Government, in regard to this matter?
- (7.) In the event of the road being altered, does the Government intend to expend any money on the new road in making it passable for teams during the wet weather; if so, how much?
- (8.) How much money has the Government caused (within the last three or four years) to be expended in repairing the present portion of this road, and will the money so expended thereon be of any use to the public if the new line of road be adopted?
- (9.) Is the Government aware that the new line of road (now marked out) will be worse in wet weather than the old one, and will it not be the means of depriving the public of nearly two miles of frontage to the Molong Creek?
- (10.) Does the Government intend to compensate Mr. Chas. Blakefield and Mrs. Hellin for taking the new line of road through their private land?
5. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that Maize, the produce of the Tweed River, in this Colony, and shipped to this port *via* Brisbane, in the Colony of Queensland, will have to be transhipped to Melbourne, owing to its being shut out from this market, in consequence of the duty now charged upon Grain?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to give instructions that all such shipments, the produce of this Colony, *via* Queensland, shall be admitted into the ports of New South Wales duty free?
6. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Did the Wagga Wagga Bench, on or about the 31st of January last, grant the licensee of the "Wallace Town Inn" a license for another public-house in the town of Wagga Wagga?
- (2.) Was a man named Keefe, or O'Keefe, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 14th of February last, for selling liquors without a license in the "Wallace Town Inn" after the departure of the former licensee from the house?
- (3.) Did Mr. George Forsyth, a Magistrate of the Wagga Wagga Bench, and the holder of a wholesale spirit license, swear on that occasion that the "Wallace Town Inn" was his property, and that the convicted man Keefe was his servant, and had been placed by him in the "Wallace Town Inn" to sell liquors without a license?
- (4.) Was the fine imposed upon Mr. Forsyth's servant remitted upon the recommendation of the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates recommending its remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?
- (5.) Was Mr. Lakeman, the accredited agent of Mr. Warby, a wholesale spirit dealer of Hay, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 30th of September last, for selling and delivering a case of gin to a publican at Narandera?
- (6.) Was the Petition of Mr. Warby, praying for the remission of the fine, reported against by the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates reporting against the remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?
7. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a judicious stream of Immigration to this Colony?
8. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Do the Government intend to introduce any new taxation by which to raise an equivalent amount to that intended to have been raised by the doubling of the *Ad Valorem* Duties, the proposed tax on wheat and flour, and the other proposed taxes to which the Committee of Ways and Means have refused assent?
- (2.) If so, what are the taxes to be proposed?
- (3.) If not, what course do the Government intend to take in reference to the instalment of the Deficiency Loan due this year, and the amount of deficiency at the end of last year, as shown by the statement of Ways and Means laid upon the Table of this House?
9. MR. CHURCH to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When do the Government purpose appointing a Police Magistrate and Gold Commissioner for Gulgong?
10. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the equalization of the representation of the Colony; if so, when?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—
- (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAWDEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th March, from Messrs. Balmer and Hobson, Newspaper proprietors, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.
2. MR. FITZPATRICK to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell a portion of the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
3. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
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THURSDAY, 30 MARCH.

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  - (1.) Has the £50 that was granted some time since for clearing roads from Norahville to the Coast been expended, and under whose supervision?
  - (2.) If so, has the amount been paid?
  - (3.) Was the amount paid upon the authority of the first Committee appointed, or was not another individual appointed for the purpose of signing cheques for the amount, consequent upon the refusal of one of the Committee to sign cheques for work he knew nothing whatever of the performance of?
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  - (1.) How long has a Life-boat been stationed at Bungaree Norah?
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  - (2.) If such reports have been received, will the Secretary for Lands state their purport, and whether the Government intend to act upon them?
  - (3.) If such reports have not been made, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is his intention to cause the question of the necessity for the public interest for small gold fields to be proclaimed to be inquired into without delay?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government contemplate constructing a branch line of rail from the White Gate Crossing on the Maitland Road to a proposed wharf on Bullock Island; and if so, for what purpose?

*OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—*

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
2. Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

*OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

*ORDER OF THE DAY :—*

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.

*GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—*

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, 11 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney ; such statement to particularize—
    - (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured ; their currency in each case ; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received ; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.
    - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.
    - (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.
    - (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
    - (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
    - (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
    - (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.
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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
    - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
    - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
    - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Mr. Archibald Campbell, late Registrar in Insolvency :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates made any charges against the late Registrar, Archibald Campbell ?

(2.) What was the nature of these charges ?

(3.) Was there a Board appointed to inquire into this matter; and if so, what decision did said Board arrive at ?

(4.) Did the Executive Council come to any conclusion on the subject; and if so, what ?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Chief Commissioner made certain complaints against the late Registrar, Mr. Archibald Campbell, charging him with numerous acts and omissions showing inefficiency, which was attributable to two distinct causes, namely, a defect of legal competency and training, and the infirmities of advancing years. A Board of Inquiry was appointed, and they reported that nothing seriously reprehensible was proved against Mr. Campbell; they did not, however, think he possessed the necessary legal knowledge and training required for certain portions of his duties; but they stated that the highest character was given as to his ability as an accountant, to which office he was originally appointed. They recommended that his services as accountant be continued, and that he should be relieved from other duties. The death of Mr. Campbell appears to have occurred before any action was taken by the Government on the Report. Upon an examination by Mr. Thomson, the Inspector of Public Accounts, certain deficiencies were found to exist in Mr. Campbell's accounts, which it would appear were made good by the retention of some salary due to Mr. Campbell at the time of his death.

- (2.) The Fortifications :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) How much money has been expended on the Sydney Fortifications up to this date ?

(2.) Has the Government expended this money with or without the sanction of Parliament ?

(3.) What was the cost of the Exhibition or Review which took place last Saturday ?

(4.) Was this money expended with or without Parliamentary sanction ?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) £15,450 19s. 8d.

(2.) With Parliamentary sanction.

(3.) The amount cannot be stated at present, but the information will be given as speedily as possible.

(4.) No money has been expended without Parliamentary sanction.

- (3.) Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to deduct from the salaries of the Civil Servants four per cent. for the Superannuation Fund, as well as five per cent. and seven per cent. by way of retrenchment ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to deal with the question of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund this Session ?

Mr.

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) The deductions directed by the Superannuation Act will continue to be made, and they will be calculated on the salary to be paid.
- (2.) The Government have not determined to deal with the Civil Service Superannuation Fund this Session.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 4.*

- (4.) Importation of Maize :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that Maize, the produce of the Tweed River, in this Colony, and shipped to this port *via* Brisbane, in the Colony of Queensland, will have to be transhipped to Melbourne, owing to its being shut out from this market, in consequence of the duty now charged upon Grain?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to give instructions that all such shipments, the produce of this Colony, *via* Queensland, shall be admitted into the ports of New South Wales duty free?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) All Maize imported into this Colony from Queensland will have to pay duty under the new Tariff, unless some arrangement can be made with the Queensland Government in reference to Maize, the growth of this Colony, so imported, for its identification here.
- (2.) An endeavour will be made to effect such an arrangement.

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Greville, withdrew Question No. 6.*

- (6.) Immigration :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Have the Government any intention of introducing a measure during the present Session to encourage a judicious stream of Immigration to this Colony?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Not during the present Session.

- (6.) New Taxation :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to introduce any new taxation by which to raise an equivalent amount to that intended to have been raised by the doubling of the *Ad Valorem* Duties, the proposed tax on wheat and flour, and the other proposed taxes to which the Committee of Ways and Means have refused assent?

(2.) If so, what are the taxes to be proposed?

(3.) If not, what course do the Government intend to take in reference to the instalment of the Deficiency Loan due this year, and the amount of deficiency at the end of last year, as shown by the statement of Ways and Means laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1. and 2.) The Government do not intend to adopt the course to which the Honorable Member refers. The Bill for the amendment of the Stamp Act, by which the Public Revenue will be increased, will be shortly submitted.

(3.) The Government intend to pay the public engagements as they fall due.

- (7.) Police Magistrate and Gold Commissioner for Gulgong :—Mr. Church asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—When do the Government purpose appointing a Police Magistrate and Gold Commissioner for Gulgong?

Sir James Martin answered,—In a day or two.

- (8.) Amendment of the Electoral Law :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for the equalization of the representation of the Colony; if so, when?

Sir James Martin answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce such a measure this Session, nor at any time until after the Census has been taken.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to an Address in reference to “Bridge over Richmond River at Casino,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, on 8th November, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Reduction of Salaries and Wages of Government Employés :—Mr. Samuel presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney and Suburbs, in reference to the reduction of the Salaries and Wages of all classes in the Public Service of this Colony, requesting the House to give the matter a due and candid consideration.

And Mr. Samuel having moved, That the Petition be received,—

The Speaker said that the Petition did not conclude with a prayer, as required by the 19th Standing Order of this House, and therefore it could not be received.

And a debate arising thereon,—

Mr. Samuel gave notice of his intention of moving that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the reception of the Petition.

4. Motion for Adjournment :—Captain Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3) :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1871 and of the previous year,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th March, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

6. Postage on Newspapers (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th March, from Messrs. Balmer and Hobson, Newspaper Proprietors, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

7. Control of Messengers of the Assembly :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 25.*

The Governor desires to intimate, with reference to the Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 27th March, 1871, that his Responsible Advisers concur in thinking that the Messengers of the Assembly should be under the direction and control of the Speaker, and that the power of appointing and dismissing them should rest with him.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 29th March, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be printed.

8. Paper :—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table a Despatch respecting Accounts of the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Leary moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. King,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Weaver.

Original Question stated.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Original Question stated.

On motion of Mr. S. Brown the Debate on this Question adjourned until to-morrow.

10. Government Savings Bank Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 23rd March, 1871, A.M., in reference to the Government Savings Bank Bill, does not insist upon its Amendments in the said Bill disagreed to by the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th March, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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4. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Did the Wagga Wagga Bench, on or about the 31st of January last, grant the license of the "Wallace Town Inn" a license for another public-house in the town of Wagga Wagga?  
 (2.) Was a man named Keefe, or O'Keefe, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 14th of February last, for selling liquors without a license in the "Wallace Town Inn" after the departure of the former licensee from the house?  
 (3.) Did Mr. George Forsyth, a Magistrate of the Wagga Wagga Bench, and the holder of a wholesale spirit license, swear on that occasion that the "Wallace Town Inn" was his property, and that the convicted man Keefe was his servant, and had been placed by him in the "Wallace Town Inn" to sell liquors without a license?  
 (4.) Was the fine imposed upon Mr. Forsyth's servant remitted upon the recommendation of the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates recommending its remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?  
 (5.) Was Mr. Lakeman, the accredited agent of Mr. Warby, a wholesale spirit dealer of Hay, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 30th of September last, for selling and delivering a case of gin to a publican at Narandera?  
 (6.) Was the Petition of Mr. Warby, praying for the remission of the fine, reported against by the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates reporting against the remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—  
 (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the reception of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs, in reference to the reduction of salaries and wages in the Public Service, presented by him on the 29th March, 1871.
2. MR. FITZPATRICK to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell a portion of the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
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- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter that portion of the Main Western Road near Molong, called Smith's Lane ; if so, by what or whose authority has the alteration been deemed necessary ?
- (2.) Have the inhabitants of Molong ever petitioned Government to have the road altered ; if not, by what authority has the Government deemed it necessary to make any alteration ?
- (3.) Has the Government entered into any contract or other stipulation with any person in regard to this part of the road, or the intended alterations that are to be made ; if so, will the Government give the name of the person, and specify the nature of the contract or agreement entered into ?
- (4.) Is the Government aware that the inhabitants of Molong, by Petition some few years back, protested against any alteration being made in this portion of the Main Western Road, as it would deprive the public of their right and use of the water frontage to the Molong Creek, if the intended alteration be carried out ?
- (5.) Is it usual for the Government to cause alterations to be made in roads, except by Petition ; if not, has the Government received any Petition in the present case, and from whom ?
- (6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table a copy of all papers or other communications that have passed between any person and the Government, in regard to this matter ?
- (7.) In the event of the road being altered, does the Government intend to expend any money on the new road in making it passable for teams during the wet weather ; if so, how much ?
- (8.) How much money has the Government caused (within the last three or four years) to be expended in repairing the present portion of this road, and will the money so expended thereon be of any use to the public if the new line of road be adopted ?
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- (10.) Does the Government intend to compensate Mr. Chas. Blakefield and Mrs. Hellin for taking the new line of road through their private land ?

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## 1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
- (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## 2. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

## 3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

## 1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

## 1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY,

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney; such statement to particularize—
  - (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured; their currency in each case; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.
  - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.
  - (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.
  - (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
  - (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
  - (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
  - (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
  - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH, 1871.

There being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Förster, Mr. Hill, Mr. King, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Sir James Martin, Mr. Moses, Mr. Neale, Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sums of public money have been expended for Fortifications, Batteries, Guns, and Warlike Stores, since the year 1855, each year separately?
2. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to his question, and the answer thereto by the Secretary for Lands, on the Business Paper of 2nd March, relative to the proclamation of small gold fields,—
  - (1.) Have reports been received from the Gold Commissioners as to the advisability of proclaiming the small gold fields which at present are unproclaimed?
  - (2.) If such reports have been received, will the Secretary for Lands state their purport, and whether the Government intend to act upon them?
  - (3.) If such reports have not been made, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is his intention to cause the question of the necessity for the public interest for small gold fields to be proclaimed to be inquired into without delay?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government contemplate constructing a branch line of rail from the White Gate Crossing on the Maitland Road to a proposed wharf on Bullock Island; and if so, for what purpose?
4. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Does he intend to carry out the proposed policy of the late Government with regard to the minor roads, viz., "to materially reduce the minor roads money, and make the payments of such money conditional that a proportion of the expenditure on those roads shall be contributed by the people residing in the district;" or does he intend to introduce a Supplementary Estimate increasing the amount to the sum voted for 1870?

5. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Has the £50 that was granted some time since for clearing roads from Norahville to the Coast been expended, and under whose supervision?
  - (2.) If so, has the amount been paid?
  - (3.) Was the amount paid upon the authority of the first Committee appointed, or was not another individual appointed for the purpose of signing cheques for the amount, consequent upon the refusal of one of the Committee to sign cheques for work he knew nothing whatever of the performance of?
  - (4.) If an appointment was made for the purpose of signing cheques to the extent of the £50 before mentioned, upon whose recommendation was such appointment made?
6. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) How long has a Life-boat been stationed at Bungarce Norah?
  - (2.) In whose charge is this Life-boat?
  - (3.) Has it ever become known to the Government that at any time this boat has been used as a means of saving life?
  - (4.) Will the Government state how many vessels have been wrecked, and the number of lives lost in that locality, since the Life-boat has been stationed at that place?
  - (5.) What is the cost of keeping said boat in repair?
  - (6.) Will the Government ascertain if there is not a more suitable position along the coast to place this boat, and if she cannot be placed in the hands of more competent persons?
7. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Parliament be consulted by the Government prior to their entering into any engagement involving the expenditure of public money for establishing steam communication between Australia and Java, with a view of obtaining telegraphic information from Europe?
8. MR. GREVILLE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Did the Wagga Wagga Bench, on or about the 31st of January last, grant the licensee of the "Wallace Town Inn" a license for another public-house in the town of Wagga Wagga?
  - (2.) Was a man named Keefe, or O'Keefe, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 14th of February last, for selling liquors without a license in the "Wallace Town Inn" after the departure of the former licensee from the house?
  - (3.) Did Mr. George Forsyth, a Magistrate of the Wagga Wagga Bench, and the holder of a wholesale spirit license, swear on that occasion that the "Wallace Town Inn" was his property, and that the convicted man Keefe was his servant, and had been placed by him in the "Wallace Town Inn" to sell liquors without a license?
  - (4.) Was the fine imposed upon Mr. Forsyth's servant remitted upon the recommendation of the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates recommending its remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?
  - (5.) Was Mr. Lakeman, the accredited agent of Mr. Warby, a wholesale spirit dealer of Hay, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 30th of September last, for selling and delivering a case of gin to a publican at Narandera?
  - (6.) Was the Petition of Mr. Warby, praying for the remission of the fine, reported against by the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates reporting against the remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey, "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line "from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted."
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4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
6. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
7. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
8. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
9. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

10. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
11. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
12. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
13. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
15. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
16. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
17. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
18. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
19. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
20. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

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1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday, 14th April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the reception of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs, in reference to the reduction of salaries and wages in the Public Service, presented by him on the 29th March, 1871.
3. MR. FITZPATRICK to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell a portion of the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

## Question:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
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## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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## TUESDAY, 11 APRIL.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSEER to move,—
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New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH, 1871.

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

Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governór were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill (No. 2):—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue 'The Stamp Duties Act of 1865' and the Act intituled 'An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*" 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, 29th March, 1871.

- (2.) Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the appropriation of certain Unclaimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank,*" 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, 29th March, 1871.

- (3.) Camperdown Cemetery Trust Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to convey certain Land and Premises known as the Camperdown Cemetery to Trustees upon certain Trusts with power to erect a Church and Parsonage on portions of the said land,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 29th March, 1871.

## 2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. Stewart withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Unproclaimed Gold Fields :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to his question; and the answer thereto by the Secretary for Lands, on the Business Paper of 2nd March, relative to the proclamation of small gold fields,—
- (1.) Have reports been received from the Gold Commissioners as to the advisability of proclaiming the small gold fields which at present are unproclaimed?
  - (2.) If such reports have been received, will the Secretary for Lands state their purport, and whether the Government intend to act upon them?
  - (3.) If such reports have not been made, will the Secretary for Lands state if it is his intention to cause the question of the necessity for the public interest for small gold fields to be proclaimed to be inquired into without delay?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Reports have been called for, from the Deputy Gold Commissioners, but they have not yet been furnished.

- (2.) Branch Railway from White Gate Crossing on Maitland Road to Bullock Island :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Do the Government contemplate constructing a branch line of rail from the White Gate Crossing on the Maitland Road to a proposed wharf on Bullock Island; and if so, for what purpose?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No; such a thing has never been thought of.

*Mr. Lucas withdrew Question No. 4.*

- (3.) Roads from Norahville to the Coast :—*Mr. Dodds*, on behalf of Mr. Eckford, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) Has the £50 that was granted some time since for clearing roads from Norahville to the Coast been expended, and under whose supervision?
- (2.) If so, has the amount been paid?
- (3.) Was the amount paid upon the authority of the first Committee appointed, or was not another individual appointed for the purpose of signing cheques for the amount, consequent upon the refusal of one of the Committee to sign cheques for work he knew nothing whatever of the performance of?
- (4.) If an appointment was made for the purpose of signing cheques to the extent of the £50 before mentioned, upon whose recommendation was such appointment made?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) £50 was authorised for this purpose, and was placed to the credit of Messrs. E. H. Hargraves and Thomas Bridge, on the 1st September last, to be expended under their supervision; on inquiry at the Bank it has been ascertained that the whole amount has been expended.
- (2.) Cheques have been paid by the Bank to the full amount.
- (3.) No; the amount was withdrawn from the Bank by means of cheques signed by Messrs. Hargraves and Thomas Russell, the latter of whom was appointed a Trustee in lieu of Mr. Bridge, on the 22nd November, in consequence of representations made by Mr. Hargraves that Mr. Bridge had declined to act; Mr. Bridge, however, having denied that he had in any way resigned his trust, he was accordingly re-appointed a Trustee on the 30th November.
- (4.) Mr. Russell was appointed on the recommendation of Mr. Hargraves.

- (4.) Life-boat at Bungarce Norah :—*Mr. Dodds*, on behalf of Mr. Eckford, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) How long has a Life-boat been stationed at Bungarce Norah?
- (2.) In whose charge is this Life-boat?
- (3.) Has it ever become known to the Government that at any time this boat has been used as a means of saving life?
- (4.) Will the Government state how many vessels have been wrecked, and the number of lives lost in that locality, since the Life-boat has been stationed at that place?
- (5.) What is the cost of keeping said boat in repair?
- (6.) Will the Government ascertain if there is not a more suitable position along the coast to place this boat, and if she cannot be placed in the hands of more competent persons?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Ten years.
- (2.) Mr. E. H. Hargraves.
- (3.) There are no records of the boat ever having saved life.
- (4.) Three vessels are known to have been wrecked, and twenty lives lost, since the year 1864, in the locality.
- (5.) Fifteen pounds annually.
- (6.) The Government will make the necessary inquiries.

- (5.) Steam Communication between Australia and Java :—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Will the Parliament be consulted by the Government prior to their entering into any engagement involving the expenditure of public money for establishing steam communication between Australia and Java, with a view of obtaining telegraphic information from Europe?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government will make no expenditure of the kind without the authority of the Parliament.

- (6.) Wagga Wagga Bench of Magistrates :—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

- (1.) Did the Wagga Wagga Bench, on or about the 31st of January last, grant the licensee of the "Wallace Town Inn" a license for another public-house in the town of Wagga Wagga?

(2.)

(2.) Was a man named Keefe, or O'Keefe, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 14th of February last, for selling liquors without a license in the "Wallace Town Inn" after the departure of the former licensee from the house?

(3.) Did Mr. George Forsyth, a Magistrate of the Wagga Wagga Bench, and the holder of a wholesale spirit license, swear on that occasion that the "Wallace Town Inn" was his property, and that the convicted man Keefe was his servant, and had been placed by him in the "Wallace Town Inn" to sell liquors without a license?

(4.) Was the fine imposed upon Mr. Forsyth's servant remitted upon the recommendation of the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates recommending its remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?

(5.) Was Mr. Lakeman, the accredited agent of Mr. Warby, a wholesale spirit dealer of Hay, fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, on the 30th of September last, for selling and delivering a case of gin to a publican at Narandera?

(6.) Was the Petition of Mr. Warby, praying for the remission of the fine, reported against by the Wagga Wagga Bench; and if so, what were the names of the Magistrates reporting against the remission, and what reasons did they give for so doing?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Henry Williams renewed his license for the "Wallace Town Inn" on 30th June, 1870, and the license was subsequently transferred to Moses Henry Simpson. After that a person named Archibald Curry, holding a license for the "Prince of Wales Inn," transferred the license to Henry Williams.

(2.) Michael Keefe was fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench for a breach of the Sale of Liquors Act.

(3.) Cannot be answered; a copy of the depositions not having been forwarded to the office of the Colonial Secretary.

(4.) The fine was remitted upon the recommendation of the Bench, consisting of the Police Magistrate and Mr. F. A. Tompson.

(5.) Mr. Lakeman was fined £30 by the Wagga Wagga Bench, for a breach of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act.

(6.) Reported upon, by Telegram, by the Police Magistrate, who stated that he could not recommend a remission of the fine, in consequence of sly grog selling being too prevalent by river steamers.

3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—Mr. King presented a Petition from the Members of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, signed by John B. Watt, Chairman, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

4. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, in reference to "Compensation for Land promised to the Jewish Church," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 8th November, 1870.

5. Immigration Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House will, on Friday, 14th April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales. Question put and passed.

6. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass, granted to Henry O'Brien and others, as trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass, to sell a portion of the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof. Question put and passed.

8. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Lackey "That the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Bartholomew Rush, for compensation for losses sustained by him as Contractor for Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle, be now adopted,"—resumed and continued. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. R. Forster.
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. Leary,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Buchanan,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Webb,	

9. Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir James Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

Governor.

Message, No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1871 and of the previous year," 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 31st March, 1871.

10. **Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
11. **Railway Services of Mr. Thomas Woore**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,500, as recommended by the Report of the Select Committee, for the purpose of compensating Mr. Thomas Woore for his services in executing the survey and making plans of the Railway Line between Sydney and Goulburn,—having been read,—  
On motion of Captain Onslow, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
- The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order had been determined in the House.  
The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—  
The Committee having proceeded to consider the Resolution submitted to it, an amendment was proposed to omit the amount named therein (£1500), with a view to inserting in place thereof another amount, (£1000)—and the Question "That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Resolution" having been negatived, he proceeded to put the Question "That the figures proposed to be inserted (1,000) be so inserted," when another amendment was proposed, namely, that the figures 250 be inserted in place of the figures omitted,—and that he had declined to submit to the Committee the latter amendment, on the ground that the former should be first disposed of,—whereupon the Honorable Member for Kiama moved that the following question be referred for the decision of the Speaker:—  
"Whether on the omission of £1500 from a Resolution with a view of inserting £1000, a lower sum may be submitted."  
The Speaker said that in his opinion the course taken by the Chairman was a correct one.  
Whereupon, on motion of Captain Onslow, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
- The Chairman reported that another Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order had been determined in the House.  
The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—  
That upon the Committee resuming he had again proposed the Question "That the figures proposed to be inserted (1,000) be so inserted," when another amendment was proposed, namely, that the figure 1 be inserted in place of the figures omitted,—and that he had declined to propose this amendment, for the reasons above stated. That the Honorable Member for Kiama then moved that the following question be referred for the decision of the Speaker:—  
"When it is proposed to vote £1,000 for services &c., is it in order to move that the sum be reduced to one pound."  
The Speaker again sustained the decision of the Chairman.  
Whereupon, on motion of Captain Onslow, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
- The Speaker resumed the Chair.
12. **St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Allen the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*) the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. **Capital Punishment Abolition Bill**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Windeyer.
14. **Postponements**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of other Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 5, by Mr. Piddington, until Friday, 14th April.  
No. 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 14th April.  
Nos. 7 and 8, by Mr. S. Brown, until Tuesday next.
15. **Triennial Parliaments Bill**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Piddington moved, That the Debate on this question be adjourned until this day four weeks.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes 13.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Webb,	

## Noes 11.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Nowlan,	

16. **Postponements**:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 10, by Mr. S. Brown, until Tuesday next.  
No. 11, by Mr. Windeyer, until Wednesday next.  
No. 12, by Mr. S. Brown, until Friday, 14th April.

- No. 13, by Sir James Martin, until Friday, 21st April.  
 No. 14, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 14th April.  
 No. 15, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 14th April.  
 No. 16, by Mr. R. Forster, until Tuesday, 18th April.  
 No. 17, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 14th April.  
 No. 18, by Mr. Driver, until Friday, 28th April.  
 No. 19, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 28th April.  
 No. 20, by Mr. Piddington, until Friday, 21st April.

17. Motion Postponed:—Mr. W. Forster postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 4 APRIL.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter that portion of the Main Western Road near Molong, called Smith's Lane; if so, by what or whose authority has the alteration been deemed necessary?
  - (2.) Have the inhabitants of Molong ever petitioned Government to have the road altered; if not, by what authority has the Government deemed it necessary to make any alteration?
  - (3.) Has the Government entered into any contract or other stipulation with any person in regard to this part of the road, or the intended alterations that are to be made; if so, will the Government give the name of the person, and specify the nature of the contract or agreement entered into?
  - (4.) Is the Government aware that the inhabitants of Molong, by Petition some few years back, protested against any alteration being made in this portion of the Main Western Road, as it would deprive the public of their right and use of the water frontage to the Molong Creek, if the intended alteration be carried out?
  - (5.) Is it usual for the Government to cause alterations to be made in roads, except by Petition; if not, has the Government received any Petition in the present case, and from whom?
  - (6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table a copy of all papers or other communications that have passed between any person and the Government, in regard to this matter?
  - (7.) In the event of the road being altered, does the Government intend to expend any money on the new road in making it passable for teams during the wet weather; if so, how much?
  - (8.) How much money has the Government caused (within the last three or four years) to be expended in repairing the present portion of this road, and will the money so expended thereon be of any use to the public if the new line of road be adopted?
  - (9.) Is the Government aware that the new line of road (now marked out) will be worse in wet weather than the old one, and will it not be the means of depriving the public of nearly two miles of frontage to the Molong Creek?
  - (10.) Does the Government intend to compensate Mr. Chas. Blakefield and Mrs. Hellin for taking the new line of road through their private land?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Does he intend to carry out the proposed policy of the late Government with regard to the minor roads, viz., "to materially reduce the minor roads money, and make the payments of such money conditional that a proportion of the expenditure on those roads shall be contributed by the people residing in the district;" or does he intend to introduce a Supplementary Estimate increasing the amount to the sum voted for 1870?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to deal with any of the following subjects this Session:—
  - (1.) Immigration.
  - (2.) Electoral Reform.
  - (3.) Reduction of the Governor's and other high salaries.
  - (4.) Triennial Parliaments.
  - (5.) Internal Communication.
  - (6.) The Land Question.
  - (7.) Divorce.
  - (8.) Increased Water Supply to Sydney.
  - (9.) Civil Service Superannuation Act.
  - (10.) Payment of Members.
  - (11.) Law Reform.
  - (12.) Reform of the Upper House.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has he received a letter from a resident in Newcastle respecting the conduct of the Police Magistrate in issuing a warrant for the apprehension of a boy named Connolly, for stealing a peach?
  - (2.) Is it true that the boy was kept in the lock-up two days and nights, and bail refused?
  - (3.) Will the Attorney General take any notice of this proceeding?

5. MR. MOSES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Have the Government given the Richmond Bridge Company permission to put a Punt on the River Hawkesbury, at Richmond, and to collect tolls therefrom?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that the charges made by the Company to the public for crossing are more than they are authorised to collect by their Charter?
  - (3.) Are the Government aware that the Punt used is not suitable for the traffic, and that the lives and property of persons are endangered by crossing in it?
  - (4.) Have the Company offered to sell the Bridge to the Government; and if so, at what price?
  - (5.) Have the Government caused an inspection and valuation of the Bridge to be made by their Engineer (Mr. Moriarty); if so, at what amount did he value it?
  - (6.) As the Company clearly have no intention to maintain a bridge over the river, do the Government, under the circumstances, intend taking steps, by introducing a Bill to dissolve the Company, or otherwise, to remove the great inconvenience the public are put to?
6. MR. STEPHEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the expenses of the first election of Aldermen and Auditors of the Borough of Wagga Wagga have been paid; and if not, when will they be paid?

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.
  - (2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.
4. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st March, from Mr. J. B. Watt, Chairman of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, relative to the Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill, be printed.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill ought to be introduced forthwith by the Government for the final settlement of the Superannuation question.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the reception of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs, in reference to the reduction of salaries and wages in the Public Service, presented by him on the 29th March, 1871.
7. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; third reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
4. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

## Question :—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—What sums of public money have been expended for Fortifications, Batteries, Guns, and Warlike Stores, since the year 1855, each year separately ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 11 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney ; such statement to particularize—
  - (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured ; their currency in each case ; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received ; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.
  - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.
  - (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.
  - (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
  - (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
  - (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
  - (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Main Western Road :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter that portion of the Main Western Road near Molong, called Smith's Lane; if so, by what or whose authority has the alteration been deemed necessary?

(2.) Have the inhabitants of Molong ever petitioned Government to have the road altered; if not, by what authority has the Government deemed it necessary to make any alteration?

(3.) Has the Government entered into any contract or other stipulation with any person in regard to this part of the road, or the intended alterations that are to be made; if so, will the Government give the name of the person, and specify the nature of the contract or agreement entered into?

(4.) Is the Government aware that the inhabitants of Molong, by Petition some few years back, protested against any alteration being made in this portion of the Main Western Road, as it would deprive the public of their right and use of the water frontage to the Molong Creek, if the intended alteration be carried out?

(5.) Is it usual for the Government to cause alterations to be made in roads, except by Petition; if not, has the Government received any Petition in the present case, and from whom?

(6.) Will the Government lay upon the Table a copy of all papers or other communications that have passed between any person and the Government, in regard to this matter?

(7.) In the event of the road being altered, does the Government intend to expend any money on the new road in making it passable for teams during the wet weather; if so, how much?

(8.) How much money has the Government caused (within the last three or four years) to be expended in repairing the present portion of this road, and will the money so expended thereon be of any use to the public if the new line of road be adopted?

(9.) Is the Government aware that the new line of road (now marked out) will be worse in wet weather than the old one, and will it not be the means of depriving the public of nearly two miles of frontage to the Molong Creek?

(10.) Does the Government intend to compensate Mr. Chas. Blakely and Mrs. Hellin for taking the new line of road through their private land?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—In the absence of the Commissioner for Roads, the following are the best answers I can give to the Honorable Member's questions :—

(1.) Yes; the alteration has been deemed necessary for the purpose of procuring a better line of road for the use of the general public.

(2.) There is no record of any such Petition. The alteration has been considered advisable from the representations of the Road Superintendent that the present line is unsuitable, being across a black alluvial flat, and the road in one place has been partly washed away by floods.

(3.) The Government has not entered into any contracts or stipulations for works on this deviation, other than small tasks to facilitate traffic, and the erection of some fencing on the properties of Mrs. Helland, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Smith.

(4.)

- (4.) No record of any such Petition.
- (5.) It is usual for the Government to cause alterations to be made in roads, especially when such alterations are for the benefit of the public. There is no record of any Petition in the case.
- (6.) No objection, if required.
- (7.) The usual vote of £50 per mile will be expended on this length of road when proclaimed.
- (8.) The exact amount expended cannot at present be ascertained, as it would take considerable time to look up vouchers for this length. It will be of no use when the deviation is proclaimed.
- (9.) The Government are not aware that the proposed deviation will be worse than the old lines; on the contrary, it is considered to be a great improvement. Nor are they aware that the public will be deprived of nearly two miles of frontage to the Molong Creek, as the length hitherto available is about 200 yards.
- (10.) The Government will be prepared to deal with any claims for compensation which may be sent in.

- (2.) *Vote for Minor Roads*:—Mr. Lucas asked the Attorney General, pursuant to *amended Notice No. 2*,—Does he intend to materially reduce the minor roads money, and make the payments of such money conditional that a proportion of the expenditure on those roads shall be contributed by the people residing in the district; or does he intend to introduce a Supplementary Estimate increasing the amount to the sum voted for 1870?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—The Schedule showing the proposed expenditure for Minor Roads will be laid upon the Table in a few days, when Honorable Members will have an opportunity of expressing their opinions upon it.

- (3.) *Business of the Session*:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to *Notice No. 3*,—Is it the intention of the Government to deal with any of the following subjects this Session:—

- (1.) Immigration.
- (2.) Electoral Reform.
- (3.) Reduction of the Governor's and other high salaries.
- (4.) Triennial Parliaments.
- (5.) Internal Communication.
- (6.) The Land Question.
- (7.) Divorce.
- (8.) Increased Water Supply to Sydney.
- (9.) Civil Service Superannuation Act.
- (10.) Payment of Members.
- (11.) Law Reform.
- (12.) Reform of the Upper House?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—In the absence of my honorable and learned friend the Attorney General, I beg to say that, with the exception of Internal Communication, it is not contemplated by the Government to deal with any of the subjects alluded to.

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* withdrew *Question No. 4*.

*Mr. Moses* withdrew *Question No. 5*.

- (4.) *Borough of Wagga Wagga*:—*Mr. Alexander*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to *Notice No. 6*,—Whether the expenses of the first election of Aldermen and Auditors of the Borough of Wagga Wagga have been paid; and if not, when will they be paid?

*Mr. Lord* answered,—The expenses of printing and advertising (£12 Ss. 6d.) were paid last August. No other accounts appear to have been received.

2. *Motions withdrawn*:—

- (1.) Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
- (2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. *Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill* (“*Formal Motion*”):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to *Notice No. 4*, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st March, from Mr. J. B. Watt, Chairman of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, relative to the Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. *St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill* (“*Formal Order of the Day*”),—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to authorise the Sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney*.”

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorise the Sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney*,” presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 4th April, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

## 5. Customs Duties Bill :—

(1.) Ordered on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 11, for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

## 6. Appointment of Members of the Assembly to offices of profit under the Crown :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to appoint any Member of this House to any office of emolument in the gift of the Government.

(2.) That no Member of this House shall be eligible for appointment, or shall be appointed to any office of profit under the Crown, until he shall have ceased to be a Member of this House for a period of six months.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end of the first Resolution the words "except Political Officers or Judges of the Supreme Court."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Greville,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Church,

Tellers.

Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 18.

Sir James Martin, Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Lord, Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Samuel, Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Cummings, Tellers.  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Stephen,  
Mr. Hoskins, Mr. King,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Weaver,

Original Question then put and negatived.

## 7. Civil Service Superannuation :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill ought to be introduced forthwith by the Government for the final settlement of the Superannuation question.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. S. Brown,

Tellers.

Mr. Moses,  
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 20.

Sir James Martin, Mr. Greville,  
Mr. Robertson, Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Lord, Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Stephen, Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Cummings, Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Piddington, Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. R. Forster, Tellers.  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Webb, Mr. King,  
Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Smith.

## 8. Reduction of Salaries and Wages of Government Employés :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, "That" so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the reception of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs, in reference to the reduction of salaries and wages in the Public Service, presented by him on the 29th March, 1871.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this question be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, namely, whether the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs in reference to the reduction of salaries and wages in the Public Service, presented by Mr. Samuel on the 29th March, 1871, is inadmissible, for the reason stated by the Speaker on the day above specified."

Debate continued.

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

Original Question then put.

The House divided,—

And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows :—

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. S. Brown,

Tellers.  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 7.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Tellers.  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Lackey.

And it appearing by the said report that there was not a Quorum of Members present,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Has he received a letter from a resident in Newcastle respecting the conduct of the Police Magistrate in issuing a warrant for the apprehension of a boy named Connolly, for stealing a peach?  
(2.) Is it true that the boy was kept in the lock-up two days and nights, and bail refused?  
(3.) Will the Attorney General take any notice of this proceeding?
2. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Whether a Petition, duly signed and certified by the inhabitants of the Township of Old Lambton, has been presented, praying for the Incorporation of the same?  
(2.) Has the time specified in the Act expired after which proclamation of the proposed Municipality may be legally made?  
(3.) If so, when will proclamation be made creating the said Township into a Municipality, in compliance with the prayer of the Petitioners?
3. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for a train to run daily to and from Wallsend, at a fixed hour each day, for the accommodation of passengers; and if so, when?  
(2.) Are the Government aware that, by the Saturday night's train from and to Wallsend, the passengers thereby are charged full fare each way, whilst those from Waratah, travelling by the same train, are only charged one fare for the double journey?  
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government, now that their attention has been called to this fact, to re-adjust these rates, so that passengers from Wallsend may be placed on the same footing as those from Waratah travelling by the same train?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—*  
(1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER *to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply),* That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LORD *to move,* That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Duties Bill; second reading.
2. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FITZPATRICK *to move,—*  
(1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to move,* That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

4. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL.

Questions:—

1. MR. MOSES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Have the Government given the Richmond Bridge Company permission to put a Punt on the River Hawkesbury, at Richmond, and to collect tolls therefrom?  
 (2.) Are the Government aware that the charges made by the Company to the public for crossing are more than they are authorised to collect by their Charter?  
 (3.) Are the Government aware that the Punt used is not suitable for the traffic, and that the lives and property of persons are endangered by crossing in it?  
 (4.) Have the Company offered to sell the Bridge to the Government; and if so, at what prices?  
 (5.) Have the Government caused an inspection and valuation of the Bridge to be made by their Engineer (Mr. Moriarty); if so, at what amount did he value it?  
 (6.) As the Company clearly have no intention to maintain a bridge over the river, do the Government, under the circumstances, intend taking steps, by introducing a Bill to dissolve the Company, or otherwise, to remove the great inconvenience the public are put to?
2. MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Do the Government intend to make arrangements so that Miners Rights and Business Licenses can be obtained in Sydney at some Government Office, instead, as was the case some few weeks since, of persons residing in Sydney having to send to some Gold Commissioner in the country to obtain such documents?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What amount of money was paid into the Custom House during the months of January, February, and March, 1870, as the *ad valorem* duties on apparel, slops, cotton (manufactured), haberdashery, millinery, hats, caps, bonnets, hosiery, gloves, jewellery, boots and shoes, linen and drapery, silks, watches, clocks, woollens in piece and manufactured, and blankets?  
 (2.) What amount of money was paid into the Custom House during the months of January, February, and March, 1871, as the *ad valorem* duties on the same articles?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, the 12th day of April instant.

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sums of public money have been expended for Fortifications, Batteries, Guns, and Warlike Stores, since the year 1855, each year separately?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney; such statement to particularize—  
 (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured; their currency in each case; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.  
 (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.  
 (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.

(4.)

- (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
- (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
- (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
- (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.
2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
  3. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

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FRIDAY, 14 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
  - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

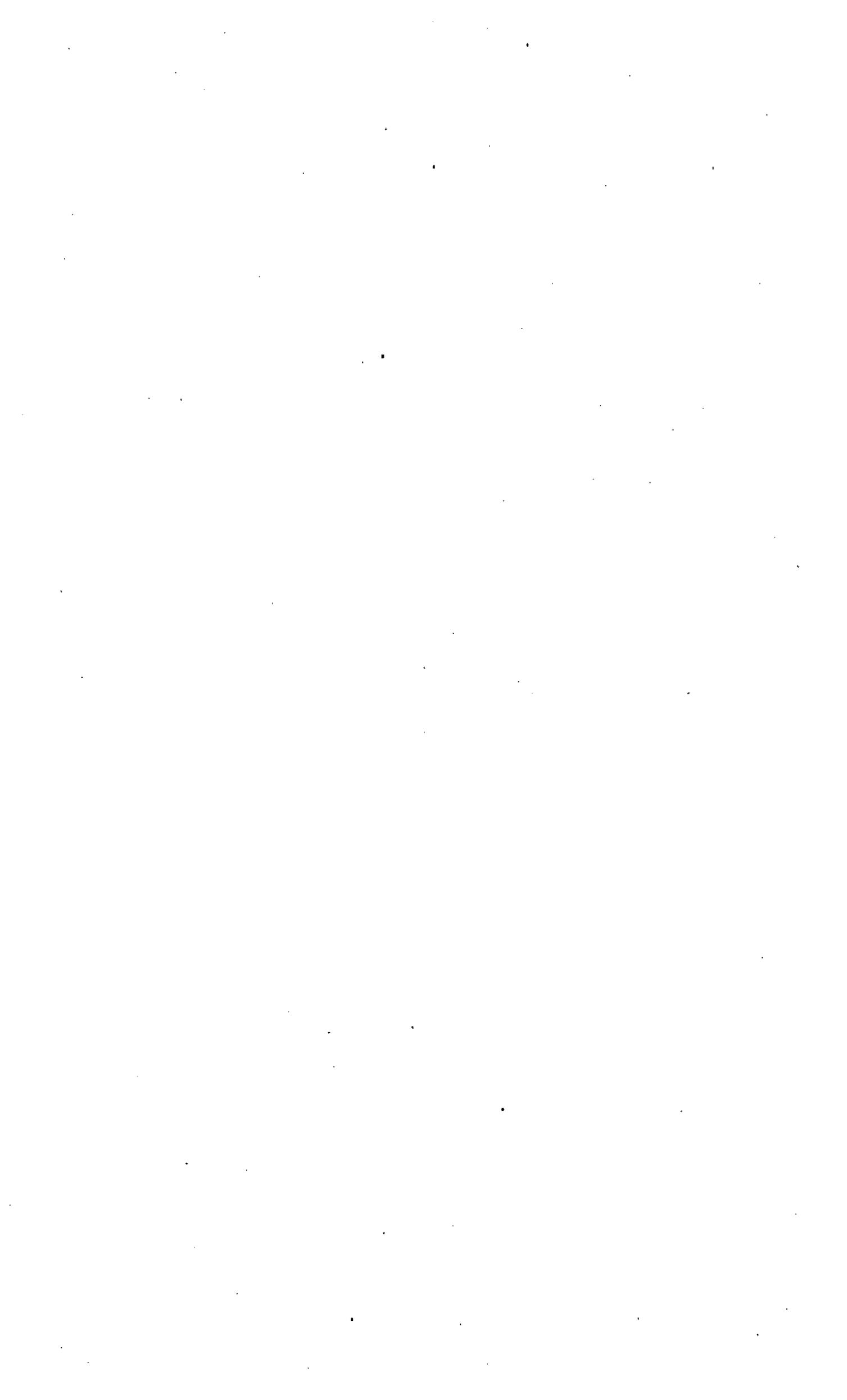
1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Police Magistrate at Newcastle :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has he received a letter from a resident in Newcastle respecting the conduct of the Police Magistrate in issuing a warrant for the apprehension of a boy named Connolly, for stealing a peach?

(2.) Is it true that the boy was kept in the lock-up two days and nights, and bail refused?

(3.) Will the Attorney General take any notice of this proceeding?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) Some weeks ago I received a letter from Peter and Eliza Connolly, of Newcastle, complaining of the arrest, incarceration, and fining of their son, Peter Connolly, a lad of 13 years of age, for being with other lads, who were not prosecuted, in an orchard where self-sown peaches were growing.

(2.) I am informed by the Police Magistrate that the lad was apprehended at night, because it was thought that he was hiding during the day, and that he was in custody less than thirty-six hours.

(3.) He was found guilty of taking a quantity of peaches, and fined six-pence for damages and ten shillings by way of penalty. I entirely disapprove of the arrest, and have directed my disapproval to be communicated to the Police Magistrate.

- (2.) Incorporation of Township of Old Lambton :—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether a Petition, duly signed and certified by the inhabitants of the Township of Old Lambton, has been presented, praying for the Incorporation of the same?

(2.) Has the time specified in the Act expired after which proclamation of the proposed Municipality may be legally made?

(3.) If so, when will proclamation be made creating the said Township into a Municipality, in compliance with the prayer of the Petitioners?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes, and gazetted in the Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 17th December last.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It will be dealt with so soon as the objections raised to the incorporation shall have been sufficiently inquired into and disposed of, and that probably will be in a week or ten days.

(3.)

(3.) Daily Train to and from Wallsend:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for a train to run daily to and from Wallsend, at a fixed hour each day, for the accommodation of passengers; and if so, when?

(2.) Are the Government aware that, by the Saturday night's train from and to Wallsend, the passengers thereby are charged full fare each way, whilst those from Waratah, travelling by the same train, are only charged one fare for the double journey?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government, now that their attention has been called to this fact, to re-adjust these rates, so that passengers from Wallsend may be placed on the same footing as those from Waratah travelling by the same train?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Wallsend Coal Company, to whom the line from Wallsend to the Junction belong, are unfavourable to the running of a passenger train at a fixed hour each day, as it would interfere with their coal traffic. The Government cannot therefore establish the running of such a train.

(2.) The Government are aware that the passengers to and from Wallsend are charged by the Saturday night train full fare each way, and this is in accordance with the agreement made with the Wallsend Company, who receive a portion of the money. Passengers from Waratah are granted return tickets at a fare and a half. The line is, however, exclusively a Government line.

(3.) If the Wallsend Company will consent to a reduction of the charge, the Government will have no objection.

2. The Tariff:—Mr. King presented a Petition from certain Ironfounders and Engineers, praying that Pig Iron may be withdrawn from the list of dutiable goods mentioned in the Schedule to the Customs Duties Bill, now under consideration.  
Petition received.

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Despatch respecting the Report of the Acting Inspector of Prisons relative to Prison Discipline in England.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report from the Chief Inspector of Sheep on Worms in Sheep.

(2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Importation of Fruit Trees," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 28th March, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Address in reference to "Claim of Messrs. Buckland and Northwood for alleged loss of Water-frontage at Woolloomooloo Bay," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 8th November, 1870.

4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.  
Question put and passed.

5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. Customs Duties Bill:—Mr. Lord having moved, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Mr. W. Forster requested the ruling of the Speaker whether this Bill ought to be proceeded with, as containing provisions not authorized by the Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means, upon which it is founded.

The Speaker said, that the provisions of a Bill are not limited to the terms of the Resolution agreed to in Committee, but that the necessary powers and regulations for giving effect to Resolutions imposing new taxation are found in Acts of the Imperial Parliament founded on such Resolutions of Ways and Means.

Debate then ensued on the motion for the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Brookes,

Tellers.

Mr. Leary,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 29.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. King,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Speer,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Allen,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. R. Forster,	Tellers.
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Dight.
Mr. Ryan,	

Original Question stated.

Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 5.
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dight,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Webb,	
Mr. King,	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lackey,	
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Driver,		
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Hoskins.	

Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after midnight,—

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The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twelve minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock. P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL.

Questions:—

- MR. MOSES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government given the Richmond Bridge Company permission to put a Punt on the River Hawkesbury, at Richmond, and to collect tolls therefrom?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that the charges made by the Company to the public for crossing are more than they are authorised to collect by their Charter?
  - (3.) Are the Government aware that the Punt used is not suitable for the traffic, and that the lives and property of persons are endangered by crossing in it?
  - (4.) Have the Company offered to sell the Bridge to the Government; and if so, at what prices?
  - (5.) Have the Government caused an inspection and valuation of the Bridge to be made by their Engineer (Mr. Moriarty); if so, at what amount did he value it?
  - (6.) As the Company clearly have no intention to maintain a bridge over the river, do the Government, under the circumstances, intend taking steps, by introducing a Bill to dissolve the Company, or otherwise, to remove the great inconvenience the public are put to?
- MR. BAKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Do the Government intend to make arrangements so that Miners Rights and Business Licenses can be obtained in Sydney at some Government Office, instead, as was the case some few weeks since, of persons residing in Sydney having to send to some Gold Commissioner in the country to obtain such documents?
- MR. HOSKINS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What amount of money was paid into the Custom House during the months of January, February, and March, 1870, as the *ad valorem* duties on apparel, slops, cotton (manufactured), haberdashery, millinery, hats, caps, bonnets, hosiery, gloves, jewellery, boots and shoes, linen and drapery, silks, watches, clocks, woollens in piece and manufactured, and blankets?
  - (2.) What amount of money was paid into the Custom House during the months of January, February, and March, 1871, as the *ad valorem* duties on the same articles?
- MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is Comerong Island, at the entrance of the Shoalhaven Heads, reserved from free selection?
  - (2.) Have the Messrs. Berry, or any other Person, authority to occupy the said Island?
  - (3.) Are the Government aware that the Messrs. Berry, or others, are erecting huts on the said Island; and if so, is it by the sanction of the Government that they are so doing?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, the 12th day of April instant.

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.
2. Customs Duties Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FITZPATRICK to move,—
  - (1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

## FRIDAY, 7 APRIL.

*Question:—*

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—What sums of public money have been expended for Fortifications, Batteries, Guns, and Warlike Stores, since the year 1855, each year separately?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 11 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney; such statement to particularize—
  - (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured; their currency in each case; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.
  - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.
  - (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.
  - (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.

(5.)

(5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.

(6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.

(7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.

2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
3. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
4. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

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WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have the Government decided to bring under the notice of the House, during the present Session, any measure by which a line of steam communication can be continued between this Colony and San Francisco, with a view to improved postal intercourse with England and the United States of America?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th April, from certain Ironfounders and Engineers, relative to the duty of 10s. per ton on Pig Iron, be printed.

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FRIDAY, 14 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
  - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Mr. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

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TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeterics Regulation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Richmond Bridge Company:—Mr. Moses asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Have the Government given the Richmond Bridge Company permission to put a Punt on the River Hawkesbury, at Richmond, and to collect tolls therefrom?

(2.) Are the Government aware that the charges made by the Company to the public for crossing are more than they are authorised to collect by their Charter?

(3.) Are the Government aware that the Punt used is not suitable for the traffic, and that the lives and property of persons are endangered by crossing in it?

(4.) Have the Company offered to sell the Bridge to the Government; and if so, at what prices?

(5.) Have the Government caused an inspection and valuation of the Bridge to be made by their Engineer (Mr. Moriarty); if so, at what amount did he value it?

(6.) As the Company clearly have no intention to maintain a bridge over the river, do the Government, under the circumstances, intend taking steps, by introducing a Bill to dissolve the Company, or otherwise, to remove the great inconvenience the public are put to?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No permission appears to have been given to the Company to put a punt across the River Hawkesbury at Richmond, or to collect Tolls therefrom.

(2.) A complaint from the Mail Contractor has been received to this effect.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes, for £9,000.

(5.) The Government has not caused an inspection and valuation of the bridge to be made by Mr. Moriarty, but Mr. Bennett has conferred with that gentleman, and they considered the approximate value of the bridge, if in good order and condition, to be £6,000. Mr. Bennett, however, points out that a large sum will be required for new sheathing, extension of bridge, and other imperative works, to render it available, and the probability of future floods rendering further extensions necessary.

(6.) No determination has yet been arrived at.

- (2.) Miners Rights and Business Licenses:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Do the Government intend to make arrangements so that Miners Rights and Business Licenses can be obtained in Sydney at some Government Office, instead, as was the case some few weeks since, of persons residing in Sydney having to send to some Gold Commissioner in the country to obtain such documents?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Arrangements are being made so that Miners Rights and Business Licenses can be obtained in Sydney, of which due notice will be given.

*Mr. Hoskins not asking Question No. 3, it dropped.*

(3.)

- (3.) Comerong Island :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
 (1.) Is Comerong Island, at the entrance of the Shoalhaven Heads, reserved from free selection?  
 (2.) Have the Messrs. Berry, or any other Person, authority to occupy the said Island?  
 (3.) Are the Government aware that the Messrs. Berry, or others, are erecting huts on the said Island; and if so, is it by the sanction of the Government that they are so doing?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) This Island is reserved from conditional purchase under Notice dated 16th April, 1862, and instructions have been issued for the subdivision of it for sale.

(2.) Mr. Berry has been many years in occupation of the Island, and has not yet been dispossessed. He has no authority to occupy.

2. Internal Communication :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,

*Message, No. 30.*

*Governor.*

In reply to the Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 28th ultimo, respecting Internal Communication, the Governor has to state, for the information of the Assembly, that he has submitted the matter to his Responsible Advisers for their immediate consideration.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 6th April, 1871.*

3. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Annual Report from the Chief Inspector of Sheep on Live Stock, being for the year 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Steam Communication with Europe *via* San Francisco :—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Bankers, Shopkeepers, Mechanics, and other Citizens of Sydney, representing that the contract under which steamships have been employed in opening this line of communication has expired, and that the Charterer has been informed that no new contract will be entered into at the present time; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to the adoption of measures for preventing the closing of the line.  
 Petition received.
5. Special Adjournment ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, the 12th day of April instant.  
 Question put and passed.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,—having been read,—  
 On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.  
 Mr. Lord then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865*,"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
7. Customs Duties Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. Assent to Government Savings Bank Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,

*Message, No. 31.*

*Governor.*

A Bill, intitled "*An Act to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest with the security of the Government for due repayment thereof*," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney 6th April, 1871.*

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Wednesday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have the Government decided to bring under the notice of the House, during the present Session, any measure by which a line of steam communication can be continued between this Colony and San Francisco, with a view to improved postal intercourse with England and the United States of America?
2. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government made a private contract with any person for the repair of the Windsor Punt?
  - (2.) If so, upon whose recommendation, if any, was such contract made?
  - (3.) Is it not usual to call for public tenders for such work?
  - (4.) Is the work being proceeded with?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers in the case of Dr. Beer, ordered to be laid upon the Table by this House, be produced?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Council of Education placed its Annual Report in the hands of the Government?
  - (2.) If so, will the Government lay that Report upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Government has issued an order to the effect that the pay of all Government employes is to be stopped whenever they are absent from work?
  - (2.) If this is the case, does this order apply to the Volunteers, and will their pay be stopped when they are absent on Volunteer duty?
6. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What sums of public money have been expended for Fortifications, Batteries, Guns, and Warlike Stores, since the year 1855, each year separately?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. KING to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the adoption of the Report of the Customs Duties Bill*), That Mr. T. S. Mort be now examined at the Bar of this House relative to the proposed duties on Pig Iron, &c.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Duties Bill reported ; adoption of Report.
2. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th April, from certain Ironfounders and Engineers, relative to the duty of 10s. per ton on Pig Iron, be printed.
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  - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.

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- (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
- (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
- (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
- (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.
5. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
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7. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the creation of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
  - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

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TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

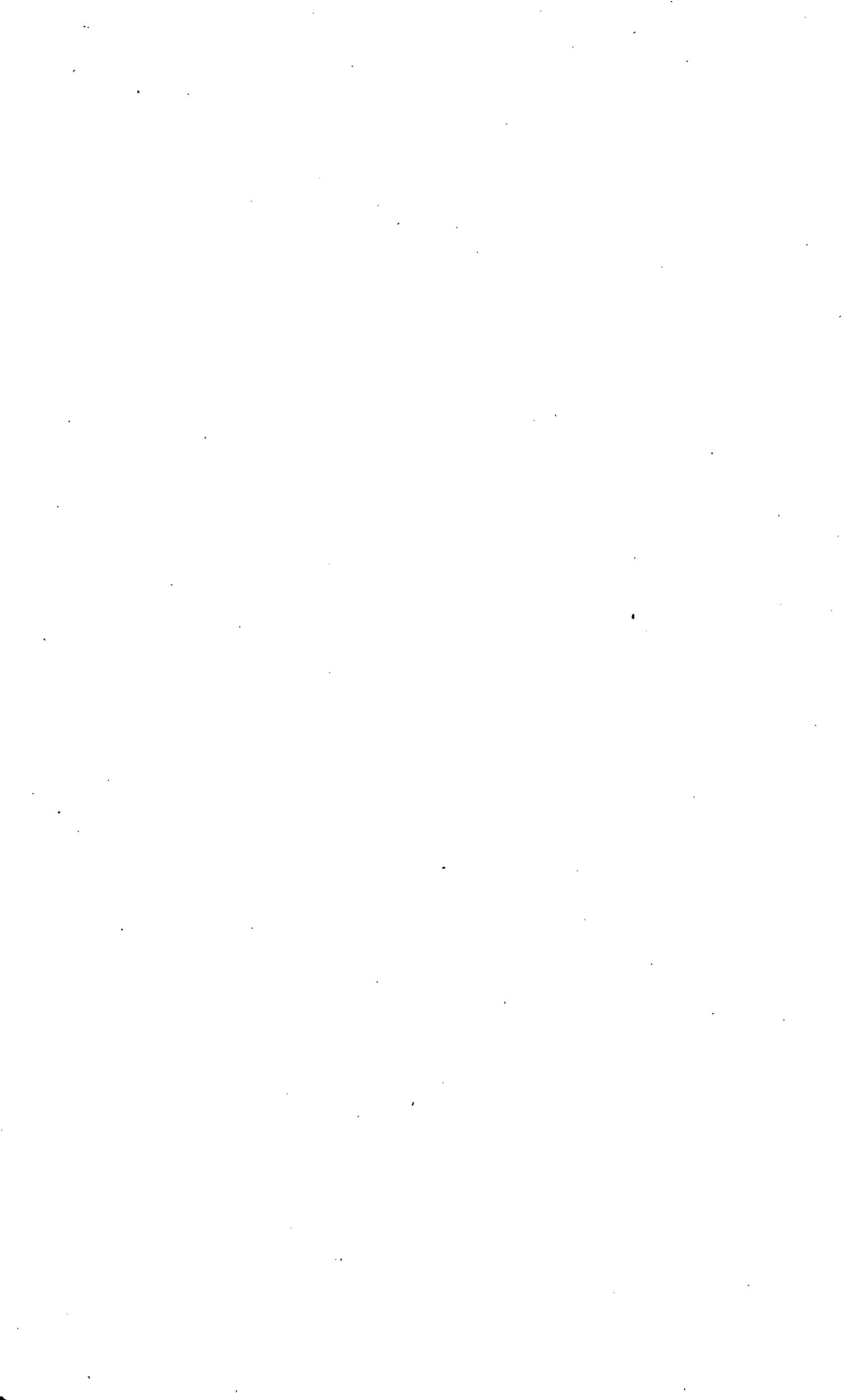
1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.





## 3. Papers:—

(1.) Sir James Martin laid upon the Table an Order in Council authorizing an alteration in the Scale of Fees chargeable under the District Courts Act of 1858.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the period between 8th March and 6th April 1871.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the same period.

Ordered to be printed.

## 4. Motions Withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. King withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Steam Communication with Europe *via* San Francisco ("*Formal*" Motion):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from certain Merchants and other Citizens of Sydney, relative to a postal route between this Colony and England *via* San Francisco, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Customs Duties Bill:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill having been read,—

And Mr. King having withdrawn the Contingent Motion standing in his name,—

Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on the Customs Duties Bill be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be recommitted."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 11.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Weaver.

Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Driver,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Wednesday next.

8. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed and continued.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
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Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

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Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. King,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Osborne,
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Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Garrett,	Captain Onslow.

Original Question stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Debate on Original Question continued, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL.

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

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(1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
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2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
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Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

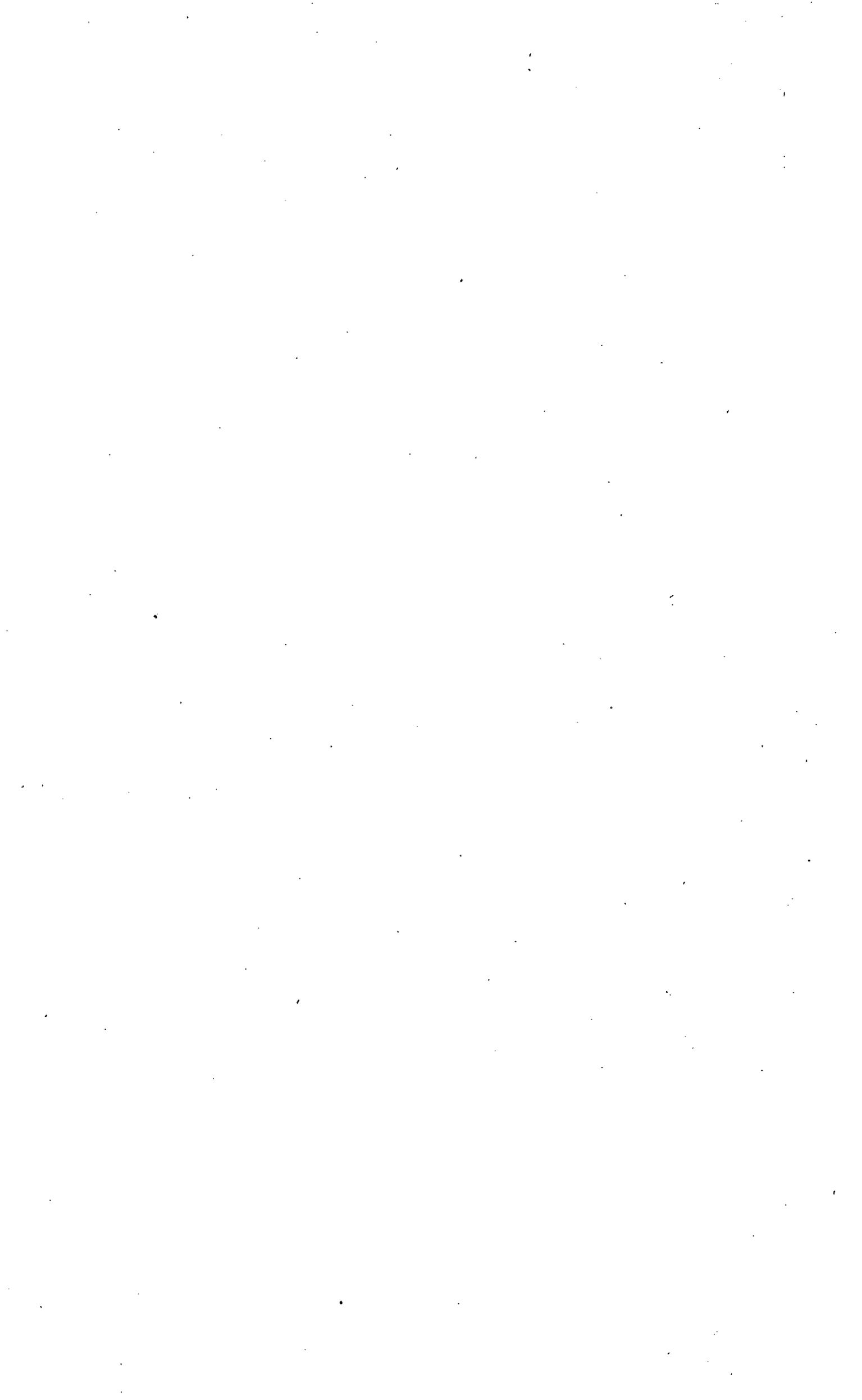
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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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## New South Wales.

No. 116.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
The Tariff ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from Mr. Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, relative to the proposed duty on Bar, Rod, Sheet, and other Iron, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 3.
3. Customs Duties Bill:—Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Groville,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Tunks,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. King,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 13.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Butler,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Hart.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lord, *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13th April, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—resumed and continued.

Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word 'now,' with a view to adding 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, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. R. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Farnell,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Buchanan.

Original Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

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Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
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Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 10.

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Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Greville,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Stewart.

Bill read a second time.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Robertson, that the consideration in Committee of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

5. Postponements :—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.
6. Motions Postponed :—
- (1.) Mr. Fitzpatrick postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 2 until Tuesday next.
  - (2.) Mr. Leary, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Tunks, No. 3 until Tuesday next.
  - (3.) Mr. Lucas postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 4 until Tuesday, 25th April.
  - (4.) Mr. Leary postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 5 until Tuesday next.
7. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows :—
- No. 1, by Mr. Windeyer, until Wednesday next.
  - No. 2, by Mr. R. Forster, until Friday, 21st April.
  - Nos. 3, 4, and 5, by Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.
  - No. 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 21st April.
  - No. 7, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 5th May.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
2. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
3. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
4. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

## Question :—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the police, in collecting the Electoral Lists for Sydney, enter as qualified electors the names of persons who are merely members of a Club?
  - (2.) Will the police be instructed to prevent such persons from being entered on the Electoral Lists?
  - (3.) Is it the opinion of the Attorney General that members of a Club are entitled to be registered as electors, though they have no residence and no property in the electorate?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance, that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.
  - (2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.
  - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.
3. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
4. MR. FITZPATRICK to move,—
  - (1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.
5. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney; such statement to particularize—
  - (1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured; their currency in each case; the rate and amount of interest payable thereon, and the net cash received; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.
  - (2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.
  - (3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.

(4.)

- (4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.
- (5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.
- (6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.
- (7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.
6. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
2. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
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 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."

## WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL.

*Contingent Notices of Motions:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—  
 (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 20 APRIL.

*Question:—*

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take any, and if any, what steps for the repair of the crossing over Black Creek, near Branxton, on the Great Northern Road, in compliance with a Petition from the inhabitants of the locality, presented by Messrs. Wisdom, Farnell, and Burns in September last?

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 APRIL, 1871.

There being only Fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dight, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL.

*Question:—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the police, in collecting the Electoral Lists for Sydney, enter as qualified electors the names of persons who are merely members of a Club?
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1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—  
(1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
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5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 20 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take any, and if any, what steps for the repair of the crossing over Black Creek, near Branxton, on the Great Northern Road, in compliance with a Petition from the inhabitants of the locality, presented by Messrs. Wisdom, Farnell, and Burns in September last?

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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1871.

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

Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. Vote of Credit:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 32.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, in the year 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 18th April, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Electoral Lists:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the police, in collecting the Electoral Lists for Sydney, enter as qualified electors the names of persons who are merely members of a Club?

(2.) Will the police be instructed to prevent such persons from being entered on the Electoral Lists?

(3.) Is it the opinion of the Attorney General that members of a Club are entitled to be registered as electors, though they have no residence and no property in the electorate?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) I am not aware whether the Electoral Lists for Sydney are so made out, but I have heard that they are.

(2.) The Government has no power to direct the collectors of the Electoral Lists to omit any names from such Lists.

(3.) I cannot undertake, nor have I the power, to answer the question authoritatively, but my impression is that members of Clubs ought not to be entered on the Electoral Lists merely because of such membership.

4. Amendment of the Distillation Act:—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Merchants, Storckkeepers, and other residents of the District of Wagga Wagga, praying that the Distillation Act may be amended so as to enable growers of the plant known as the "Planter's Friend" to use the juice obtained therefrom for the purpose of distilling spirits, and to sell the same from their plantations.  
Petition received.

5. The Tariff:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from certain Farmers, Storekeepers, and others, inhabitants of Shoalhaven, praying that a customs duty may be levied on Potatoes imported into this Colony.  
Petition received.
6. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Extension of the Municipal System:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1:—  
(1.) That this House is of opinion that the questions of Municipal self-government and local administration are so intimately connected with questions of Finance that it is inexpedient to authorize the imposition of additional taxes unless due provision be also made for the further extension of Municipalities, with a view to relieve the central government of such portions of the expenditure upon roads and bridges and other local works as ought to be provided for from local resources.  
(2.) That, accordingly, the Government ought to introduce, during the present Session, concurrently with any proposals for new taxation, some measure calculated to extend the Municipal system throughout the Colony.  
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.  
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
8. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill," brought up by him on 9th March, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes 3.

Mr. S. Brown,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Farnell.

## Noes 28.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. B. Forster,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. J. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. King,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Stewart,	

9. Great Northern and Western Roads:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Districts of Windsor, Richmond, and Kurradjong, and other persons interested in the traffic connected with the Great Northern and Western Roads, stating that they have sustained serious losses in consequence of the impassable state of that portion of the road known as "Bell's Line," and praying that steps may be taken for improving the means of crossing the River Hawkesbury at Richmond.  
Petition received.
10. Postage on Newspapers:—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from George Lucas and the Rev. John M'Gibbon, Newspaper Proprietors, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.
11. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Additional Regulation under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.  
(2.) Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Government Employés:—Mr. Brookes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle and Suburbs, praying the House not to sanction the proposal of the Government to reduce the wages and salaries of persons employed in the Public Service, and more especially those of Mechanics and Labourers engaged in the Public Works Department.  
Petition received.
13. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) That the Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
15. Sewerage and Water Supply:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5 (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing an annual debtor and creditor statement of the amount of money due to the Government by the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney on account of Sewerage and Water Supply for the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney; such statement to particularize—

(1.) The debentures sold, either for carrying on the works or for taking up debentures which had matured; their currency in each case; the rate and amount of interest, commission, and charges severally payable thereon, and the net cash received; together with the amount of such money expended by the late City Commissioners, and the amount handed over to the present City Council, respectively.

(2.) The amount of money annually retained by the Government from the Parliamentary Vote as or in the nature of endowment of the City of Sydney, together with the amount of money paid by the City Council as interest on or for taking up debentures.

(3.) The amount of money annually expended for Sewerage and Water Supply in the City of Sydney and the various suburban Municipalities or suburbs respectively.

(4.) The annual income of money from Sewers and from Water Supply from the City, Port, and Suburbs of Sydney, respectively, from the date of the appointment of the late City Commissioners to the 1st January last.

(5.) The probable annual amount, in detail, of rates which might be recovered from Government and Public buildings provided they were liable as private buildings to be rated.

(6.) The annual amount of money paid from the Public Treasury for making new streets and sewers in the City of Sydney during the above-named period.

(7.) A copy of the correspondence between the Government and the City Corporation on the above subjects.

(8.) The amount transferred, either annually or otherwise, by the Council of the City of Sydney from the Sewerage and Water Funds, or either of them, to the City Fund, and by what authority.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Leary, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Leary No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

17. The Carridgi Lagoon:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application to the Government by Mr. A. B. Black for a lease or right of occupation of the Big or Carridgi Lagoon, and a portion of the adjacent land, for purposes of preserving fish, birds, and wild animals, subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the public benefit and security.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows:—

No. 1, by Mr. R. Forster, until Friday, 28th April.

No. 2, by Mr. Farnell, until to-morrow.

No. 3, by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Friday, 28th April.

No. 4, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.

No. 5, by ~~Mr.~~ G. A. Lloyd, until Friday, 28th April.

19. Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman ~~reported~~ reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Act 24 Vict., No. 21 intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th April, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

20. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law and Equity Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 12th May.

21. Official Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. S. Brown moved, that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Noes, 4.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Cummings,	

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Wilson,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Smith.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. S. Brown the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. S. Brown, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

22. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, as follows :—

- No. 9, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 5th May.  
 No. 10, by Mr. Farnell, until Friday, 28th April.  
 No. 11, by Mr. Samuel, until Friday, 28th April.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Will the Treasury Bills falling due on the 30th April for £343,200 be paid by the issue of fresh Treasury Bills for the same amount?
  - (2.) If so, how long will such Bills be current, and what rate of interest will they bear?
  - (3.) Will they be open to public competition, and tenders be invited for them by advertisement?
  - (4.) Will a minimum price be placed upon them, and that price be made known before the tenders are opened?
  - (5.) Is there any truth in the statement that a large portion of them are already promised, and a price fixed for them?
  - (6.) What is the price so fixed?
  - (7.) What did the last issue of Treasury Bills for the same amount realize net to the Revenue?
  - (8.) What amount, if any, was paid for brokerage on the sale of them?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it true that a number of men who have been employed by the Government on the Defence Works have not been paid a fortnight's wages due to them, besides a claim they have put in for overtime?
  - (2.) Have these men called at the Treasury for payment of what is due to them, and is it true that they have been turned away from the Treasury unpaid, besides having been insulted and threatened by some of the officers of that department?
  - (3.) Have the men above referred to any claim against the Government; and if so, why is there any delay in settling it?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE MINISTER REPRESENTING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,—
  - (1.) Has any complaint been made with respect to the mail leaving Walgett before all other mails from Sydney have arrived in that town?
  - (2.) How many days do the mails remain at Walgett before being dispatched or forwarded on?
  - (3.) Has the Postmaster General been asked to make any alteration in the time-bills to enable the numerous mails to catch the outgoing one, and so remedy the evil?
  - (4.) Why does the Postmaster General object to making the slight alteration when the benefit accruing therefrom would be so great?
  - (5.) Is the Postmaster General aware that in consequence of this it takes a considerably longer time in the transit by this route than by going a round of 75 miles each way *via* Bourke. Our letters from Sydney reach us in five days, why should a return by the same route take ten days?
4. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether any despatch has been received from the Imperial Government referring to the filibustering expedition telegraphed by February mail?
  - (2.) If so, will it be laid before Parliament?

*Contingent Notices of Motions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER *to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—*
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER *to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply),* That it be an instruction to the Committee to postpone consideration of salaries of Ministers of the Crown until the Government shall have introduced a Bill, which this House is of opinion ought to be introduced forthwith, for the reduction of salaries of Ministers of the Crown, including those provided for by Statute.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from farmers and others resident at Shoalhaven, praying for an import duty on potatoes, be printed.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from inhabitants of Windsor, Richmond, and Kurrajong, relative to the state of the Great Northern and Western Road, and to obstructions over the Hawkesbury, be printed.
3. MR. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from the Rev. John McGibbon and Mr. George Lucas, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Official Salaries Reduction Bill; third reading.

## THURSDAY, 20 APRIL.

## Questions:—

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take any, and if any, what steps for the repair of the crossing over Black Creek, near Braxton, on the Great Northern Road, in compliance with a Petition from the inhabitants of the locality, presented by Messrs. Wisdom, Farnell, and Burns in September last?
2. MR. LEARY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is the Minister for Works aware that the Public are greatly inconvenienced at the Sydney Railway Station on account of the insufficient attendance in the giving of railway tickets; if so, will the Minister direct his attention to this matter?

## FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

## Question:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the estimated cost of completing the Defences of the Harbour, including the roads leading to Middle Head, Bradley's Head, and George's Head, including likewise the torpedoes and boom?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

## TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—  
 (1.) That it is desirable that the Government should join in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool *via* San Francisco, the mails to be delivered in both directions within 45 days, and the subsidy not to exceed £20,000 per annum.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz.:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled

entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

5. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
6. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
8. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

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TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from Farmers, Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of Wagga Wagga, relative to amendment of the Distillation Act, be printed.

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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) Will the Treasury Bills falling due on the 30th April for £343,200 be paid by the issue of fresh Treasury Bills for the same amount?
  - (2.) If so, how long will such Bills be current, and what rate of interest will they bear?
  - (3.) Will they be open to public competition, and tenders be invited for them by advertisement?
  - (4.) Will a minimum price be placed upon them, and that price be made known before the tenders are opened?
  - (5.) Is there any truth in the statement that a large portion of them are already promised, and a price fixed for them?
  - (6.) What is the price so fixed?
  - (7.) What did the last issue of Treasury Bills for the same amount realize net to the Revenue?
  - (8.) What amount, if any, was paid for brokerage on the sale of them?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) As intimated by His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 24, the Government will be prepared to issue fresh Treasury Bills in lieu of those falling due on 30th instant. Meanwhile arrangements have been made to pay off the latter at the Government Bank of New South Wales on the due date.
- (2.) The Bill about to be introduced will provide for a currency of twelve calendar months from the date of the Bills, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) A minimum price will be fixed, but not made known before the tenders are opened.
- (5. and 6.) No.
- (7.) £338,681.
- (8.) £1,262.

- (2.) Government Employés:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Is it true that a number of men who have been employed by the Government on the Defence Works have not been paid a fortnight's wages due to them, besides a claim they have put in for overtime?
- (2.) Have these men called at the Treasury for payment of what is due to them, and is it true that they have been turned away from the Treasury unpaid, besides having been insulted and threatened by some of the officers of that department?
- (3.) Have the men above referred to any claim against the Government; and if so, why is there any delay in settling it?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) The services of the men, temporarily employed on the Defence Works, were dispensed with on the 16th instant. As they had been paid *monthly*, lists of pay and allowances due to them for the broken period had to be prepared before payment from 1st to 16th could be made.
- (2.) The men called at the Treasury, and were referred to the Superintendent of Stores, in order that their claims might be made to that officer, and the pay lists prepared by him. They were not "insulted and threatened" by any officer of the Treasury Department.
- (3.) The list of claims, computed and certified in terms of the Audit Act, was received at the Treasury yesterday afternoon; was passed through the Examining and Account Branches, and payment made in the forenoon of to-day.

(3.)

(3.) *Walgett Mail*:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister representing the Post Office Department, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Has any complaint been made with respect to the mail leaving Walgett before all other mails from Sydney have arrived in that town?
- (2.) How many days do the mails remain at Walgett before being dispatched or forwarded on?
- (3.) Has the Postmaster General been asked to make any alteration in the time-bills to enable the numerous mails to catch the outgoing one, and so remedy the evil?
- (4.) Why does the Postmaster General object to making the slight alteration when the benefit accruing therefrom would be so great?
- (5.) Is the Postmaster General aware that in consequence of this it takes a considerably longer time in the transit by this route than by going a round of 75 miles each way *viâ* Bourke. Our letters from Sydney reach us in five days, why should a return by the same route take ten days?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) Complaint has been made by one individual (a resident of Brewarina) of the mails leaving Walgett before the arrival there of the mails from Brewarina and Talawanta.
- (2.) Mails due on Tuesday remain in Walgett 67 hours, and those due on Saturday 43 hours.
- (3.) Yes, by the person above referred to.
- (4.) Because such alteration would necessitate the correspondence arriving at Bourke from Sydney, Dubbo, and other places, for persons residing between Bourke and Walgett, being detained at Bourke for a considerable time. The alteration was moreover reported as unnecessary by the Postal Inspector, who has just returned from the locality.
- (5.) Under present arrangements letters, &c., dispatched from Brewarina and Talawanta *viâ* Bourke do reach Sydney quicker than if sent *viâ* Walgett, but the Brewarina residents can make use of the still more expeditious route *viâ* Cannonbar once a week. In framing tables the Postmaster General has to consider the general interests, in preference to those of the residents at one particular locality.

(4.) *Filibustering Expedition*:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) Whether any despatch has been received from the Imperial Government referring to the filibustering expedition telegraphed by February mail?
- (2.) If so, will it be laid before Parliament?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) No such despatch has been received from the Imperial Government, but a letter has been received from the Agent General of this Colony in reference to this matter.
- (2.) The Government have not yet determined whether they will lay the letter referred to upon the Table of the House; at present I do not think it will be of any utility to take that course.

2. *Mrs. Eliza Colwell*:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Eliza Colwell, of Wombelong Creek, in the District of Bligh, alleging that she has repeatedly applied to the Government for a lease of a Run occupied by her, called Wombelong South, and that such lease has not yet issued; and praying for inquiry into the matter, with a view to a lease of the said Run being granted to her. Petition received.

3. *The Tariff ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from farmers and others, resident at Shoalhaven, praying for an import duty on potatoes, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. *Great Northern and Western Roads ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from inhabitants of Windsor, Richmond, and Kurrajong, relative to the state of the Great Northern and Western Roads, and to obstructions over the Hawkesbury, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

5. *Postage on Newspapers ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from the Rev. John McGibbon and Mr. George Lucas, relative to the postal charge on Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

6. *Official Salaries Reduction Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day)*,—on motion of Mr. S. Brown, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. S. Brown then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. S. Brown moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to reduce the Salaries of certain Public Officers,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 19th April, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. *Postponements*:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, as follows:—

- No. 1, until Wednesday, 3rd May.
- No. 2, to follow after Order No. 6.
- No. 3, to follow after Order No. 2, as postponed.
- No. 4, to follow after Order No. 3, as postponed.

8. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
Mr. Lord moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—  
And Mr. Driver not making the Contingent Motion standing in his name No. 2,—  
The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolution be now received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
(12.) *Resolved*, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £125,300, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony from the 1st to the 30th April, 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time and agreed to.
9. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolutions be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—  
(12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1871, the sum of £125,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony from the 1st to the 30th April, 1871.  
(13.) *Resolved*,—That to enable the Government to pay off certain Treasury Bills, issued under the Treasury Bills Act of 1870, which fall due in the month of April instant, 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 £343,200.  
(14.) *Resolved*,—That all principal sums to be contained in any such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony; and that such Bills shall be made payable on the expiration of twelve calendar months from the date thereof.  
(15.) *Resolved*,—That all such Treasury Bills shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding £5 per centum per annum, in respect of the whole moneys contained therein; and that such interest shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and the growing produce thereof.  
(16.) *Resolved*,—That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to, and form part of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.  
Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
10. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4) :—  
(1.) *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 12, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871.  
(2.) Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Treasury Bills Bill :—  
(1.) *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 13 to 16 inclusive, to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.  
(2.) Mr. Lord having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Robertson moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.  
Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. King.
Mr. R. Forster,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Lucas,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Postponements :—

(1.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Sir James Martin, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—  
No. 1, until to-morrow.  
No. 2, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 20 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take any, and if any, what steps for the repair of the crossing over Black Creek, near Branxton, on the Great Northern Road, in compliance with a Petition from the inhabitants of the locality, presented by Messrs. Wisdom, Farnell, and Burns in September last?
2. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is the Minister for Works aware that the Public are greatly inconvenienced at the Sydney Railway Station on account of the insufficient attendance in the giving of railway tickets; if so, will the Minister direct his attention to this matter?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the order of this House, by placing all the papers in Dr. Beer's case upon the Table?  
(2.) If so, when will the papers be produced?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the wishes of the large population of West Maitland, so frequently expressed by Petition to this House and otherwise, to the effect that the absence of a Court House in West Maitland is felt as a serious inconvenience?  
(2.) If so, when does the Government intend to commence the building of said Court House?
5. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR ORANGE, (MR. SAMUEL),—What course does the honorable gentleman intend to take with regard to the Marine Board Bill which was introduced by him, and which stands as an Order of the Day for second reading on the Business Paper of this House?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—  
(1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No 4); second reading.
4. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; third reading.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 19th April, from Mrs. Eliza Colwell, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the estimated cost of completing the Defences of the Harbour, including the roads leading to Middle Head, Bradley's Head, and George's Head, including likewise the torpedoes and boom?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LUCAS *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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—  
 (1.) That it is desirable that the Government should join in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool *via* San Francisco, the mails to be delivered in both directions within 45 days, and the subsidy not to exceed £20,000 per annum.  
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4. MR. HOSKINS *to move*, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz.:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
5. MR. LEARY *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellence will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between thy Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
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TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from Farmers, Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of Wagga Wagga, relative to amendment of the Distillation Act, be printed.

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WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 APRIL, 1871.

There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackèy, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macleay, Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the estimated cost of completing the Defences of the Harbour, including the roads leading to Middle Head, Bradley's Head, and George's Head, including likewise the torpedoes and boom?
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*Contingent*

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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Stewart withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Crossing at Black Creek:—*Mr. Farnell* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the Government taken, or do they intend to take any, and if any, what, steps for the repair of the crossing over Black Creek, near Branxton, on the Great Northern Road, in compliance with a Petition from the inhabitants of the locality, presented by Messrs. Wisdom, Farnell, and Burns in September last?  
*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—The only funds available for the road in question are the proceeds of the Toll-bars. The Road Superintendent reports that the crossing has been repaired as far as funds will admit, and now presents no obstacle to traffic.
- (2.) Sydney Railway Station:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Leary*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is the Minister for Works aware that the Public are greatly inconvenienced at the Sydney Railway Station on account of the insufficient attendance in the giving of railway tickets; if so, will the Minister direct his attention to this matter?  
*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—The Traffic Manager has informed me that some little inconvenience did occur during the recent holidays, but that steps have since been taken to avoid inconvenience in future.
- (3.) Case of *Dr. Beer*:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the order of this House, by placing all the papers in *Dr. Beer's* case upon the Table?  
 (2.) If so, when will the papers be produced?  
*Mr. Robertson* answered,—The Government have some doubt whether a further reference ought not to be made to this House before this order is complied with. They will be in a position to determine upon this matter in a day or two. I may say that the reason of the Government being careful in this matter is mercy to *Dr. Beer*. Certain of the papers are of such a character that the Government are of opinion it will be scarcely fair to him to publish them.
- (4.) Court House for West Maitland:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the wishes of the large population of West Maitland, so frequently expressed by Petition to this House, and otherwise, to the effect that the absence of a Court House in West Maitland is felt as a serious inconvenience?  
 (2.) If so, when does the Government intend to commence the building of said Court House?  
*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to comply with the wishes of the petitioners for the erection of a Court House in West Maitland at present.
- (5.) Marine Board Bill:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Hon. Member for Orange (*Mr. Samuel*), pursuant to Notice No. 6,—What course does the honorable gentleman intend to take with regard to the Marine Board Bill which was introduced by him, and which stands as an Order of the Day for second reading on the Business Paper of this House?  
*Mr. Samuel* answered,—This is a very important Bill, and if I am afforded the opportunity by Honorable Members, I shall be happy to proceed with it on Tuesday evening.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to “Yass Bridge,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 4th October, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill :—Mr. Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the “Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill” be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.  
Question put and passed.
4. Postage on Newspapers :—Mr. Church presented a Petition from T. F. De Courcy Browne, newspaper proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.
5. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill :—Mr. Fitzpatrick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th April, 1871, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 2nd May.  
Question put and passed.
6. Mrs. Eliza Colwell (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th April, from Mrs. Eliza Colwell, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation 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 having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.  
The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Specr, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fourteen minutes before Seven o’clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the estimated cost of completing the Defences of the Harbour, including the roads leading to Middle Head, Bradley’s Head, and George’s Head, including likewise the torpedoes and boom?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether the Government intend to introduce during the present Session a Bill to amend the Parish Roads Act?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What were the amounts actually due and payable by the Government in England on the 31st December, 1870, and the 1st of January, 1871, for debentures falling due, interest on the public debt, overdraft, and all other claims?
  - (2.) What would be the amount (as nearly as can be ascertained) in the hands of the Financial Agents in England available to meet the engagements of the Government due and payable to the 1st January, 1871?
  - (3.) What will be the amount of interest on the public debt and other engagements of the Government in England due and payable on the 30th June and 1st of July next?
  - (4.) What provision has been made, or will be made, for the payment of such engagements?
  - (5.) Have any instructions been sent to England on this subject; if so, will the Treasurer lay a copy of the correspondence upon the Table of this House?
4. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What were the respective amounts and rates per cent. at which the sale of Treasury Bills was last effected?
  - (2.) Was brokerage paid on the whole amount?
  - (3.) If not, upon what portions?
  - (4.) If paid at all, at what rates per cent., and to whom?
  - (5.) What were the respective amounts and rates per cent. at which the sale of Treasury Bills was effected in 1868 and 1869?
  - (6.) Was any brokerage then paid?
  - (7.) If so, upon what portions?
  - (8.) If paid at all, at what rates per cent., and to whom?

5. MR. LACKEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of money received from the excursion trains on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway during the last Agricultural Exhibition?
  - (2.) Is the Minister aware if the amount received more than covered working expenses?
6. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the building in Macquarie-place, lately known as the "Star Hotel," has been leased by the Government?
  - (2.) If this is true, who leased the building to the Government, and what are the terms of the agreement?
7. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is he aware of the fact that a mason's labourer, named Henry Whittaker, died at a public house in the town of Cowra a short time ago, after having been drinking there for some days?
  - (2.) Is he aware of any inquiry having been instituted in consequence of this man's death; if so, by whom was said inquiry conducted, and what was its result?
8. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What reasons, if any, were assigned for appointing Special Auditors for the Municipal Borough of Newtown?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
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2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—
  - (1.) That it is desirable that the Government should join in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool *via* San Francisco, the mails to be delivered in both directions within 45 days, and the subsidy not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, *viz.*:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
4. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. BROOKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on 18th April, from certain inhabitants of the City of Newcastle and Suburbs, relative to the proposal of the Government to reduce wages and salaries of persons employed in the Public Service, be printed.
7. MR. CHURCH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st April, from Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne, proprietor of the *Gulgong Guardian*, relative to postal charge upon Newspapers, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No 4); second reading.
4. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.
5. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill; third reading.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

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 WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
6. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
8. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.

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 TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from Farmers, Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of Wagga Wagga, relative to amendment of the Distillation Act, be printed.
2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
  2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Harbour Defences:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What is the estimated cost of completing the Defences of the Harbour, including the roads leading to Middle Head, Bradley's Head, and George's Head, including likewise the torpedoes and boom?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The amount stated in the Estimates, £80,000, in addition to the money now applicable for that purpose.

*Mr. Lucas not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

- (2.) Government Debentures—Public Debt:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What were the amounts actually due and payable by the Government in England on the 31st December, 1870, and the 1st of January, 1871, for debentures falling due, interest on the public debt, overdraft, and all other claims?

(2.) What would be the amount (as nearly as can be ascertained) in the hands of the Financial Agents in England available to meet the engagements of the Government due and payable to the 1st January, 1871?

(3.) What will be the amount of interest on the public debt and other engagements of the Government in England due and payable on the 30th June and 1st of July next?

(4.) What provision has been made, or will be made, for the payment of such engagements?

(5.) Have any instructions been sent to England on this subject; if so, will the Treasurer lay a copy of the correspondence upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) About £662,000.

(2.) About £520,000.

(3.) About £260,000.

(4.) Debentures of the nominal value of £407,100 were transmitted to the Bank of New South Wales on the 6th October, 1870, for sale in London.

(5.) Yes. The usual Letters of Credit have been sent. A copy of the letter transmitting them can be laid upon the Table if necessary.

- (3.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What were the respective amounts and rates per cent. at which the sale of Treasury Bills was last effected?

(2.) Was brokerage paid on the whole amount?

(3.) If not, upon what portions?

(4.) If paid at all, at what rates per cent., and to whom?

(5.) What were the respective amounts and rates per cent. at which the sale of Treasury Bills was effected in 1868 and 1869?

(6.) Was any brokerage then paid?

(7.) If so, upon what portions?

(8.) If paid at all, at what rates per cent., and to whom?

Mr.

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) £279,200 at £99 Os. per cent.  
       22,000 at 99 5s.        "  
       40,000 at 99 10s.       "  
       1,900 at par.

(2.) No.

(3.) On £252,400.

(4.)  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to the Mutual Provident Society on £85,000, and to the Commercial Bank on £167,400.

- (5.) Year 1868, £343,200 at £101 1s. 1d.  
       Year 1869, 42,500 at 101 0s. 0d.  
       " 27,000 at 101 5s. 6d.  
       " 23,700 at 101 10s. 0d.  
       " 151,000 at 102 5s. 1d.  
       " 100,000 at 102 7s. 7d.

(6.) Yes, on the 1868 sale, but not on the Bills sold in 1869.

(7.) £343,200.

(8.)  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. to Messrs. Lennon & Cape, Government Brokers.

I should like to state in replying to this question that the Honorable Member for Orange has stated that no brokerage has been paid on the Bills sold in 1869, and I have here a minute paper dated Treasury, 6th May, 1870, to the following effect:—"Sale of Treasury Bills to the Commercial Banking Company, and to the Bank of New South Wales. The Hon. the Treasurer having sold the following Treasury Bills to the undermentioned Banks at 99 per cent. and a Brokerage allowance of one-half per cent. to the purchasers, it becomes necessary to pay the latter the amount today, they having paid for the Bills yesterday." Here is the account of the Commercial Banking Company for £837. Here is the receipt for £837. This is submitted for approval to Mr. Samuel, the Colonial Treasurer, and is signed "Approved, S. S." I have also here a letter from the Australian Mutual Provident Society, addressed to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, dated 17th May, 1870, as follows:—

"Sir,

"I have to request that you will be good enough to pay to the bearer, Mr. J. Van Heuckelum, the sum of £425 due to the Society for Brokerage of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on its recent purchase of £85,000 Treasury Bills.

"I am, &c.,

"A. J. RALSTON,

"Secretary."

Memo.—"Mr. Cronin will pay."

(4.) Excursion Trains:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) What was the amount of money received from the excursion trains on the Southern and Western Lines of Railway during the last Agricultural Exhibition?  
 (2.) Is the Minister aware if the amount received more than covered working expenses?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) £3,570 14s 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. received for conveyance of excursionists brought to Sydney by the ordinary trains, and by two extra special trains which ran daily from Parramatta only.  
 (2.) It is not possible to ascertain the cost of working this traffic, as it was mixed up with the ordinary traffic of the Railway.

(5.) The "Star Hotel":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Is it true that the building in Macquarie-place, lately known as the "Star Hotel," has been leased by the Government?  
 (2.) If this is true, who leased the building to the Government, and what are the terms of the agreement?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) Yes, by the late Government.  
 (2.) The Honorable S. D. Gordon, M.L.C. The agreement is that the building is to be placed in thorough and substantial repair, and rendered suitable generally for the purpose for which it is required. Specifications of repair have been submitted to, and approved by, the Colonial Architect. The rent to be paid is £380 per annum, which includes £30 for quarters agreed to be erected for messenger and office-keeper. The building has been taken for five years, from the 1st July next. By this arrangement a saving of £70 will be effected.

(6.) Henry Whittaker:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the fact that a mason's labourer, named Henry Whittaker, died at a public house in the town of Cowra a short time ago, after having been drinking there for some days?  
 (2.) Is he aware of any inquiry having been instituted in consequence of this man's death; if so, by whom was said inquiry conducted, and what was its result?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am entirely unacquainted with this matter.

(7.) Special Auditors for Borough of Newtown:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—What reasons, if any, were assigned for appointing Special Auditors for the Municipal Borough of Newtown?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Reasons were not assigned by the 96 Ratepayers who applied for such appointment, nor does the law require it.

2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill:—Mr. Wearne (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the "Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill," which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, the 21st of April instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th May.

Question put and passed.

3. Mr. Christopher McRae :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Christopher McRae, of Parramatta, grazier, complaining of the irregular appraisement and excessive amount of rent placed upon certain runs held by him in the District of Bligh; and praying for inquiry into the matter.  
Petition received.
4. The Fiji Islands :—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from William Neill, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, praying that the requisite measures may be taken for the establishment of the Administration of Justice in the Fiji Islands.  
Petition received.
5. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Report from the Examiner of Coal Fields upon the condition and prospects of the Coal Fields, for the year 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Picton Toll-bar :—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Picton and its vicinity, representing the hardship of paying toll at the Picton Toll-bar; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
7. Motions Withdrawn :—
  - (1.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  - (2.) Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Government Employés (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—That the Petition presented by him on 18th April, from certain inhabitants of the City of Newcastle and Suburbs, relative to the proposal of the Government to reduce wages and salaries of persons employed in the Public Service, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Postage on Newspapers (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Church moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—That the Petition presented by him on the 21st April, from Mr. T. F. De Courcy Browne, proprietor of the *Gulpong Guardian*, relative to postal charge upon Newspapers, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. The Office of Attorney General :—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Sir James Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fifteen minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL.

### Questions :—

1. MR. DODDS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) In appointing Special Auditors to audit the accounts of the Borough of Newtown, have the Government given instructions that the Special Audit shall be confined to the current year, or to any limited period?
  - (2.) Have the Government instructed the Special Auditors to perform their work in a single day, in accordance with the wording of the 184th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to the effect that a Special Audit shall be held upon “*a day* to be appointed by such Auditors”; and to report “*forthwith*” (after such audit on the day appointed) in accordance with the provisions of clause 185 of the Municipalities Act?
  - (3.) If such instructions have not been given, will the Government state the nature and limits of the duties which the Auditors referred to are required to perform?
2. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Has the Government received the amount of Unclaimed Balances in the Savings Bank belonging to deceased prisoners, authorised under the provisions of the Act of Parliament recently passed; if so, what amount?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Were tenders called for a “*low level Bridge*” at Luskintyre?
  - (2.) If so, whose tender was accepted, and why is it not being proceeded with?
  - (3.) Has the same person received another Government contract in Newcastle?
  - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue fresh tenders?

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means*),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from Christopher McRae, relative to excessive rentals of his runs in the Bligh District, be printed.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.
3. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from William Neill, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, relative to the establishment of the Administration of Justice in the Fiji Islands, be printed.
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## FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

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## TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House will, on Friday the 5th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
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  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 : Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever : Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land : Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY,

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
  2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Special Auditors for Borough of Newtown:—Mr. Dodds asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) In appointing Special Auditors to audit the accounts of the Borough of Newtown, have the Government given instructions that the Special Audit shall be confined to the current year, or to any limited period?

(2.) Have the Government instructed the Special Auditors to perform their work in a single day, in accordance with the wording of the 184th clause of the Municipalities Act of 1867, to the effect that a Special Audit shall be held upon “a day to be appointed by such Auditors”; and to report “forthwith” (after such audit on the day appointed) in accordance with the provisions of clause 185 of the Municipalities Act?

(3.) If such instructions have not been given, will the Government state the nature and limits of the duties which the Auditors referred to are required to perform?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think I can best answer my honorable friend by reading the letter of instructions to the Auditors, which is as follows:—

“Sydney, 23rd March, 1871.

“Sir,

“I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint you, together with William Henry Mackenzie, Esquire, to be Special Auditors for the Borough of Newtown, in accordance with the provisions of section 184 of the Municipalities Act of 1867, and to add that you shall not commence your functions until required so to do by fifty Electors of the Borough, or by any Creditor or Creditors of the same—by writing under the hand of such Electors, or Creditor, or Creditors respectively.

“I have, &c.,

“HENRY HALLORAN.

“A. H. Richardson, Esquire,  
“George-street, Sydney.”

I think if the Honorable Member will read the 10th section of the Acts Shortening Act he will see that the law he relies on does not support his view. However that is only my opinion; I am not a lawyer.

(2.) Unclaimed Balances in Savings Bank:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Has the Government received the amount of Unclaimed Balances in the Savings Bank belonging to deceased prisoners, authorised under the provisions of the Act of Parliament recently passed; if so, what amount?

Mr. Lord answered,—Yes, on the 25th instant; £11,847 8s. 9d.

(3.) Bridge at Luskintyre:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Were tenders called for a “low level Bridge” at Luskintyre?

(2.) If so, whose tender was accepted, and why is it not being proceeded with?

(3.) Has the same person received another Government contract in Newcastle?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue fresh tenders?

Mr.

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On the 12th of December last Jesse Burley's tender was accepted for £596; on the 30th of December, however, he alleged that, having erred in his calculations, he was unable to carry out the contract at that price, and submitted a fresh offer, considerably above the amount available, which the Government declined to accept on the 6th January, 1871. The work is not being proceeded with, as the vote under the 17th clause of the Audit Act has lapsed.

(3.) Yes, before any final determination was arrived at respecting the contract for the work in question.

(4.) Fresh tenders cannot now be invited, the vote having lapsed, as above stated.

2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools, for 1870.

(2.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools, for 1870.

(3.) Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Service.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Mr. Christopher McRae (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from Christopher McRae, relative to excessive rentals of his runs in the Bligh District, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. The Fiji Islands (*"Formal" Motion*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from William Neill, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, relative to the establishment of the Administration of Justice in the Fiji Islands, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, as follows:—

No. 1, to follow after Order No. 7.

No. 2, to follow after Order No. 1, as postponed.

No. 3, to follow after Order No. 2, as postponed.

No. 4, to follow after Order No. 6.

No. 5, to follow after Order No. 4, as postponed.

6. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 14.	
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Cummings,	Mr. S. Brown,	Tellers. Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Speer,	Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Allep,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Greville,	
Mr. King,		Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Levy,	Tellers.	Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Smith.	Mr. Sutherland,	

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, *passed*.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th April, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Treasury Bills Bill:—Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. King,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Weaver.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Buchanan,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Driver.

Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue exacting contributions from the Civil Servants towards the Superannuation Fund, while at the same time admitting that the hopelessly bankrupt state of that fund precludes the possibility of those Civil Servants ever deriving any benefit from it?  
(2.) Will the Government give those Civil Servants from whose salaries they are at present deducting four per cent. by way of contribution to the Superannuation Fund, a guarantee that the advantages held out to them under the Superannuation Act will be strictly and honourably upheld; or failing this, will the Government undertake to pay them back all they have contributed to the Superannuation Fund, with interest at the rate of five per cent.?
2. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have any fresh instructions been sent to England relating to the sale of the £407,100 Debentures transmitted on the 6th of October, 1870, beyond those forwarded by the late Treasurer?
3. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards making provision for the road between Yass and Queanbeyan?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—  
(1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No 4); third reading.
2. Treasury Bills Bill; third reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—
  - (1.) That it is desirable that the Government should join in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool *via* San Francisco, the mails to be delivered in both directions within 45 days, and the subsidy not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
3. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, *viz.*:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
6. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
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6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of letter of instructions relating to the sale of Debentures, amounting to £407,100, transmitted to London for sale on the 6th of October, 1870, and copy of instructions relating to the payment of the interest on the Public Debt due on the 1st of July next.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue exacting contributions from the Civil Servants towards the Superannuation Fund, while at the same time admitting that the hopelessly bankrupt state of that fund precludes the possibility of those Civil Servants ever deriving any benefit from it?

(2.) Will the Government give those Civil Servants, from whose salaries they are at present deducting four per cent. by way of contribution to the Superannuation Fund, a guarantee that the advantages held out to them under the Superannuation Act will be strictly and honourably upheld; or failing this, will the Government undertake to pay them back all they have contributed to the Superannuation Fund, with interest at the rate of five per cent.?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1.) While the Superannuation Act remains in force its provisions will be carried out.

(2.) The Government cannot give guarantees for the payment of public moneys without Parliamentary authority.

- (2.) Government Debentures:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have any fresh instructions been sent to England relating to the sale of the £407,100 Debentures transmitted on the 6th of October, 1870, beyond those forwarded by the late Treasurer? Mr. Lord answered,—Yes. Instructions were sent on 30th December, 1870, urging the necessity for realising the whole of the issue of £407,100.

- (3.) Road between Yass and Queanbeyan:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards making provision for the road between Yass and Queanbeyan?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to No. 65 on Schedule for 1870, Southern Roads, viz., "Main Southern Road near Yass, *via* Morunbateman, Ginindera, and Canberra, to Queanbeyan;" if so, an amount has been placed on Schedule for 1871, now under consideration.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th April, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## ST. ANDREW'S PARSONAGE SALE BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the sale of St. Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 27th April, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause, 3, lines 54 and 55. *Omit* "So long as such license shall be in full force and unrevoked."

Page 2, clause 3, line 57. *After* "whomsoever" *add* "but subject to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of New South Wales first hereinbefore recited."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Allen, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 5th May.

4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill, No. 4 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th April, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Treasury Bills Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.*"

Question put and passed.

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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th April, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill :—Mr. Driver having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases,*"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 19th May.

8. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment 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 to-morrow.

10. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4) :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th April, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Government discontinued issuing to the Maitland District Council the sums voted by Parliament for roads in its district, which by law are under its control?
  - (2.) If so, under whose supervision have the road grants been expended since the Government has discontinued handing them over to the Council.
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume payments to the Maitland District Council as formerly; if so, when?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
6. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
8. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
9. Marine Board Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
14. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from certain inhabitants of Picton and its vicinity, representing hardship of paying toll at Picton Toll-bar, be printed.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

## Question :—

1. MR. LEARY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When do the Government propose to afford greater facilities to the farmers for loading the hay trucks at Campbelltown ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from Farmers, Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of Wagga Wagga, relative to amendment of the Distillation Act, be printed.
2. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
3. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House will, on Friday the 5th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of letter of instructions relating to the sale of Debentures, amounting to £407,100, transmitted to London for sale on the 6th of October, 1870, and copy of instructions relating to the payment of the interest on the Public Debt due on the 1st of July next.
7. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The total amount of rents for Crown Lands for 1871.
  - (2.) The approximate area in acres or square miles of land leased from the Crown, not including forfeited runs.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
  2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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TUESDAY, 9 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes of Evidence, and other matters, between the Local Board of the Certified Roman Catholic Boys School, Goulburn, and the Council of Education, respecting the required resignation of the head master and assistant teacher of the said school.
  2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days ; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Maitland District Council:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government discontinued issuing to the Maitland District Council the sums voted by Parliament for roads in its district, which by law are under its control?
- (2.) If so, under whose supervision have the road grants been expended since the Government has discontinued handing them over to the Council.
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume payments to the Maitland District Council as formerly; if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The sum voted for the Maitland District Council was withheld by order of the late Government. I am not aware that the roads have been under their supervision since. There is at the present time a Bill before the Parliament having for its object the dissolution of the District Council, and the Government will not take any action in this matter until they see how the House will deal with this Bill. If this Bill become law the District Council will then be dissolved. I have received a Petition, signed by five out of the seven District Councillors, asking that the sum may be handed over to them. There is one other reason which would cause a little delay; the law provides that the number of District Councillors shall be proportioned to the population. As soon as the Census shall have been taken the Government will see how many additional trustees it is in their power to appoint. When the original appointment was made the number was nine; since that time the population has increased, and I believe the number they will now be entitled to have will be about twelve.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fifteen minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 2 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When do the Government propose to afford greater facilities to the farmers for loading the hay trucks at Campbelltown?
2. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Government has promised to ask Parliament to grant a subsidy in aid of a Postal Service by San Francisco?
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3. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has application been made by the Council of Education to the Government for a portion of land as a site for a Public School at Teralba, County of Northumberland?
  - (2.) If so, on what date?
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  - (1.) Whether they have any objection to state the name or names of the gentlemen who recommended Mr. Carter to the office of Postmaster at Mudgee?
  - (2.) Did Mr. Carter at any time hold any appointment under the Government, previous to the present one; and if so, for how long?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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## FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill ; second reading.
  2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
  3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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## TUESDAY, 9 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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## FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
  2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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## FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Loading Hay Trucks at Campbelltown:—*Mr. Samuel*, on behalf of *Mr. Leary*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When do the Government propose to afford greater facilities to the farmers for loading the hay trucks at Campbelltown?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—Instructions were given in the early part of last month for the extension of the loading accommodation at Campbelltown, and the work is being proceeded with.

- (2.) Postal Service *via* San Francisco:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Government has promised to ask Parliament to grant a subsidy in aid of a Postal Service by San Francisco?

(2.) If so, to whom has the promise been made?

(3.) Under what circumstances did Government make such promise?

*Sir James Martin* answered,—The Government has not made any such promise.

- (3.) Site for Public School at Teralba:—*Mr. Brookes* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has application been made by the Council of Education to the Government for a portion of land as a site for a Public School at Teralba, County of Northumberland?

(2.) If so, on what date?

(3.) Has any reply to the application been sent by the Government?

(4.) If so, on what date, and of what nature?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 14th June, 1870.

(3. and 4.) No; the necessary report from the Surveyor having been only received in the Lands Department on the 1st instant. The application has, however, been approved, intimation of which will be at once made to the Council of Education.

- (4.) *Mr. Carter*, Postmaster at Mudgee:—*Mr. Brookes* asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Whether they have any objection to state the name or names of the gentlemen who recommended *Mr. Carter* to the office of Postmaster at Mudgee?

(2.) Did *Mr. Carter* at any time hold any appointment under the Government, previous to the present one; and if so, for how long?

(3.) Were any applications received for the vacant office of Postmaster at Mudgee from Country Postmasters, who had held appointments for a number of years in the Postal Department?

(4.) Were any applications received from other officials in the Government service receiving a smaller salary than that paid to the Postmaster at Mudgee, or from any gentlemen whose services had been dispensed with on the alleged ground of retrenchment?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—

(1.) The Postmaster General.

(2. 3. and 4.) I am sure my honorable friend will see these are questions that ought not to be asked by him or answered by me.

2. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Liability of Mining Partnerships Limitation Act Amendment Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act 24 Vic., No. 21, intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,'*" 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, 28th April, 1871.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871,*" 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, 2nd May, 1871.

3. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill:—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Re-adjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street in the Town of South Wagga Wagga,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 9th May.
4. Motions Withdrawn:—The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn by the Members named:—  
No. 2, by Mr. Lucas.  
No. 4, by Mr. Samuel.  
No. 3, by Mr. W. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Macleay.  
No. 5, by Mr. Hoskins.  
No. 10, by Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Leary.
5. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.  
(2.) By-laws, and List of Directors of the Destitute Children's Asylum for 1871.  
(3.) Further Return to an Order in reference to "Volunteer Artillery," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 27th January, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from the Warders of Parramatta Gaol, praying that the House will not assent to the scheme of reduction proposed to be made in the pay of Government officials.  
Petition received.
7. Amendment of the Distillation Act ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Macleay, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by Mr. Macleay on the 18th April, from Farmers, Merchants, Storekeepers, and others, of Wagga Wagga, relative to amendment of the Distillation Act, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Rents for Crown Lands ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—  
(1.) The total amount of rents for Crown Lands for 1871.  
(2.) The approximate area in acres or square miles of land leased from the Crown, not including forfeited runs.  
Question put and passed.
9. Picton Toll-bar ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th April, from certain inhabitants of Picton and its vicinity, representing hardship of paying toll at Picton Toll-bar, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Government Debentures:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of letter of instructions relating to the sale of Debentures, amounting to £407,100, transmitted to London for sale on the 6th of October, 1870, and copy of instructions relating to the payment of the interest on the Public Debt due on the 1st of July next.  
Question put and passed.
11. Paper:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Government Debentures," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Samuel, on 2nd May, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.

12. The Office of Attorney General :—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY.

### Questions :—

1. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government have received any communication from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Newcastle relative to the establishment of a Public Cemetery at Waratah?
  - (2.) If so, whether it is the intention of the Government to sanction the establishment of a Public Cemetery at Waratah?
  - (3.) Is the Government aware that the proposed site for the said Cemetery is within the recently proclaimed boundaries of the Municipality of Waratah?
  - (4.) Whether the proposed site for this Cemetery was not condemned in 1866 by the then Minister for Lands as unfit for such purposes, on the ground of sanitary, among other reasons?
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  - (1.) Whether the Municipal Council of the Borough of Newcastle have made application to the Government to appoint Trustees for the proposed Public Cemetery at Waratah?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that certain persons were appointed Trustees to the said Cemetery, and that the said appointment was subsequently revoked by the then Minister for Lands in 1866?
  - (3.) Is it also the fact that an item was placed on the Estimates for 1866 for the purpose of fencing in the proposed site, and subsequently abandoned by the then Minister for Lands, on the ground of the site being unsuited for the purpose intended?
3. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) When Members of this House will receive printed copies of the Order in Council relating to District Court Fees, laid upon the Table on the 12th of last month?
  - (2.) Whether the month in which either House of Parliament may dissent from that Order will run out on the 12th of this month?

### Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, or Ways and Means),—
  - (1.) That this House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary expenditure with reference to the works now in progress.
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### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases in cattle and sheep.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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1. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
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7. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
8. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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10. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
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12. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
15. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

## Questions:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What number of copies have been printed of the "Industrial Progress of New South Wales"?
  - (2.) What has been the cost of each copy?
  - (3.) Have the Government any intention of supplying copies gratis to any public institutions; and if so, to what institutions?
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The average number of trains per day, passing through Bowenfells and Rydal, during the last six months?
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  - (3.) The number of passengers to and from the said stations, during the same period?
  - (4.) The amount of revenue received from the goods and passenger traffic to and from these two stations, during the same period?
  - (5.) How many station-masters, porters, and other employés were engaged in the traffic department of these stations, during the period in question?
  - (6.) The rate of salary paid to each station-master, porter, or other employé engaged at these stations?

3. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Is there a station-master employed at the Railway Station at Wallsend; and if so, what is the amount of salary that officer receives?
  - (2.) Is the said officer an employé of the Government or of the Wallsend Coal Company?
  - (3.) What number of porters or assistants are employed at this station, if any?
  - (4.) What is the nature and extent of the accommodation for the storage of goods and the transaction of general business at this station?
  - (5.) Has the officer in charge of this station to keep an account of all goods and passengers carried on this line, as well as of all coal sent from the Wallsend and Co-operative Collieries?
  - (6.) Is there a platform at this station for the convenience of passengers?
4. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Whether he has received from the Council of Education notice of any new regulation relating to the administration of the Public Schools Act?
  - (2.) If so, do the new regulations provide for the teaching of classics or a foreign language in the Public Schools?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Religious Opinions Bill; second reading.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Funks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY, 9 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes of Evidence, and other matters, between the Local Board of the Certified Roman Catholic Boys School, Goulburn, and the Council of Education, respecting the required resignation of the head master and assistant teacher of the said school.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
3. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House will, on Friday the 5th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
6. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz.:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the persons making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. Brookes withdrew Questions Nos. 1 and 2.*

- (1.) District Court Fees—Order in Council :—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) When Members of this House will receive printed copies of the Order in Council relating to District Court Fees, laid upon the Table on the 12th of last month?

(2.) Whether the month in which either House of Parliament may dissent from that Order will run out on the 12th of this month?

Sir James Martin answered,—I understand that copies were circulated to-day.

2. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, in reference to "Case of Dr. Beer," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 24th January, 1871. Ordered to be printed.
3. Imported Stock Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases in cattle and sheep. Question put and passed.
4. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday, 17th May.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment 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 the Bill with amendments. Ordered, on motion of Sir James Martin, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the Sydney Meat Preserving Company (limited)*" and "*for other purposes therein mentioned*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd May 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

(2.)

## (2.) Treasury Bills Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

7. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive, postponed, on motion of Sir James Martin, until To-morrow.

## 8. Motions Dropped:—

(1.) Mr. Dillon not making the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

9. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for Friday next."

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

Original Question then put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

Bill then read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

10. Triennial Parliaments Bill:—On the Order being read, Mr. Piddington moved, That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for "this day six weeks."

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "this day six weeks," with a view to inserting in their place the words "Friday next."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Noes, 8.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dodds.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Original Question,—That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for this day six weeks,—then put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 4 MAY.

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 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the incorporation of the colliery township of Lambton; if so, when?  
 (2.) Has any protest been lodged against its incorporation since Mr. Surveyor Henderson reported to the Government on the subject; if so, by whom, and of what nature is the protest?

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  - (1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration made in the scale of District Court Fees by Order in Council dated the 23rd of March last.
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TUESDAY, 9 MAY.

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1. *MR. FITZPATRICK to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—*What steps have been taken by the Government to give effect to the Resolution adopted by this House on the 17th February last, having reference to the examination of persons appointed to the Public Service?

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6. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill ; second reading.
2. Sydney Meat-preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :— That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

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WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Public Cemetery at Waratah:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1.—

(1.) Whether the Government have received any communication from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Newcastle relative to the establishment of a Public Cemetery at Waratah?

(2.) If so, whether it is the intention of the Government to sanction the establishment of a Public Cemetery at Waratah?

(3.) Is the Government aware that the proposed site for the said Cemetery is within the recently proclaimed boundaries of the Municipality of Waratah?

(4.) Whether the proposed site for this Cemetery was not condemned in 1866 by the then Minister for Lands as unfit for such purposes, on the ground of sanitary, among other reasons?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes, several.

(2.) The Cemetery was dedicated in 1863.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) There is no record of such condemnation.

(2.) Public Cemetery at Waratah:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2.—

(1.) Whether the Municipal Council of the Borough of Newcastle have made application to the Government to appoint Trustees for the proposed Public Cemetery at Waratah?

(2.) Is it a fact that certain persons were appointed Trustees to the said Cemetery, and that the said appointment was subsequently revoked by the then Minister for Lands in 1866?

(3.) Is it also the fact that an item was placed on the Estimates for 1866 for the purpose of fencing in the proposed site, and subsequently abandoned by the then Minister for Lands, on the ground of the site being unsuited for the purpose intended?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No Trustees have ever been appointed.

(3.) The sums of £80 and £40 respectively were voted, but do not appear to have ever been expended.

*Mr. Brookes withdrew Question No. 3.*

2. Government Printing Office:—Mr. Piddington, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 13th September, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Petition of James Twaddell:—Mr. Stewart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the Petition of James Twaddell was referred on 25th January, 1871, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 4. Imported Stock Bill :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

## 5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Sir James Martin moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place 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 the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, on motion of Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

## 6. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until Wednesday next.

## 7. Supply :—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read,—

Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply,—

[And Mr. Buchanan having withdrawn the Contingent Motion standing in his name],—

Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—

(1.) "This House, while fully sensible of the importance of giving every consideration to the "question of Fortification and Defence of the Harbour of Sydney, and line of coast, is of opinion "that Parliament ought to have been consulted, and its sanction obtained, for all the necessary "expenditure with reference to the works now in progress."

(2.) "That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

## Ayes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dight,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. King.
Mr. R. Forster,	

## Noes, 7.

Mr. Church,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. S. Brown,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Leary.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

## 8. Postponements :—

(1.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Orders of the Day of Other Business, Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.

(3.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Marino Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 5 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What number of copies have been printed of the "Industrial Progress of New South Wales"?
  - (2.) What has been the cost of each copy?
  - (3.) Have the Government any intention of supplying copies gratis to any public institutions; and if so, to what institutions?
2. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The average number of trains per day passing through Bowenfells and Rydal, during the last six months?
  - (2.) The amount of goods traffic to and from these stations, during the same period?
  - (3.) The number of passengers to and from the said stations, during the same period?
  - (4.) The amount of revenue received from the goods and passenger traffic to and from these two stations, during the same period?
  - (5.) How many station-masters, porters, and other employés were engaged in the traffic department of these stations, during the period in question?
  - (6.) The rate of salary paid to each station-master, porter, or other employé engaged at these stations?
3. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is there a station-master employed at the Railway Station at Wallsend; and if so, what is the amount of salary that officer receives?
  - (2.) Is the said officer an employé of the Government or of the Wallsend Coal Company?
  - (3.) What number of porters or assistants are employed at this station, if any?
  - (4.) What is the nature and extent of the accommodation for the storage of goods and the transaction of general business at this station?
  - (5.) Has the officer in charge of this station to keep an account of all goods and passengers carried on this line, as well as of all coal sent from the Wallsend and Co-operative Collieries?
  - (6.) Is there a platform at this station for the convenience of passengers?
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  - (2.) If so, do the new regulations provide for the teaching of classics or a foreign language in the Public Schools?
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  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the incorporation of the colliery township of Lambton; if so, when?
  - (2.) Has any protest been lodged against its incorporation since Mr. Surveyor Henderson reported to the Government on the subject; if so, by whom, and of what nature is the protest?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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4. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill; third reading.
5. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
8. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
9. Immigration Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.
10. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
11. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
12. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
13. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
15. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."

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"(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."

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(1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration made in the scale of District Court Fees by Order in Council dated the 23rd of March last.  
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1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

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7. Mr. STEWART to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted.
8. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That the vote of Wednesday, the 3rd May, in reference to the postponement of the adjourned debate on the Triennial Parliaments Bill, be rescinded; and that the Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 19th May.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Imported Stock Bill ; second reading.
  2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill ; second reading.
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1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) "Industrial Progress of New South Wales":—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What number of copies have been printed of the "Industrial Progress of New South Wales"?  
 (2.) What has been the cost of each copy?  
 (3.) Have the Government any intention of supplying copies gratis to any public institutions; and if so, to what institutions?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) 2,750.  
 (2.) Average cost per copy, 4s. 4½d.  
 (3.) The Government have directed the following free distribution to be made:—

To the Consuls of Foreign States.

Secretaries of the Indian Government.

Chief and Colonial Secretaries of the various British Colonies.

Emigration Commissioners.

Eminent Statists.

Gentlemen in England who have been Members of the Parliament of New South Wales, ex-Governors, Commanders of Forces, Judges, etc.

Local Schools of Art and Literary Institutions.

Leading Newspapers, Magazines, and Reviews throughout the World.

Various Scientific, Educational, and other Institutions.

Members of Legislative Council.

Members of Legislative Assembly.

- (2.) Bowenfels and Rydal Railway Stations:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) The average number of trains per day passing through Bowenfels and Rydal, during the last six months?

- (2.) The amount of goods traffic to and from these stations, during the same period?

- (3.) The number of passengers to and from the said stations, during the same period?

- (4.) The amount of revenue received from the goods and passenger traffic to and from these two stations, during the same period?

- (5.) How many station-masters, porters, and other employés were engaged in the traffic department of these stations, during the period in question?

- (6.) The rate of salary paid to each station-master, porter, or other employé engaged at these stations?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Seven.

- (2.) To Bowenfels ... .. 308 Tons.

From Bowenfels ... .. 376 "

To Rydal ... .. 12,120 "

From Rydal ... .. 1,931 "

- (3.) To Bowenfels ... .. 795 Passengers.

From Bowenfels ... .. 816 "

To Rydal ... .. 3,529 "

From Rydal ... .. 3,617 "

(4.)

## (4.) Value of Goods and Passenger Traffic:—

Received at and Despatched from—

	Goods Traffic.	Passenger Traffic.
Bowenfels ... ..	£ 657 6s. 3d.	£1,192 16s. 6d.
Rydal ... ..	29,224 8s. 5d.	7,638 6s. 9d.

## (5.) Bowenfels—Oct. and Nov. 1870:—

1 Station Master.  
1 Assistant.  
4 Porters.

## Rydal—Oct. and Nov. 1870, and Jan. 1871:—

1 Station Master.  
3 Goods Clerks.  
17 Porters, Shunters, &c.

## Dec. 1870, and Jan. 1871:—

1 Station Master.  
4 Porters.

## Feb. and Mar. 1871:—

1 Station Master.  
2 Goods Clerks.  
15 Porters, &c.

## Feb. and Mar. 1871:—

1 Station Master.  
2 Porters.  
1 Gatekeeper.

## (6.) Oct. and Nov. 1870:—

1 Station Master at £175 per annum.  
1 Assistant at £2 2s. per week.  
1 Porter at 8s. per day.  
2 Porters at 7s. per day.  
1 Porter at 6s. 6d. per day.

## Oct. Nov. &amp; Dec. 1870, &amp; Jan. 1871:—

1 Station Master at £250 per annum.  
1 Goods Clerk at 10s. per day.  
1 " " at 7s. 7d. per day.  
1 " " at 7s. per day.  
1 Head Porter at 10s. per day.  
3 Porters at 8s. per day.  
5 " " at 7s. per day.  
5 " " at 6s. 6d. per day.  
3 " " at 6s. per day.

## Dec. 1870, and Jan. 1871:—

The same, less the Assistant at £2 2s. per week.

## Feb. and Mar. 1871:—

1 Station Master at £146 per annum.  
1 Porter at 7s. 6d. per day.  
1 " " at 6s. 6d. per day.  
1 Gatekeeper at 5s. per day.

1 Station Master at £238 per annum.  
1 Goods Clerk at 9s. per day.  
1 " " at 6s. 6d. per day.  
1 Head Porter at 9s. per day.  
3 Porters at 7s. 6d. per day.  
5 " " at 6s. 6d. per day.  
6 " " at 5s. 9d.

## (3.) Wallsend Railway Station:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is there a station-master employed at the Railway Station at Wallsend; and if so, what is the amount of salary that officer receives?
- (2.) Is the said officer an employé of the Government or of the Wallsend Coal Company?
- (3.) What number of porters or assistants are employed at this station, if any?
- (4.) What is the nature and extent of the accommodation for the storage of goods and the transaction of general business at this station?
- (5.) Has the officer in charge of this station to keep an account of all goods and passengers carried on this line, as well as of all coal sent from the Wallsend and Co-operative Collieries?
- (6.) Is there a platform at this station for the convenience of passengers?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Porter in charge acts as station-master; wages, £124 16s. a year.
- (2.) Employed by the Company, but acts under the supervision of the Commissioner for Railways.
- (3.) No porters or assistants.
- (4.) A goods shed, about 60 feet long, and a siding.
- (5.) Yes. The coal accounts, however, involve only two entries per week, the accounts being made up at the weighbridge, Newcastle, and sent to Wallsend—to debit Newcastle Station.
- (6.) No. This is a matter for the Company, to whom the station belongs.

## (4.) Public Schools Act:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) Whether he has received from the Council of Education notice of any new regulation relating to the administration of the Public Schools Act?
- (2.) If so, do the new regulations provide for the teaching of classics or a foreign language in the Public Schools?

Mr. Robertson answered,—No such regulation has been received by the Government.

## (5.) Incorporation of Township of Lambton:—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the incorporation of the colliery township of Lambton; if so, when?
- (2.) Has any protest been lodged against its incorporation since Mr. Surveyor Henderson reported to the Government on the subject; if so, by whom, and of what nature is the protest?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) I think it is exceedingly likely the Government will do so.
- (2.) Yes. By Messrs. Morehead and Young (dated 3rd March, 1871), who urge delay on account of misapprehension of persons signing the original petition, and want of sufficient information on the part of the inhabitants. On the same day a letter was received from persons on behalf of a public meeting of the Lambton Incorporation Committee, urging speedy incorporation.

2. Postage on Newspapers :—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Thomas Affleck, Newspaper Proprietor, praying the House to consider the propriety of adapting to the case of Newspapers the principle of a graduated scale of charges, as applied to Letters.  
Petition received.

3. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the Town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows :—  
No. 1, by Mr. W. Forster, to follow after Order No. 3.  
No. 2, by Mr. Tunks, to follow after Order No. 1, as postponed.

6. St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill :—On motion of Mr. Allen the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments,—

Mr. Allen moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lockey,
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Dodds,	Tellers.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Tunks.
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Brookes,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. R. Forster,

Tellers.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of Saint Andrew's Parsonage in the City of Sydney.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Religious Opinions Bill :—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Brookes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Webb,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dillon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bell,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Neale,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Greville,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Brookes,		Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. W. Forster,		Mr. Allen,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Driver,		Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Stewart.		Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Webb,
		Mr. Bell,	Mr. S. Brown.
		Mr. Neale,	
		Mr. Greville,	

8. Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the service of Her Majesty's Government in New South Wales,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

9. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—having been read,—

Mr. Wilson moved, That Mr. G. C. Davis, Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of this House, in accordance with the Resolution of the House, passed on 14th March 1871, that Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, against the Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill.

Question put and passed.

The learned Counsel (Mr. Davis) was then, by direction of the Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and, having been informed by the Speaker of the Resolution under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the matter under consideration,—and then withdrew.

Mr. R. Forster moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Brookes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Greville,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Smith.	Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Lee,			
Mr. Webb,			

10. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of other Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 5, by Mr. Farnell, until this day six weeks.

No. 6, by Mr. W. Forster, until this day week.

No. 7, by Mr. Dodds, to follow after Order No. 8.

No. 8, by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until this day week.

No. 7, (as postponed) by Mr. Dodds, to follow after Order No. 9.

11. Immigration:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, the Order of the Day was then discharged.

12. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill :—Mr. Dodds moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Neale, Mr. Stewart, Mr J. Suttor, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 9 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FITZPATRICK to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps have been taken by the Government to give effect to the Resolution adopted by this House on the 17th February last, having reference to the examination of persons appointed to the Public Service?
2. MR. LEE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill at an early period for the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years, by giving discretionary powers to the Judges to order flogging in addition to any other sentence passed now by law?

*OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—*

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes of Evidence, and other matters, between the Local Board of the Certified Roman Catholic Boys School, Goulburn, and the Council of Education, respecting the required resignation of the head master and assistant teacher of the said school.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
3. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House will, on Friday the 5th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
6. MR. LEARY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.
7. MR. STEWART to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the vote of Wednesday, the 3rd May, in reference to the postponement of the adjourned debate on the Triennial Parliaments Bill, be rescinded; and that the Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 19th May.
9. MR. LEE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) All correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court-house in West Maitland, that may have taken place from 1865 to 1871 inclusive.
  - (2.) All petitions that have been presented to the Government from the Magistrates and inhabitants of West Maitland, praying for such construction, during the same period.
  - (3.) A detailed statement of all sites offered to the Government free, or for sale, for such purpose, including all buildings offered for lease or sale to the Government, with the names of the parties offering such.

10. MR. STEWART to move,  
 (1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration made in the scale of District Court Fees by Order in Council dated the 23rd of March last.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.
3. Marine Board Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
5. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
6. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Imported Stock Bill; second reading.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) How many patients have been admitted into the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum since the 1st of January, 1870?  
 (2.) How many discharged as cured?  
 (3.) How many re-admitted, and how often each?  
 (4.) What time elapsed between the discharge and re-admission of each patient?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

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WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 130.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Civil Service Competitive Examinations:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1.—What steps have been taken by the Government to give effect to the Resolution, adopted by this House on the 17th February last, having reference to the examination of persons appointed to the Public Service?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have received a communication from the Senate of the University on the subject, and that communication is under consideration.

*Mr. Lee not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

2. Motions Withdrawn:—

(1) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) *Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Lucas No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrates of the Casino Bench, since the 1st March, 1870, respecting Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino.  
Question put and passed.

4. Certified Roman Catholic School at Goulburn:—Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House all Correspondence, Minutes of Evidence, and other matters, between the Local Board of the Certified Roman Catholic Boys School, Goulburn, and the Council of Education, respecting the required resignation of the head master and assistant teacher of the said school.  
Question put and passed.

5. Steam Postal Communication with England, *viâ* San Francisco:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 2, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *viâ* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

6. Amendment of the Distillation Act:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 5, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.

Question put and passed.

7. Petition of James Twaddell :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted.  
Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Driver, adjourned (after Debate) until Friday next.
8. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill :—Mr. Samuel having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to provide greater facilities for and to regulate Distillation from articles the produce of the Colony,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 19th May.
9. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the vote of Wednesday, the 3rd May, in reference to the postponement of the adjourned debate on the Triennial Parliaments Bill, be rescinded ; and that the Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 19th May.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maclay,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. King,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
Mr. Piddington,	

10. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Lee not making the Motion standing in his name No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
11. District Court Fees :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—  
(1.) That this House does not approve of the alteration made in the scale of District Court Fees by Order in Council dated the 23rd of March last.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the foregoing Resolution.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
13. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill,—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.  
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill ; and that—in consequence of the Chairman of Committees having a personal interest in the Bill—Mr. Piddington do take the Chair of the said Committee.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.  
The Deputy Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment,—Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Driver, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
14. Marine Board Bill :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Samuel the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Lord, at fifteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow at Seven o'clock, P.M.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Imported Stock Bill; second reading.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 5th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
2. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill; third reading.
2. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.
3. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
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6. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
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" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
9. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) How many patients have been admitted into the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum since the 1st of January, 1870?  
(2.) How many discharged as cured?  
(3.) How many re-admitted, and how often each?  
(4.) What time elapsed between the discharge and re-admission of each patient?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tuunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
6. Steam Postal Communication with England *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions, viz.:—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

7. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
8. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
2. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols of this Colony.

## TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY, 1871.

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

Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Treasury Bills Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 35.*

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

*Government House,  
Sydney, 8th May, 1871.*

(2.) Military and Naval Forces Regulation Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 36.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation and Discipline of the Military and Naval Forces in the Service of Her Majesty's Government 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, 10th May, 1871.*

(3.) St. Andrew's Parsonage Sale Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 37.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of Saint Andrew's Parsonage in the City 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 10th May, 1871.*

2. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday, 5th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.

3. Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the re-adjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street in the Town of South Wagga Wagga.*" Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the re-adjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street in the Town of South Wagga Wagga,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow at Seven o'clock, P.M.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. J. Suttor,	Sir James Martin,	
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Bell,	Mr. Robertson,	Tellers.
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,		Mr. King,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Tellers.	Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Garrett.	Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Driver,			

5. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 1, by Mr. Wilson, until To-morrow.

No. 2, by Mr. Robertson, until To-morrow.

6. Supply:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 11 MAY, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Captain Onslow, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Smith, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at One o'clock, A.M., until Seven o'clock, P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 11 MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. Mr. Driver to move, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow at Seven o'clock, P.M.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Imported Stock Bill; second reading.
2. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of future Parliaments to three years.
2. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
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5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
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 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
8. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

## Questions:—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many patients have been admitted into the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum since the 1st of January, 1870?
  - (2.) How many discharged as cured?
  - (3.) How many re-admitted, and how often each?
  - (4.) What time elapsed between the discharge and re-admission of each patient?
2. MR. LEE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill at an early period for the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years, by giving discretionary powers to the Judges to order flogging in addition to any other sentence passed now by law?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.
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9. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.

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3. MR. LEE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) All correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, that may have taken place from 1865 to 1871 inclusive.
  - (2.) All petitions that have been presented to the Government from the Magistrates and inhabitants of West Maitland, praying for such construction, during the same period.
  - (3.) A detailed statement of all sites offered to the Government free, or for sale, for such purpose, including all buildings offered for lease or sale to the Government, with the names of the parties offering such.

## TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz.:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
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  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing,—
  - (1.) A statement explanatory of, or supplementary to, a Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 26th August, 1870, in reference to Orphan Schools; showing how, or in what way, 1,345 children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools respectively—and unaccounted for—have been disposed of.
  - (2.) A continuation of the Return (ordered by this House on the 22nd October, 1869), from the 1st January, 1869, to 1st January, 1871.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 MAY, 1871.

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

Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Conditional Purchase of Charles Bradley," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Driver, on 21st March, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

Message, No. 38.

Governor.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for such sums as it may be necessary to expend in carrying out the provisions of an Act to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864.

Government House,

Sydney, 11th May, 1871.

- (2.) Mr. Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864; and that His Excellency's Message, just read, be referred to the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Mr. Robertson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

3. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10th May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

(2.)

## (2.) Customs Duties Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th May 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 10th May, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, Clause 8, line 33. *Omit "on oath"*  
 " " line 42. *After "invoice" insert "and therein stated as [here state value]"*  
 " " " *After "was" insert "to the best of my belief"*  
 " " lines 43 and 44. *Omit "in the principal markets of the country" insert "at the  
"place"*  
 " " line 48. *Omit "Sworn" insert "Declared"*  
 " " line 51. *Omit "sworn"*  
 " " lines 53, 54, and 55. *Omit "to which may be added all charges incurred by  
"the said importer in respect of the said goods up to the time of shipment  
"from the port of departure"*  
 " " line 59. *Before "perjury" insert "a misdemeanour and shall be liable and  
"subject to the like penalties as in case of"*  
 Page 3, Clause 9, line 1. *Before "If" at the commencement of the Clause, insert "If the im-  
"porter or his authorized agent cannot make the declaration in the last pre-  
"ceding Clause set forth or"*  
 " " lines 3 and 4. *Omit "the said goods are not valued according to the true and  
"real value thereof as hereinbefore mentioned" insert "such declaration is  
inaccurate"*  
 " " line 6. *After "thereof" insert "as hereinbefore mentioned"*  
 " " line 13. *Omit "and" insert "Provided that"*  
 " Clause 10, line 19. *Omit "and in all other cases"*  
 " Clause 12, line 52. *After "that" insert "the value of the"*  
 " " lines 53 and 54. *Omit "liable to duty under this Act are not valued according  
"to the true value thereof as hereinbefore prescribed" insert "mentioned in any  
"declaration made under the eighth Section of this Act has been stated  
"in such declaration"*  
 " " lines 59 and 60. *Omit "such valuation" insert "the invoice value stated in  
"such declaration"*  
 Page 4, Clause 12, line 4. *After "Fund" at the end of the Clause, add "Provided however that  
"the said Collector if he shall see fit may permit such importer or owner on his application  
"for that purpose to amend such entry at such value and on such terms as he the said  
"Collector may direct"*

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

The Speaker said, with reference to the Message just read—That, having regard to the character of the Bill, and of the Amendments made therein by the Legislative Council, it appeared to him that such Amendments, if made by the House of Lords, would not be entertained by the Commons; and as the Legislative Assembly has frequently asserted for itself rights and privileges founded on the analogies furnished by the British Parliament, he felt it to be his duty to draw attention to the matter.

Mr. Lord then moved, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until to-morrow at Seven o'clock, P.M.

Question put.

Tho

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.	Noes, 24.
Mr. Samuel,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Macleay,
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	Mr. Piddington,
	Mr. Webb,
	Mr. R. Forster,
	Mr. Wearne,
	Mr. Clarke,
	Mr. Weaver,
	Mr. Nowlan,
	Mr. J. Suttor,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Alexander,
	Mr. Church.

5. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 1, by Mr. Wilson, until Wednesday next.

No. 2, by Mr. Robertson, until Wednesday next.

6. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Captain Onslow, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Smith, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 12 MAY.

*Questions:—*

- MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many patients have been admitted into the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum since the 1st of January, 1870?
  - (2.) How many discharged as cured?
  - (3.) How many re-admitted, and how often each?
  - (4.) What time elapsed between the discharge and re-admission of each patient?
- MR. LEE *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill at an early period for the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years, by giving discretionary powers to the Judges to order flogging in addition to any other sentence passed now by law?
- MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has a Fireman named Leonard Clarke been dismissed from his situation on board the steam-tug "Pearl"?
  - (2.) If so, will the Minister for Works state if any charge was brought against Clarke; and if so, by whom was said charge made, and what was its nature?
- MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If he has been informed that one of the Judges of the Supreme Court has received a threatening letter, intimating that he will be shot if he decline to sign a Petition for remitting the sentence of a man recently convicted?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Law and Equity Bill; second reading.
- Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
- Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
- Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

6. Steam Postal Communication with England *via* San Francisco; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions, viz. :—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
8. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
9. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
10. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.
11. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
12. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
13. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
14. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
15. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
16. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
17. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
2. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols of this Colony.
3. MR. JEE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) All correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, that may have taken place from 1865 to 1871 inclusive.  
 (2.) All petitions that have been presented to the Government from the Magistrates and inhabitants of West Maitland, praying for such construction, during the same period.  
 (3.) A detailed statement of all sites offered to the Government free, or for sale, for such purpose, including all buildings offered for lease or sale to the Government, with the names of the parties offering such.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of future Parliaments to three years.
5. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

2. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Waratah station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871 ?
  - (2.) The total cost of station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the said station ?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station ?
  - (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at said station ?
3. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What is the gross amount of the population of the Colony, as taken by the Census collectors on the 2nd April last ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Minor Roads ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
7. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."



New South Wales.

No. 133.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Gladesville Lunatic Asylum:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many patients have been admitted into the Gladesville Lunatic Asylum since the 1st of January, 1870?

(2.) How many discharged as cured?

(3.) How many re-admitted, and how often each?

(4.) What time elapsed between the discharge and re-admission of each patient?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Admitted between January 1st, 1870, and April 30th, 1871 ... 272.

\* (2.) Discharged recovered " " ... 110.

(3.) Re-admitted " " ... 30.

(4.) Average time between discharge and re-admission, 4 years.

\*Of those patients discharged recovered, between 1st January, 1870, and 30th April, 1871, the re-admissions were 4, and the average time between discharge and re-admission, 7 months.

- (2.) Indecent Assaults upon Female Children:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lee, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill at an early period for the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years, by giving discretionary powers to the Judges to order flogging in addition to any other sentence passed now by law?

Sir James Martin answered,—I understand that provision for this purpose has been made in a Bill which the Law Reform Commission have prepared, and which is about to be submitted to the Government.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, withdrew Question No. 3.

- (3.) Threatening Letter to a Judge:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If he has been informed that one of the Judges of the Supreme Court has received a threatening letter, intimating that he will be shot if he decline to sign a Petition for remitting the sentence of a man recently convicted?

Sir James Martin answered,—A threatening letter has been received by Mr. Justice Hargrave, in reference to a sentence passed by him at the present sittings at Darlinghurst. This letter has been placed in the hands of the police, with a view to the discovery and punishment of the writer.

2. Law and Equity Bill:—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Weaver,

Tellers.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Bell,	Tellers.
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Speer,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Greville,	

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn.

3. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 2, by Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 26th May.  
No. 3, by Mr. Tunks, until Friday next.  
No. 4, by Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 26th May.  
No. 5, by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Friday next.

4. Steam Postal Communication with England, *vid* San Francisco:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to unite with other Colonial Governments in subsidising a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *vid* San Francisco, by which the mails could be delivered in both directions within 45 days; the subsidy payable by this Government not to exceed £20,000 per annum.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 13 MAY, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, that the reception of the said Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at half-past Twelve o'clock A.M. until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

Question:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Has a Fireman named Leonard Clarke been dismissed from his situation on board the steam-tug "Pearl" ?  
(2.) If so, will the Minister for Works state if any charge was brought against Clarke; and if so, by whom was said charge made, and what was its nature?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, *viz.*:—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved

improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.

2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing,—
  - (1.) A statement explanatory of, or supplementary to, a Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 26th August, 1870, in reference to Orphan Schools; showing how, or in what way, 1,345 children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools respectively—and unaccounted for—have been disposed of.
  - (2.) A continuation of the Return (ordered by this House on the 22nd October, 1869), from the 1st January, 1869, to 1st January, 1871.
5. MR. LUCAS 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £45,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
6. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols of this Colony.
7. MR. LEE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) All correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, that may have taken place from 1865 to 1871 inclusive.
  - (2.) All petitions that have been presented to the Government from the Magistrates and inhabitants of West Maitland, praying for such construction, during the same period.
  - (3.) A detailed statement of all sites offered to the Government free, or for sale, for such purpose, including all buildings offered for lease or sale to the Government, with the names of the parties offering such.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of future Parliaments to three years.
9. MR. DILLON 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Steam Postal Communication with England *via* San Francisco; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
4. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
5. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
6. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.
7. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
8. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
9. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.

10. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
12. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
13. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Main Roads Management Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

Questions:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) The amount of the deductions from the salaries of Public Officers under the Superannuation Act, from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?  
 (2.) The total amount of pensions actually paid from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?  
 (3.) The total amount of gratuities paid under clauses 7 and 10 of the Act during the year 1870?
2. MR. NEALE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Are the Government aware that an eminent Hydraulic Engineer (Colonel Sankey) is now in Victoria, by the invitation of the Government of that Colony, to inspect and report upon their system of Water Supply?  
 (2.) Have the Government any objection to invite Colonel Sankey to visit this Colony, with a view to give us the benefit of his opinion and advice upon the important question of the Water Supply of Sydney and Suburbs?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, (as an amendment on the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the "Customs Duties Bill") That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be laid aside."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Customs Duties Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Imported Stock Bill; second reading.
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 MAY, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Leonard Clarke:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) Has a Fireman named Leonard Clarke been dismissed from his situation on board the Steam Tug "Pearl" ?  
 (2.) If so, will the Minister for Works state if any charge was brought against Clarke; and if so, by whom was said charge made, and what was its nature?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Charges and counter-charges having been brought by Mr. Kirkwood, Master of the Steam Dredge "Pluto," and Clarke, Stoker of the Steam Tug "Pearl," the matter was inquired into, and the result was that Mr. Kirkwood was reprimanded, and permission given to Clarke to exchange into one of the other Dredges; but failing to do so, there was no alternative but to dispense with his services on board the "Pearl."
2. Motions Withdrawn:—  
 (1.) Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.  
 (2.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Orphan Schools ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing,—  
 (1.) A statement explanatory of, or supplementary to, a Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 26th August, 1870, in reference to Orphan Schools; showing how, or in what way, 1,345 children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools respectively—and unaccounted for—have been disposed of.  
 (2.) A continuation of the Return (ordered by this House on the 22nd October, 1869), from the 1st January, 1869, to 1st January, 1871.  
 Question put and passed.
4. Court House, West Maitland ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) All correspondence in reference to the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, that may have taken place from 1865 to 1871 inclusive.  
 (2.) All petitions that have been presented to the Government from the Magistrates and inhabitants of West Maitland, praying for such construction, during the same period.  
 (3.) A detailed statement of all sites offered to the Government free, or for sale, for such purpose, including all buildings offered for lease or sale to the Government, with the names of the parties offering such.  
 Question put and passed.

## 5. The Office of Attorney General :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 3.

Mr. Samuel,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

## Noes, 23.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Lackey,	

Original Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 9.

Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Hill,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Hoskins.

## Noes, 18.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Webb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

## 6. Minor Roads :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 5, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

## 7. Miss Isabella Mary Kelly :—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to supplement a sum previously voted by this House as compensation to Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, for her unjust incarceration in one of Her Majesty's Gaols of this Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. J. Suttor,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Lackey,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Dillon,  
Mr. Buchanan.

## Noes, 18.

Mr. Lord,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Wearne,	

## 8. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Return showing the Distribution of the Police Force on the 1st May, 1871.

(2.) Report from the Board of Management of Government Asylums relative to Expenditure during 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1, during the period between 12th April and 12th May, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

## 9. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—The Speaker said that the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day, in reference to this Bill, could not be entertained consistently with the rule and practice of Parliament—the same Bill having already been considered by the House during the present Session, and the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for its second reading fixed for Wednesday, 14th June next.

Upon which, Mr. Buchanan not proceeding with his Motion, it dropped.

10. Bridge at Luskintyre:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Luskintyre.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Marine Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 2.
12. Steam Postal Communication with England, *via* San Francisco:—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—  
*Resolved*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to negotiate for the establishment of a Steam Postal Service between Sydney and Liverpool, *via* San Francisco, provided that the mails be delivered both ways within forty-five (45) days, and that the contribution of this Colony do not exceed fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000) per annum, nor the period more than five years.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Resolution read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, agreed to.
13. Marine Board 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.
14. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, on motion of the Members named, until Friday next:—  
No. 3, by Mr. Samuel.  
No. 4, by Mr. J. Suttor.  
No. 5, by Mr. Dodds.
15. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read, Mr. Driver moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place 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 then,—That this Bill be now recommitted,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount of the deductions from the salaries of Public Officers under the Superannuation Act, from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?
  - (2.) The total amount of pensions actually paid from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) The total amount of gratuities paid under clauses 7 and 10 of the Act during the year 1870?
2. MR. NEALE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that an eminent Hydraulic Engineer (Colonel Sankey) is now in Victoria, by the invitation of the Government of that Colony, to inspect and report upon their system of Water Supply?
  - (2.) Have the Government any objection to invite Colonel Sankey to visit this Colony, with a view to give us the benefit of his opinion and advice upon the important question of the Water Supply of Sydney and Suburbs?

3. **MR. BUCHANAN** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is the Government aware that the mails for the North, which left Sydney on Saturday night the 29th April last, did not, owing to stress of weather, reach Newcastle until Sunday morning, too late to be forwarded on that day?  
 (2.) Is the Government aware that those mails were dispatched to Murrurundi on the following Monday, and that the contractors, Messrs. Cobb and Co., started a coach on that day for Tamworth and Armidale, but that on their application to the Postmaster at Murrurundi for the delivery of the mails to them (that had been brought up that day), the Postmaster refused to send them on that day, and consequently the mails were not delivered at Tamworth and Armidale until twenty-four hours later than they might have been?  
 (3.) Has the Postmaster General, or the Postal Inspector, received any complaints from any persons that the Postmaster at Murrurundi is disobliging and uncourteous to the public generally?
4. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill at the commencement of the next Session to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, (as an amendment on the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the "Customs Duties Bill") That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be laid aside."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **SIR JAMES MARTIN** to move, That during the remainder of the present Session, Monday be a Sitting Day, and that Government Business have precedence on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Wednesdays and Thursdays.
2. **MR. BYRNES** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Main Roads Management Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs Duties Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Imported Stock Bill ; second reading.
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
6. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
7. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
8. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.
2. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
4. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
5. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
8. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. **MR. BROOKES** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Morpeth station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?  
 (2.) The total cost of the station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the Morpeth station?  
 (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?  
 (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?

TUESDAY, 16 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to move, That this House is of opinion that, with a view to the settlement of the waste lands of the Colony, and likewise with the object of making the Colony of New South Wales attractive as a field for the immigration of small capitalists accustomed to agricultural pursuits, in any amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 the following principle ought to be embodied as a clause in such amended Crown Lands Alienation Act, viz. :—That any person who is the head of a family, or any adult male being a subject of Her Majesty, or any person not born within the British dominions but who shall have become a naturalized subject of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors, shall be entitled to select a quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, of Crown Lands available for "Conditional Selection" in conformity with the terms and conditions of the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861: Provided, that in order to make his or her title good to the Crown Lands so selected, such person must make an affidavit before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales, that such selection is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever: Provided furthermore, that no grant of the fee simple of such land shall be made until five years after the date of the selection of the said land, and unless the conditions hereinafter specified are fulfilled, that is to say, that the land must, during that period, be improved and not alienated, and that the person selecting the said land shall pay to the nearest Land Agent the cost of the survey of such land, and that within two years after the expiration of the said five years the person making the selection, or in case of his or her death, his widow or heirs may, on proof made by two witnesses before a Commissioner for Affidavits or Justice of the Peace of the Colony of New South Wales that he or she has cultivated or improved said land and not alienated any portion thereof, be entitled to receive the grant in fee simple of such land: Provided also, that in the event of the Crown Lands so selected being abandoned by the person making the entry for a period of more than six months at one time, then such lands shall revert to the Crown.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the spirit and the usages of Parliamentary Government that the first Minister of the Crown and Vice-President of the Executive Council should also hold the offices of Attorney General, Grand Jury, and Public Prosecutor.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return containing,—
  - (1.) A statement explanatory of, or supplementary to, a Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 26th August, 1870, in reference to Orphan Schools; showing how, or in what way, 1,345 children admitted into the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools respectively—and unaccounted for—have been disposed of.
  - (2.) A continuation of the Return (ordered by this House on the 22nd October, 1869), from the 1st January, 1869, to 1st January, 1871.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY.

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, (as an amendment on the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the "Customs Duties Bill") That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be laid aside."

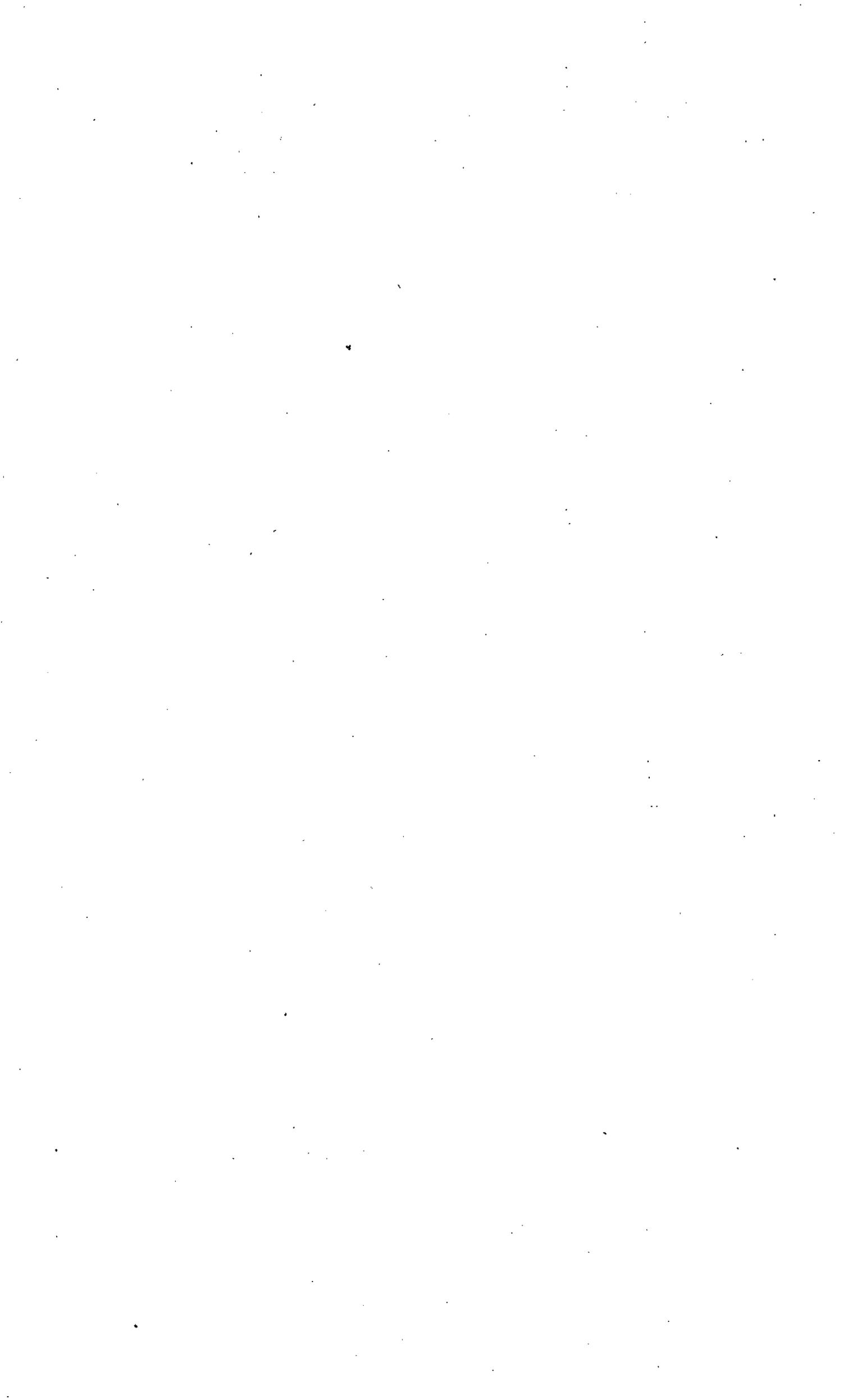
## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Customs Duties Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Imported Stock Bill; second reading.
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Superannuation Act:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) The amount of the deductions from the salaries of Public Officers under the Superannuation Act, from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?
  - (2.) The total amount of pensions actually paid from the 1st January, 1870, to 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) The total amount of gratuities paid under clauses 7 and 10 of the Act during the year 1870?

Mr. Lord answered,—

- (1.) £9,729 10s. 7d.
- (2.) £13,604 8s. 9d.
- (3.) £6,301 5s. 11d.

- (2.) Water Supply:—Mr. Neale asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that an eminent Hydraulic Engineer (Colonel Sankey) is now in Victoria, by the invitation of the Government of that Colony, to inspect and report upon their system of Water Supply?
- (2.) Have the Government any objection to invite Colonel Sankey to visit this Colony, with a view to give us the benefit of his opinion and advice upon the important question of the Water Supply of Sydney and Suburbs?

Sir James Martin answered,—

- (1.) The Government are informed that Colonel Sankey is now in Victoria for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon the system of Water Supply in that Colony.
- (2.) The Government have not come to any determination to invite Colonel Sankey to visit this Colony.

- (3.) Northern Mails:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that the mails for the North, which left Sydney on Saturday night the 29th April last, did not, owing to stress of weather, reach Newcastle until Sunday morning, too late to be forwarded on that day?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that those mails were dispatched to Murrurundi on the following Monday, and that the contractors, Messrs. Cobb and Co., started a coach on that day for Tamworth and Armidale, but that on their application to the Postmaster at Murrurundi for the delivery of the mails to them (that had been brought up that day), the Postmaster refused to send them on that day, and consequently the mails were not delivered at Tamworth and Armidale until twenty-four hours later than they might have been?
- (3.) Has the Postmaster General, or the Postal Inspector, received any complaints from any persons that the Postmaster at Murrurundi is disobliging and uncourteous to the public generally?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A report to that effect has been received by the Postmaster General, and the conduct of the Postmaster is under investigation.
- (3.) The Postmaster General has received no complaints of this nature, neither has the Postal Inspector reported any case of the kind.

(4.)

(4.) Immigration :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill at the commencement of the next Session to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The matter will be considered by the Government during the next Parliamentary recess.

2. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from certain persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony, praying that they may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in reference to this Bill.  
Petition received.
3. Assent to Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1865,'*" 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, 17th May, 1871.

4. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, By-Laws of the Borough of the Globe.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Main Roads Management Act.  
Question put and passed.
6. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called 'The Sydney Meat Preserving Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called 'The Sydney Meat Preserving Company ('(Limited)') and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th May, 1871.

Speaker.

SIDNEY MEAT PRESERVING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called 'The Sydney Meat Preserving Company ('(Limited)') and for other purposes therein mentioned," returned to the Legislative Council, with Message of 17th May, 1871.

STEPHEN W. JONES,  
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 4. Omit Clause 11.

" Insert New Clause 11. "In the event of the assets of the Corporation being insufficient to meet its engagements the proprietors shall be responsible to the extent of twice the amount of their subscribed shares only that is to say for the amount subscribed and for a further additional amount equal thereto."

Responsibility of proprietors limited to double their subscription.

Page 5, Clause 17,—at end of Clause, add, "and in every document issued by the Company the word (Limited) shall be inserted as part of the designation of the Company."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,  
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

JOHN LACKEY,  
Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

7. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Byrnes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Main Roads Management Act,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. Additional Sitting Day—Precedence of Government Business :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That during the remainder of the present Session, "Monday be a Sitting Day, and that" Government Business have precedence on "Mondays and" "Tuesdays" as well as Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "Monday be a Sitting Day, and that" and the words "Mondays and," and by inserting after the word "Tuesdays" the words "and Fridays."

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Weaver,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Alexander,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brookes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. S. Brown,	

Original Question stated.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "Tuesdays."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Smith.

Noes, 10.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Leary.

Original Question stated.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by inserting the words "and Fridays" after the word "Tuesdays."

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Church,
Mr. Leary.

Noes, 35.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. R. Forster,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Wearne,	

Original Question then put,—That during the remainder of the present Session Monday be a Sitting Day, and that Government Business have precedence on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Speer,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. S. Brown,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Church,
Mr. Driver.

9. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "The Carridgi Lagoon," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 18th April, 1871.
10. Lunacy Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read,—Mr. Robertson moved, "That" this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week. Mr. Hart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day be discharged." Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived. Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed. Question then,—That the Order of the Day be discharged,—put and passed. Order of the Day then discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Hart.
11. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
12. Customs Duties Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be laid aside." Debate ensued. Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

## Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Windycer,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Fiddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Macleay,	

## Noes, 12.

Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. S. Brown,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver.

Original Question then put, and passed.

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

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's Amendments.

Mr. Lord moved, That the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Has any Petition, Memorial, or other such application, from certain residents at or near Gundaroo, recommending the removal of the Post Office from its present site to one more centrally and conveniently situated within the Township, with a view to the conveyance of the mails along a new and improved line of road, been received by the Government or by the Postmaster General?  
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. MACLEAY to move (*on the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill*), That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House, with reference to this Bill, on behalf of persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Customs Duties Bill Reported ; adoption of Report respecting Council's Amendments.
3. Imported Stock Bill ; second reading.
4. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, also of every Petition, Memorial, or other document, having reference to the conveyance of mails by way of Gundaroo, and the proposed or contemplated removal of the Post Office from its present site to another site within the said Township.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
3. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
4. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
7. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Morpeth station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?  
(2.) The total cost of the station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the Morpeth station?  
(3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?  
(4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?

2. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Waratah station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871 ?  
 (2.) The total cost of station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the said station ?  
 (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station ?  
 (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at said station ?
3. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What is the gross amount of the population of the Colony, as taken by the Census collectors on the 2nd April last ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Minor Roads ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
7. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the making and repairing the roads in the Colony.

## TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*,—  
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.  
 (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.  
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*,—  
 (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.  
 (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.  
 (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

New South Wales.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Gundaroo Post Office:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any Petition, Memorial, or other such application, from certain residents at or near Gundaroo, recommending the removal of the Post Office from its present site to one more centrally and conveniently situated within the Township, with a view to the conveyance of the mails along a new and improved line of road, been received by the Government or by the Postmaster General?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) A Petition has been received, signed by Mr. William Affleck, as Chairman of a public meeting held at Gundaroo township, asking for the removal of the Gundaroo Post Office from its present site, and for the mails from Goulburn to Queanbeyan to travel by the route known as the marked-tree line.

(2.) Inquiries having been instituted into the two matters involved in this question, and a counter petition having been received (signed by 82 residents), showing strong reasons against the removal of the Post Office from its present site, it has not been deemed expedient to make any change in the existing arrangements for the present.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. W. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Business Paper for to-day.
3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return (in part) to an Address in reference to "Grants in aid of Public Worship," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 14th October, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House, with reference to this Bill, on behalf of persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Order of the Day was postponed until Thursday next.
5. Customs Duties Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, That the Report from the Committee of the Whole respecting the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be now adopted.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Robertson,	r. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. R. Forster.

Noes, 9.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Hart.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for granting certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.*"

(2.) The Legislative Assembly requests that its agreement to the said Amendments (which are formal and ameliorative) may not be drawn into a precedent to authorize the Legislative Council to alter money Bills passed by this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Message be amended, by the omission of the second paragraph.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Ryan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 24.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Stewart.

Question proposed,—That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for granting certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.*"

Mr. Brookes moved, That the Message be amended, by the addition of the following words :—"The Legislative Assembly requests that its agreement to the said Amendments may not be drawn into a precedent."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 30.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. R. Forster,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Farnell.

Question then put,—That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for granting certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th May, 1871.*

Speaker.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Windoyor,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dillon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levy,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. R. Forster,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. W. Forster,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Hart.

6. Imported Stock Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Captain Onslow, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Morpeth station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?
  - (2.) The total cost of the station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the Morpeth station?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?
  - (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Waratah station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?
  - (2.) The total cost of station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the said station?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?
  - (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at said station?
3. MR. FITZPATRICK to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What is the gross amount of the population of the Colony, as taken by the Census collectors on the 2nd April last?
4. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Does the Return laid upon the Table of the House on the 29th of March last, in answer to an Address dated 8th November last from this House, praying "That His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other documents relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River at Casino," contain the whole of the documents in the possession of the Government relative to the erection of said Bridge?
  - (2.) Do the Government intend to place the sum of £5,000 upon the Estimates for the purpose of erecting such Bridge, as promised in the letter of 22nd August, 1870, contained in such Return?
5. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) If he is aware that the members of the South Sydney Company of Volunteer Rifles are so dissatisfied with the conduct of their Commanding Officer that they have memorialized Lieut.-Col. Richardson, praying inquiry?
  - (2.) Will the Colonial Secretary call upon Lieut.-Col. Richardson to report upon what has taken place on this subject?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
3. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
4. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
5. Minor Roads; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
7. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
11. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
12. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
15. The Ad cundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the making and repairing the roads in the Colony.
2. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Tenders received by the Government for Supplies for the Public Service for Darlinghurst Gaol, for Parramatta District, and for the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, from 1st April, 1870, as per advertisement in the *Government Gazette* dated 10th January, 1870.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, also of every Petition, Memorial, or other document, having reference to the conveyance of mails by way of Gundaroo, and the proposed or contemplated removal of the Post Office from its present site to another site within the said Township.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

## TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move,—  
 (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.

(2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.

(2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.

(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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THURSDAY, 25 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."



New South Wales.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Brookes not asking Questions Nos. 1 and 2, they dropped.*

- (1.) Population of the Colony:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3.—What is the gross amount of the population of the Colony, as taken by the Census collectors on the 2nd April last?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Registrar General is not at present able to furnish the information required, as a large number of the Census Returns from country districts have not yet been received.

- (2.) Bridge over Richmond River at Casino:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Does the Return laid upon the Table of the House on the 29th of March last, in answer to an Address dated 8th November last from this House, praying "That His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Petitions, Correspondence, Reports, Minutes of the Executive Council, and other documents relative to the proposed erection of a Bridge over the Richmond River at Casino," contain the whole of the documents in the possession of the Government relative to the erection of said Bridge?

(2.) Do the Government intend to place the sum of £5,000 upon the Estimates for the purpose of erecting such Bridge, as promised in the letter of 22nd August, 1870, contained in such Return?

*Mr. Byrnes answered,—*

(1.) Yes, so far as concerned the erection of the Bridge contemplated by the Government, which was a high level Bridge; there are however papers relating to a low level Bridge which have not been furnished, such a Bridge having been put out of the question as unsuitable.

(2.) This will be considered when Estimates for next year are prepared.

*Mr. Stewart withdrew Question No. 5.*

2. Roads Bill No. 2. ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the making and repairing the roads in the Colony.  
Question put and passed.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Driver.
4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Colonial Produce Distillation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, to follow after Order No. 3.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Tunks, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments, and with the Title amended.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Tunks, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

6. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
7. Post Office at Newcastle:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of this subject postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Friday next.
8. Minor Roads:—On motion of Mr. Lucas the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871 a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lucas, (*with the concurrence of the House*) That the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £16,000, to supplement the amount proposed in the Estimates now before the House to be expended on the Minor Roads.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lucas, read a second time and agreed to.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until Monday next at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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MONDAY, 22 MAY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) If he is aware that the members of the South Sydney Company of Volunteer Rifles are so dissatisfied with the conduct of their Commanding Officer that they have memorialized Lieut.-Col. Richardson, praying inquiry?  
(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary call upon Lieut.-Col. Richardson to report upon what has taken place on this subject?
2. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) What provision have the Government made, or do they intend making, for the opening and formation of the road between Port Macquarie and Tacking Point?  
(2.) If any such provision be made, when is it likely that the work will be commenced?
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(1.) What alterations, if any, have been made in regard to the sale of Church and School Lands, on which improvements have been, or are alleged to have been, made by present or former lessees, in the event of leases expiring, or of such lands being required for sale?  
(2.) Is any privilege of pre-emption or compensation for improvements allowed to such lessees in the cases referred to.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That a Minute Paper dated "The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 9th January, 1871," and signed, "Geo. W. Lord," circulated with Papers ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd of May, 1871, be expunged from the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

2. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Tenders received by the Government for Supplies for the Public Service for Darlinghurst Gaol, for Parramatta District, and for the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, from 1st April, 1870, as per advertisement in the *Government Gazette* dated 10th January, 1870.
3. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, also of every Petition, Memorial, or other document, having reference to the conveyance of mails by way of Gundaroo, and the proposed or contemplated removal of the Post Office from its present site to another site within the said Township.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
2. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
3. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
4. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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6. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 25 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
  3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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2. MR. WEARNE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Tenders received by the Government for Supplies for the Public Service for Darlinghurst Gaol, for Parramatta District, and for the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, from 1st April, 1870, as per advertisement in the *Government Gazette* dated 10th January, 1870.
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7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.

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THURSDAY, 25 MAY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
  3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 22 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Volunteers (South Sydney):—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If he is aware that the members of the South Sydney Company of Volunteer Rifles are so dissatisfied with the conduct of their Commanding Officer that they have memorialized Lieut.-Col. Richardson, praying inquiry?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary call upon Lieut.-Col. Richardson to report upon what has taken place on this subject?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have here a paper from Lieut.-Colonel Richardson, which states that "A Memorial has been received from the South Sydney Company of Volunteer Rifles, expressing dissatisfaction with the conduct of their Commanding Officer, and praying inquiry. A Court of Inquiry was held, which resulted in Captain Newsham being severely reprimanded. This Company, however, by a subsequent communication, appearing still to be dissatisfied with their Commanding Officer, a further inquiry will be instituted.

- (2.) Road between Port Macquarie and Tacking Point:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What provision have the Government made, or do they intend making, for the opening and formation of the road between Port Macquarie and Tacking Point?

(2.) If any such provision be made, when is it likely that the work will be commenced?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1. and 2.) The Roads Office reported that this road is required, but not having been surveyed no expenditure could be made. The papers have been sent to the Lands Department, and when the road has been proclaimed the Works Department will take the necessary steps in the matter.

*Mr. W. Forster withdrew Question No. 3.*

2. Supplies for the Public Service ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Tenders received by the Government for Supplies for the Public Service for Darlinghurst Gaol, for Parramatta District, and for the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, from 1st April, 1870, as per advertisement in the *Government Gazette* dated 10th January, 1870.

Question put and passed.

3. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, to follow after Order No. 2.

4. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

5. Special Adjournment:—Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn until Thursday next, the 25th day of May.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 23 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What alterations, if any, have been made in regard to the sale of Church and School Lands, on which improvements have been, or are alleged to have been, made by present or former lessees, in the event of leases expiring, or of such lands being required for sale?
  - (2.) Is any privilege of pre-emption or compensation for improvements allowed to such lessees in the Cases referred to.
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Morpeth station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?
  - (2.) The total cost of the station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the Morpeth station?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?
  - (4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?
3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Waratah station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?
  - (2.) The total cost of station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the said station?
  - (3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?
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  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move, That a Minute Paper dated "The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 9th January, 1871," and signed, "Geo. W. Lord," circulated with Papers ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd of May, 1871, be expunged from the Votes and Proceedings of this House.
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12. The Ad cundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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New South Wales.

No. 139.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What alterations, if any, have been made in regard to the sale of Church and School Lands, on which improvements have been, or are alleged to have been, made by present or former lessees, in the event of leases expiring, or of such lands being required for sale?

(2.) Is any privilege of pre-emption or compensation for improvements allowed to such lessees in the cases referred to?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) All Church and School Lands, whether improved or not, are sold by auction. This course has always been adopted, except in five cases, where the late Secretary for Lands, Mr. Forster, recommended His Excellency the Governor to approve of their being sold at their appraised value, on account of improvements.

(2.) No.

- (2.) Morpeth Railway Station:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Morpeth station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?

(2.) The total cost of the station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the Morpeth station?

(3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?

(4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 17,358½ passengers; 8,794 tons 14cwt. 3qrs. goods, exclusive of wool, carried by bale.

(2.) £1,543 1s.

(3.) No extra accommodation is proposed.

(4.) £45 8s.; number employed, 5.

- (3.) Waratah Railway Station:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Brookes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The number of passengers and the amount of goods traffic to and from the Waratah station, from January, 1870, to 31st March, 1871?

(2.) The total cost of station-house, goods-shed, and platform accommodation at the said station?

(3.) The estimated cost of any contemplated additions to the goods-shed and passenger accommodation at the said station?

(4.) The amount paid monthly to station-master, porters, and other employés, and their number, at the said station?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) 46,675½ passengers; 34,083 tons 17cwt. 1qr. 22lbs. goods.

(2.) £739 18s. 11d.

(3.) The old station is to be removed from Morpeth to Waratah, and the materials to be used as far as they can be made available. The estimated cost is £60.

(4.) £20 10s. 4d.; number employed, 2.

## 2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table a paper respecting the exemption of Accounts of Receipts of the Railway Department from detailed audit by the Auditor General, as required by the 35th clause of the Audit Act of 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, First Report of the Commissioners on Law Reform.  
Ordered to be printed.

## 3. Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

## (1.) Customs Duties Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 40.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*" 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, 23rd May, 1871.*

## (2.) Vote of Credit:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 41.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, for the month of May, in the year 1871, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1870.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

## (3.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 42.*

It being necessary to raise an amount of money not exceeding three hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred pounds, to cover deficiencies in the Public Revenues, for the year 1870 and previous years; and it being desirable to provide such amount by the issue of Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd May, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Ways and Means.

## 4. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Government Debentures:—Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That a Minute Paper dated "The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 9th January, 1871," and signed, "Geo. W. Lord," circulated with Papers ordered to be printed by the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd of May, 1871, be withdrawn.  
Question put and passed.

## 6. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Byrnes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Byrnes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, (*with the concurrence of the House*) the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

## 7. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 2, by Mr. Lord, until Thursday next.

No. 3, by Mr. Robertson, to follow after Order No. 5.

No. 4, by Mr. Lord, until Thursday next.

## 8. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction 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 Thursday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at two minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Thursday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 25 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is there any money, in the shape of wages, at present due to a man named John Sullivan, lately employed on board one of the Dredges, and now discharged?
  - (2.) If there is any arrear of wages due to John Sullivan, why is it not paid?
  - (3.) Will the Minister for Works undertake to pay John Sullivan whatever is due to him without delay?
2. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have the persons employed collecting the Census for the District of Liverpool been paid for their services?
  - (2.) If not, when will they be paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*,—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, all questions relative to the raising of revenue by taxation, and the expenditure of public money, should be dealt with by the representatives of the people only.
  - (2.) That the proposition made by the Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Duties Bill" in that branch of the Legislature, is a violation of the foregoing principle, and meets with the disapproval of this House.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
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1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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8. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
9. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

11. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
12. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

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TUESDAY, 30 MAY.

Question:—

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the House will be in possession of the Papers, ordered on the 14th of February last, relating to the absence from the Colony of Ministers of Religion?

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) John Sullivan:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is there any money, in the shape of wages, at present due to a man named John Sullivan, lately employed on board one of the Dredges, and now discharged?

(2.) If there is any arrear of wages due to John Sullivan, why is it not paid?

(3.) Will the Minister for Works undertake to pay John Sullivan whatever is due to him, without delay?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—There is a sum due to Sullivan for wages, and on application by him at the office of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers the same will be paid.

- (2.) Census Collectors:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the persons employed collecting the Census for the District of Liverpool been paid for their services?

(2.) If not, when will they be paid?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I regret that I have to say they have not yet been paid.

(2.) They will be paid when the sum has been voted and appropriated by Parliamentary Bill.

2. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following papers:—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of West Botany.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peters.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Byrnes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Byrnes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Byrnes moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 25th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, to follow after Order No. 4.
6. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- (13.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £125,300 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st to the 31st May, 1871.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
7. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolutions be now received.  
The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—
- (17.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply to be granted to her Majesty for the Services of the year 1871, the sum of £125,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st to the 31st May, 1871.
- (18.) *Resolved*,—That to enable the Government to raise a sum of money to cover deficiencies in the Public Revenues for the year 1870 and previous years, 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 £334,600.
- (19.) *Resolved*,—That all principal sums to be contained in any such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony; and that such Bills shall be made payable on the expiration of thirty-six calendar months from the date of the passing of this Act.
- (20.) *Resolved*,—That all such Treasury Bills shall bear interest, payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding £5 per centum per annum, in respect of the whole moneys contained therein; and that such interest shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and the growing produce thereof.
- (21.) *Resolved*,—That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be carried to, and form part of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony.  
Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.
8. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5) :—  
(1.) *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 17, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871.  
(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1871*,"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
9. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill :—  
(1.) *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means, 18 to 21 inclusive, to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years.  
(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years*,"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
10. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—  
Mr. Macleay moved, That Mr. G. C. Davis, Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of this House, with reference to this Bill, in accordance with the Resolution of the House passed on 15th May, 1871.  
Question put and passed.  
The learned Counsel (Mr. Davis) was then, by direction of the Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and, having been informed by the Speaker of the Resolution under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and then withdrew.  
On motion of Mr. Robertson the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill was postponed until Monday next.
11. Postponements :—On motion of Mr. Wilson the Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 of Government Business postponed, until Monday next.
12. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply (*See Entry 6 above*) having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of the Speaker had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—

An item in the Estimates being under consideration, viz:—"For the establishment and maintenance of a Permanent Military Force, to consist of one Battery of Artillery and two Companies of Infantry—£10,000,"—and the Committee having altered the descriptive part of the item by substituting the words "two Batteries" for "one Battery," the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan had requested his opinion, whether—the purpose recommended by the Governor's Message being "one battery" *inter alia*, and this purpose having been altered to "two batteries"—it is competent for the Committee, under the 54th section of the Constitution Act, to appropriate revenue for "two batteries," not being the purpose recommended by the Governor's Message;—and that he, having given his opinion that it was within the province of the Committee so to deal with the item, the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan had dissented therefrom, and required that the point should be referred for the decision of the House.

The Speaker said that the Committee had gone beyond its powers when it altered the item in the way mentioned in the Point of Order referred to him, as the grant would thereby be diverted from the purpose recommended in the Message from the Crown.

On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 26 MAY.

### OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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7. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
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11. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
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1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

## MONDAY, 29 MAY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Imported Stock Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on 18th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5) ; second reading.
3. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill ; second reading.
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5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill, recommitted ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 30 MAY.

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1. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the House will be in possession of the Papers, ordered on the 14th of February last, relating to the absence from the Colony of Ministers of Religion ?

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## FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1871.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speer, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 29 MAY, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
2. Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads:—*Mr. Sutherland*, on behalf of *Mr. Morrice*, presented a Petition from certain Freeholders and Leaseholders residing on the Roads from Broughton Pass to Wilton, and on the Appin and Mount Keira Road, *via* Douglas Park Railway Station, to Menangle Road, representing that the moneys voted by Parliament for the maintenance of these roads are not properly expended; and praying for inquiry into the matter.  
Petition received.
3. Imported Stock Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—*Mr. Wilson* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, Government Business:—That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Imported Stock Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on 18th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, to follow after Order No. 7.
5. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5),—on motion of *Mr. Lord*, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Lord*, until to-morrow.
7. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Robertson* moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
*Mr. Stephen* moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Bill for the settlement of the Superannuation Question should contain provisions for guaranteeing from the Consolidated Revenue all existing pensions and other claims that have actually accrued.  
“(2.) That in all other cases all deductions that have been made from the salaries of the Civil Servants on account of the Superannuation Fund should be returned, with interest added at the rate of five per cent.”  
Debate continued, and, on motion of *Mr. W. Forster* adjourned until to-morrow.

8. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read,—Mr. Wilson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that, in the temporary absence of the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Piddington do take the Chair of the said Committee.  
Question put and passed.

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

The Deputy Chairman having reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with an amendment,—on motion of Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,—the House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 30 MAY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the House will be in possession of the Papers, ordered on the 14th of February last, relating to the absence from the Colony of Ministers of Religion?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Imported Stock Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5) ; third reading.
3. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill ; second reading.
4. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That" this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. Stephen had moved the omission of all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Bill for the settlement of the Superannuation Question should contain provisions for guaranteeing from the Consolidated Revenue all existing pensions and other claims that have actually accrued.  
" (2.) That in all other cases all deductions that have been made from the salaries of the Civil Servants "on account of the Superannuation Fund should be returned, with interest added at the rate of five per cent."
5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill ; third reading.
6. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; third reading.
7. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
8. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a certain complaint made on or about the 16th of February last, by Mr. William Deane, Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant Volunteer Artillery, and also copies of all letters in reference thereto, written either by the said William Deane or Captain Hopkins, or by His Excellency the Governor, or by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson or Major Shepherd, and also copies of all Minutes, Reports, Memoranda, and other documents made by either of the said persons in reference to such complaint or such correspondence.
2. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, on the 29th May, from certain Freeholders and Leaseholders residing on the Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads, relative to the expenditure of money voted by Parliament on those Roads, be printed, and referred to the Government for their consideration.

3. MR. HART to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency.
4. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.
6. MR. W. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, also of every Petition, Memorial, or other document, having reference to the conveyance of mails by way of Gundaroo, and the proposed or contemplated removal of the Post Office from its present site to another site within the said Township.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
7. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
11. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
12. Licenscd Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
15. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY.

Questions:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the balance to the debit or credit of the Consolidated Revenue in the books of the Treasury on the 29th May, 1871?
  - (2.) What is the amount of liabilities payable in England to the 1st of July next, on account of the Consolidated Revenue, but not yet charged in the books of the Treasury?
  - (3.) What amount is now due for Railway and other Public Works, chargeable to Loans Account, but not yet paid?
  - (4.) What is the estimated amount that will be due and payable on account of Railway and other Public Works during the present year and chargeable to Loans Account?
2. MR. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is Mr. G. F. Wise employed in connection with the collection of the Census?
  - (2.) If so, in what capacity, and at what rate of remuneration?

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE.

*Question :—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
    - (1.) Whether his attention has been called to the case heard at the Central Police Office on Friday last, in which a Magistrate of the Territory was summoned for the maintenance of his illegitimate child?
    - (2.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in the matter?
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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 MAY, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Leave of Absence to Ministers of Religion:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When the House will be in possession of the Papers, ordered on the 14th of February last, relating to the absence from the Colony of Ministers of Religion?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Two sets of Papers are required to complete the Return, and which have not been found. They are those relating to the leave of absence of the Bishop of Sydney in 1863-4, and those relating to leave of absence to the Revd. Mr. Rich in 1866. I have made every inquiry, but cannot find them. The other Papers shall be laid upon the Table at once.

2. Church and School Lands:—*Mr. Church*, on behalf of Mr. Baker, presented a Petition from certain Miners and other Residents of Jembaicumbene, praying that certain Church and School Lands in the Braidwood District may be reserved from sale.  
Petition received.

3. Papers:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement showing the Balances of Appropriations in the Books of the Treasury on the 31st March, 1871, for Services of the Year 1869 and previous Years; the Amounts estimated as not likely to be required; and the Balances estimated as Liabilities.

(2.) Statement showing the Balances of Appropriations in the Books of the Treasury on the 31st March, 1871, for Services of the Year 1870; the Amount estimated as not likely to be required; and the Balances estimated as Liabilities.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill, No. 5 (*“Formal” Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be *“An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1871.”*

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled *“An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1871,”*—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to place certain restrictions on Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 30th May, 1871.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
6. Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. S. Brown, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. Sutherland, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, on the 29th May, from certain Freeholders and Leaseholders residing on the Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads, relative to the expenditure of money voted by Parliament on those Roads, be printed, and referred to the Government for their consideration.  
Question put and passed.
7. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency.  
Question put and passed.
8. Gundaroo Post Office (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 6, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence, during the present year, between the Postmaster General and any other person or persons, also of every Petition, Memorial, or other document, having reference to the conveyance of mails by way of Gundaroo, and the proposed or contemplated removal of the Post Office from its present site to another site within the said Township.  
Question put and passed.
9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—  
No. 1, by Mr. Wilson, to follow after Order No. 8.  
No. 3, by Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 4.
10. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill; the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That" this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. Stephen had moved the omission of all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Bill for the settlement of the Superannuation Question should contain provisions for guaranteeing from the Consolidated Revenue all existing pensions and other claims that have actually accrued, subject to such deductions as may be determined by the House."  
(2.) That in all other cases all deductions that have been made from the salaries of the Civil Servants on account of the Superannuation Fund should be returned, with interest added at the rate of five per cent,"—resumed.  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Campbell,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Levy,	

## Noes, 15.

Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Butler.
Mr. Church,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

Original Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 25.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Cummings,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Bell,	

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Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Church,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. R. Forster.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Butler,	

Bill read a second time.

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On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY.

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  - (1.) What was the balance to the debit or credit of the Consolidated Revenue in the books of the Treasury on the 29th May, 1871?
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  - (1.) Is Mr. G. F. Wise employed in connection with the collection of the Census?
  - (2.) If so, in what capacity, and at what rate of remuneration?
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4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the man John Sullivan called at the office mentioned by the Minister for the balance of wages due him, and was again put off?
  - (2.) Will the Minister state if there is any immediate prospect of the man being paid?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill ; second reading.
3. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill ; third reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Imported Stock Bill ; to be further-considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. HART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, with as little delay as possible, a Return showing approximately the population in the several Districts, Electorates, Counties, Municipalities, Towns, and Villages in the Colony of New South Wales, as taken on the night of Sunday, the 2nd April, 1871, under the Census Act.
2. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a certain complaint made on or about the 16th of February last, by Mr. William Deane, Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant Volunteer Artillery, and also copies of all letters in reference thereto, written either by the said William Deane or Captain Hopkins, or by His Excellency the Governor, or by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson or Major Shepherd, and also copies of all Minutes, Reports, Memoranda, and other documents made by either of the said persons in reference to such complaint or such correspondence.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.

ORDERS

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7. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
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10. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
11. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
12. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
15. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 1 JUNE.

## Questions :—

1. MR. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Whether his attention has been called to the case heard at the Central Police Office on Friday last, in which a Magistrate of the Territory was summoned for the maintenance of his illegitimate child?  
(2.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in the matter?
2. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Have the Government considered the Petition of certain residents at Ashfield, Enfield, &c., in reference to the Tolls payable at the Camperdown Toll-gate, presented to this House on the 23rd of March last?  
(2.) If so, do the Government intend to comply with the request therein contained, and lower the Tolls payable at the said Toll-gate?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CHURCH to move, That the Petition presented by him on behalf of Mr. Baker, on 30th May, from the Gold Miners of Jembaicumbene, against the sale of certain Church and School Lands in the Braidwood District, be printed.

## FRIDAY, 2 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency.

## WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

## FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

New South Wales.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue.—Loans Account:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What was the balance to the debit or credit of the Consolidated Revenue in the books of the Treasury on the 29th May, 1871?

(2.) What is the amount of liabilities payable in England to the 1st of July next, on account of the Consolidated Revenue, but not yet charged in the books of the Treasury?

(3.) What amount is now due for Railway and other Public Works, chargeable to Loans Account, but not yet paid?

(4.) What is the estimated amount that will be due and payable on account of Railway and other Public Works during the present year and chargeable to Loans Account?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) Credit Balance, £164,336 9s. 5d.

(2.) £260,130 4s. 11d.

(3.) £40,590.

(4.) £284,560.

(2.) Mr. G. F. Wise:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is Mr. G. F. Wise employed in connection with the collection of the Census?

(2.) If so, in what capacity, and at what rate of remuneration?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Mr. Wise is appointed as compiler of the Census.

(2.) Yes, as stated in reply to Question No. 1, at the rate of £400 per annum for the time the work is in hand; the payment for the last Census having been £600 per annum.

(3.) Queanbeyan and Lanyon Road:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What provision has been, or is intended to be, made for the Road between Queanbeyan and Lanyon?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Road, Queanbeyan to Lanyon Ford, is on Schedule as fifth class road, 16 miles, £112.

(4.)

- (4) John Sullivan :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the man John Sullivan called at the office mentioned by the Minister for the balance of wages due him, and was again put off?
  - (2.) Will the Minister state if there is any immediate prospect of the man being paid?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Sullivan was informed, on application at the office, that the voucher had not been returned from Shoalhaven; but the money is now payable, and will be handed to him on application.
2. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Papers :—
- (1.) Sir James Martin laid upon the Table, Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting Armstrong Guns and Warlike Stores granted to the Colony by the Imperial Government free of charge.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the following Papers :—
    - (1.) Reports from the Surveyor General respecting Base Line, at Lake George, for the Trigonometrical Survey of New South Wales.
    - (2.) Report from the Director of the Botanic Gardens on the present condition of that Establishment.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, as follows :—
- No. 1, to follow after Order No. 3.  
No. 2, to follow after Order No. 1, as postponed.
5. Borough of Newcastle Special Audit Bill :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Dillon,	

## Noes, 8.

Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Farnell.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, *passed*.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make provision for defraying the expenses of a Special Audit of the accounts of the Borough of Newcastle and to authorize the deduction of the amount thereof from the Endowment of the said Borough.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for defraying the expenses of a Special Audit of the accounts of the Borough of Newcastle and to authorize the deduction of the amount thereof from the Endowment of the said Borough,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st May, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## YASS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 31st May, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, Preamble, line 19. *After "erection" insert "maintenance and support"*  
 " " " *After "School" insert "or Schools"*  
 " " line 20. *After "residence" insert "or residences"*  
 " " lines 21 to 24. *Omit "or otherwise in such way in and towards religious and educational purposes for the benefit of the members of the Roman Catholic Church residing in the district of Yass as to the said Trustees may seem desirable"*  
 Clause 2, line 46. *After "erection" insert "maintenance and support"*  
 " " line 47. *After "School" insert "or Schools"*  
 " " " *After "residence" insert "or residences"*  
 " " lines 49 to 52. *Omit "or otherwise in such way in and towards religious and educational purposes for the benefit of the members of the Roman Catholic Church residing in the district of Yass as to the said Trustees may seem desirable."*

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

(2.) Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the Re-adjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street in the Town of South Wagga Wagga*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1871*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st May, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

7. Superannuation Act Amendment 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 the Bill with Amendments.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Sir James Martin, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. Suspension of Standing Orders :—Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871.  
Question put and passed.
9. Customs Duties Declaratory Bill :—  
(1.) Sir James Martin moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Sir James Martin having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871*,"—read a first time.  
*Ordered* to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day.
10. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, a Return shewing the Estimated Population of the Colony of New South Wales, as taken on the 2nd April, 1871.  
*Ordered* to be printed.
11. Customs Duties Declaratory Bill,—on motion of Sir James Martin, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Sir James Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Sir James Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day.

12. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Sixteenth Annual Report of the Post Office, being that for the Year 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Customs Duties Declaratory Bill,—on motion of Sir James Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Sir James Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Sir James Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 31st May, 1871.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
14. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business further postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 4.
15. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 1 JUNE.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Whether his attention has been called to the case heard at the Central Police Office on Friday last, in which a Magistrate of the Territory was summoned for the maintenance of his illegitimate child?  
(2.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in the matter?
2. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Have the Government considered the Petition of certain residents at Ashfield, Enfield, &c., in reference to the Tolls payable at the Camperdown Toll-gate, presented to this House on the 23rd of March last?  
(2.) If so, do the Government intend to comply with the request therein contained, and lower the Tolls payable at the said Toll-gate?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is the Government aware that a threatening letter has been recently addressed to, or received by, His Excellency the Governor?  
(2.) Have any steps been taken to discover the authorship or origin of such letter?  
(3.) Are the Police or the Government in possession of any information tending to indicate or establish the authorship or origin of such letter?  
(4.) If so, how long have the Government been in possession of such information?  
(5.) Is it intended to institute any criminal prosecution in the matter?  
(6.) If not, what course do the Government intend taking?
4. MR. R. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Report of the Gold Commission be laid upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the Court House at Coonamble has been built within flood reach, and is frequently knee-deep with water; that it is only supported by two props, and would fall if the props were removed; that there is no place where Magistrates can attend to their duties; and that prisoners are tried in the private house of the Clerk of Petty Sessions?  
(2.) Will the Minister endeavour to remove the Court House to a more suitable spot, which can be done at a very small expense?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill, reported; adoption of Report.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; second reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Imported Stock Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CHURCH to move, That the Petition presented by him on behalf of Mr. Baker, on 30th May, from the Gold Miners of Jembaicumbene, against the sale of certain Church and School Lands in the Braidwood District, be printed.
2. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, with as little delay as possible, a Return showing approximately the population in the several Districts, Electorates, Counties, Municipalities, Towns, and Villages in the Colony of New South Wales, as taken on the night of Sunday, the 2nd April, 1871, under the Census Act.
3. MR. S. BROWN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a certain complaint made on or about the 16th of February last, by Mr. William Deane, Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant Volunteer Artillery, and also copies of all letters in reference thereto, written either by the said William Deane or Captain Hopkins, or by His Excellency the Governor, or by Lieutenant Colonel Richardson or Major Shepherd, and also copies of all Minutes, Reports, Memoranda, and other documents made by either of the said persons in reference to such complaint or such correspondence.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
7. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
8. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
9. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
11. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
12. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
13. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."
15. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 2 JUNE.

## OTHERS BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency.
2. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE.

*Contingent Notice of Motion* :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*),—
    - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
    - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
    - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Affiliation Case:—Mr. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) Whether his attention has been called to the case heard at the Central Police Office on Friday last, in which a Magistrate of the Territory was summoned for the maintenance of his illegitimate child?

(2.) Whether the Attorney General means to take any steps in the matter?

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—

The Honorable the Attorney General procured a copy of the depositions, and caused a communication to be sent to the Magistrate referred to, but cannot say what action will be taken until the Magistrate's letter has been received.

- (2.) Camperdown Toll-gate:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the Petition of certain residents at Ashfield, Enfield, &c., in reference to the Tolls payable at the Camperdown Toll-gate, presented to this House on the 23rd of March last?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend to comply with the request therein contained, and lower the Tolls payable at the said Toll-gate?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No change can be made in the rates during the present year, as the Bar is now leased; the whole of the Tolls collected are spent on this road, and are not sufficient to keep it in repair.

- (3.) Threatening Letter to His Excellency the Governor:—*Mr. W. Forster* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a threatening letter has been recently addressed to, or received by, His Excellency the Governor?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to discover the authorship or origin of such letter?

(3.) Are the Police or the Government in possession of any information tending to indicate or establish the authorship or origin of such letter?

(4.) If so, how long have the Government been in possession of such information?

(5.) Is it intended to institute any criminal prosecution in the matter?

(6.) If not, what course do the Government intend taking?

*Sir James Martin* answered,—On the 17th of May, His Excellency the Governor received, through the post, a letter addressed as follows:—"Private: To Earl Belmore, Government House, Sydney." The letter was in these terms:—"Sydney—Beware and take no thought of the morrow, for before '7 (seven) days are over you will be a dead man. Alter that sentence at once (no play mind.)" This letter was immediately placed in the hands of the Inspector General of Police, who without delay caused inquiries to be instituted. It was discovered that the monogram on the envelope was the monogram of a large mercantile firm in this City. The head of that firm was immediately communicated with, and, with the assistance of that gentleman, the writer of the letter was ascertained

ascertained to be a lad of about 13 years of age, who had just been taken into the establishment on his leaving school. From the answers given by the boy himself, and from other circumstances, the Inspector General came to the conclusion that the letter was sent merely, as the boy stated, as a bit of fun. Under the circumstances this case is not considered to be one in which a criminal prosecution should be ordered, and the Government do not intend taking any further steps in the matter.

- (4.) Gold Fields Commission:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Report of the Gold Commission be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wilson answered,—As soon as the necessary funds are provided by Parliament, steps will be taken to have the Report prepared and laid on the Table of the House.

*Mr. Lloyd withdrew Question No. 5.*

2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-Laws of the Borough of North Willoughby.

(2.) Return to an Address in reference to "Mr. Fawcett, late Police Magistrate at Casino," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Leary, on 9th May, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

*Message, No. 43.*

*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1871,*" 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, 1st June, 1871.*

4. Mr. James Edward Warby:—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from James Edward Warby, of Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, representing that he is the owner of a Steamer plying on the River Murrumbidgee, whereof Mr. Allen Lakeman is Super-cargo, and that in the year 1870 Lakeman delivered to a purchaser a case of spirits (containing not less than two gallons) obtained from Petitioner, and for such delivery was fined by the Bench of Magistrates at Wagga Wagga in the sum of Thirty Pounds, which sum had to be paid by Petitioner;—and praying for inquiry into the matter.  
Petition received.

5. Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain officers employed in the Darlinghurst Gaol, praying that the House will not assent to the scheme of reduction proposed to be made in their salaries.  
Petition received.

6. Church and School Lands ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Church moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on behalf of Mr. Baker, on 30th May, from the Gold Miners of Jembaicumbene, against the sale of certain Church and School Lands in the Braidwood District, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Population of the Colony ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, with as little delay as possible, a Return shewing approximately the population in the several Districts, Electorates, Counties, Municipalities, Towns, and Villages, in the Colony of New South Wales, as taken on the night of Sunday, the 2nd April, 1871, under the Census Act.

Question put and passed.

8. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Sir James Martin moved, "That " the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering the 4th clause."

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

Question proposed,—That the words "This Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering the '4th' clause," be inserted instead thereof.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the proposed amendment be amended, by inserting after the word '4th' the words "and 7th."

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. W. Forster,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. King,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. R. Forster,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Leary,

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Piddington,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 18.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Dillon,  
Mr. Bell,  
Mr. Cummings,

Mr. W. Suttor,  
Captain Onslow,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Byrnes,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. S. Brown.

Whereupon

Whereupon Question,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering the 4th clause,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

The Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments.

Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That that Report be *now* adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Smith,
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Mr. Dillon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Church,
Mr. King,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Farnell,	

*Ordered*, on motion of Sir James Martin, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

9. Customs Duties Declaratory Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to correct an Error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871*," with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 1st June, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

CUSTOMS DUTIES DECLARATORY BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to correct an Error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 1st June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Clause 1, line 23. *After "Customs" insert "Duties."*

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Sir James Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Speaker do *now* leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Question put and passed.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendment,—the House, on motion of Sir James Martin, adopted that Report.

Sir James Martin then moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to correct an Error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 1st June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,

*Speaker.*

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Have any complaints or charges been brought by Mr. Lanigan, the Roman Catholic Clergyman attending Maitland Gaol, against Mr. O'Brien, a Warder in that gaol?  
(2.) What was the nature of those complaints?  
(3.) Did Mr. Warder O'Brien send to the Sheriff, or any other officer, a written reply to the charges referred to; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay that reply upon the Table of the House?
2. MR. HART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Schedule for Minor Roads be laid upon the Table.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency.
2. Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
17. The Ad cundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GREVILLE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 1st June, from J. E. Warby, relative to a fine for illegal selling of spirits, be printed.
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3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Imported Stock Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY.

MONDAY, 5 JUNE.

*Question :—*

1. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) If it is true that the prisoners in the Gaol at Eden have been removed from that place to Bega ; and if so, what was the reason assigned for that course ?
  - (2.) What are the relative capacities of the Gaols at Eden and Bega ?

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. KING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—
  - (1.) The names and ages of the members of the Civil Service at present on the Superannuation Fund.
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TUESDAY, 6 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Minister for Works aware that the Court House at Coonamble has been built within flood reach, and is frequently knee-deep with water ; that it is only supported by two props ; that there is no place where Magistrates can attend to their duties ; and that prisoners are tried in the private house of the Clerk of Petty Sessions ?
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  - (1.) Was Mr. H. J. Lodge, the late Postmaster at Moruya, a defaulter in his public accounts in the sum of £311 ?
  - (2.) Was the money refunded to Government ; and if so, by whom, and when ?
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  - (4.) Are the Government aware that the present Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Moruya, Mr. T. C. Lodge, is a brother of the late Postmaster, and that he is a minor ?
  - (5.) Who recommended Mr. T. C. Lodge for his present office ?
  - (6.) Who were the sureties for Mr. H. J. Lodge ?
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  - (8.) Is it with the authority of the Government that the present and late Postmaster equally perform the duties of the Telegraph and Post Offices, and that both those public offices are conducted on the premises wherewith the said Mr. H. J. Lodge prints and publishes the "Moruya Telegraph" newspaper ?
  - (9.) What amount of money passed through the hands of the Telegraph Master at Moruya in his official capacity during the year 1870 ; as also in his official capacity of Postmaster during the same period ?
3. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
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5. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Postmaster General is aware of the delay and irregularity that have lately taken place in the conveyance of the Mails between Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and Cooma, and will any steps be taken to ensure punctuality.

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1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply),—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.
  - (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 1.*  
(1.) Minor Roads:—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
When will the Schedule for Minor Roads be laid upon the Table.  
Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Schedule was ready prior to the Resolution of the House in reference to the extra £15,000. Since that was voted the Cabinet have been engaged in re-arranging the Schedule, and it will be laid upon the Table early next week.
2. Mr. James Edward Warby ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 1st June, from J. E. Warby, relative to a fine for illegal selling of spirits, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Volunteer Artillery ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a certain complaint made on or about the 16th of February last, by Mr. William Deane, Captain No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to Captain Hopkins, Brigade Adjutant Volunteer Artillery, and also copies of all letters in reference thereto, written either by the said William Deane or Captain Hopkins, or by His Excellency the Governor, or by Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson or Major Shepherd, and also copies of all Minutes, Reports, Memoranda, and other documents made by either of the said persons in reference to such complaint or such correspondence.  
Question put and passed.
4. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency,—having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Hart, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency.  
Mr. Hart then moved, That that Report be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Hart having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
5. Paper:—Mr Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, in reference to "Gundaroo Post Office," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 30th May, 1871.  
Ordered to be printed.

6. **Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill**:—On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, adopted that Report.  
Whereupon Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 2nd June, 1871* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
7. **Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation 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 Friday next.
8. **Cometeries Regulation Bill**:—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
On motion of Mr. W. Forster the Bill was withdrawn.
9. **Post Office at Newcastle**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of this subject postponed, on motion of Mr. Brookes, until Friday next.
10. **Marine Board 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 having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
11. **Adjournment**:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put.  
The House divided.  
And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows:—

Ayes, 2.	Noes, 15.
Mr. Wilson, Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Lord, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Neale, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan,
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Lackey, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Tunks, Mr. Hart.

And it appearing by the said report that there was not a Quorum of Members present,—  
The Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-four minutes before Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, 5 JUNE.

*Questions*:—

- MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) If it is true that the prisoners in the Gaol at Eden have been removed from that place to Bega; and if so, what was the reason assigned for that course?  
(2.) What are the relative capacities of the Gaols at Eden and Bega?
- MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—  
(1.) Have any complaints or charges been brought by Mr. Lanigan, the Roman Catholic Clergyman attending Martland Gaol, against Mr. O'Brien, a Warder in that gaol?  
(2.) What was the nature of those complaints?  
(3.) Did Mr. Warder O'Brien send to the Sheriff, or any other officer, a written reply to the charges referred to; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay that reply upon the Table of the House?
- MR. GREVILLE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Have the depositions in the case of Michael Keefe, fined on the 14th February last, by the Wagga Wagga Bench of Magistrates, for a breach of the Sale of Liquors Act, been received at his office; and if not, has he any objection to order their production?

*Contingent*

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. W. FORSTER to move (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply), That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of any report or communication from the police authorities to the Executive Government, or to the Governor, having reference to a threatening letter lately addressed to His Excellency—as well as of any minute or other document upon the same subject.

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1. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported ; adoption of Report.
2. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
3. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
7. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
11. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 6 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
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(1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.

(2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.

(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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New South Wales.

No. 147.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 5 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Hart withdrew Question No. 1.*

*Mr. Buchanan not asking Question No. 2, it dropped.*

Michael Keefe.—Breach of Sale of Liquors Licensing Act:—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the depositions in the case of Michael Keefe, fined on the 14th February last, by the Wagga Wagga Bench of Magistrates, for a breach of the Sale of Liquors Act, been received at his office; and if not, has he any objection to order their production?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I cannot find that they have, but if not they shall be called for.

2. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Customs Duties Declaratory Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 44.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to correct an error in the Customs Duties Act of 1871,*" 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, 5th June, 1871.*

- (2.) Fitzmaurice-street South Wagga Wagga Re-adjustment Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 45.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the re-adjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street in the Town of South Wagga Wagga,*" 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, 5th June, 1871.*

3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table a Report from Sir Clinton Murdoch, K.C.M.G., to Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart, K.C.M.G., (dated, 5th August, 1870,) on the subject of Emigration.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. Superannuation Act Amendment Bill:—Sir James Martin moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day month."

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

Ayes, 16.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
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Mr. Stewart,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Lucas,	
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Original Question then put.  
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Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Robertson, *passed.*

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Supply:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of any report or communication from the police authorities to the Executive Government, or to the Governor, having reference to a threatening letter lately addressed to His Excellency—as well as of any minute or other document upon the same subject."

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present,—

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Greville, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, 6 JUNE.

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(4.) What is the distance of the Post Offices from that place, between Queanbeyan and Cooma; and the estimated number of the population within a radius of say 10 miles?  
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1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to move* (as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply),—  
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.  
(2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.  
(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Imported Stock Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—  
(1.) The names and ages of the members of the Civil Service at present on the Superannuation Fund.  
(2.) The names, ages, and salaries of the Civil Servants entitled, from the duration of their period of services, to claim to be placed upon the Superannuation Fund during the next five years.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.

ORDERS

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1. Marine Board Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported ; adoption of Report.
3. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
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5. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
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 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
12. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 8 JUNE.

## Questions :—

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—For what date do the Government intend to convene the next Session of Parliament, presuming that the present Session will be concluded during the present month ?
2. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Do the Government see any objection to the introduction into this Colony of the system which prevails in England of employing ladies as Operators in the Telegraph Department ?

## FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is very desirable that there be laid before Parliament, on its first meeting after the 1st of January in each year, Annual Reports from the under-mentioned Public Officers, concerning the condition, services, works, and expenditure of their departments, similar to the several reports rendered by the Postmaster General, the Registrar General, and the Council of Education, and in addition to the reports required by law, viz. :—
  1. The Collector of Customs.
  2. The Agent General for the Colony.
  3. The Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.
  4. The Commissioner of Railways.
  5. The Chief Engineer of Railways.
  6. The Chief Engineer of Harbours and Rivers.
  7. The Commissioner of Roads and Bridges.
  8. The Surveyor General.
  9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.
  10. The Gold Fields Commissioners.
  11. The Colonial Architect.
  12. The Commandant of all the Volunteers.

13. The Commissioner of Stamps.
14. The Government Printer.
15. The Steam Navigation and Pilot Board.
16. The Shipping Master.
17. The Examiner of Coal Fields
18. The Inspector of Coal Fields.
19. The Inspector General of Police.
20. The Governors of Gaols.
21. The Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums and Reception Houses.
22. The Medical Adviser to the Government.
23. The Health and Emigration Officer.
24. The Coroner of Sydney.
25. The Superintendent of the Nautical School.
26. The Superintendent of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for Girls.
27. The Superintendents, Masters, Matrons, or Managers, of the Parramatta Orphan Schools.
28. The Managers of the Benevolent Asylums at Sydney, Parramatta, and Liverpool.
29. The Inspector of Public Charities.
30. The Chief Inspector of Distilleries.
31. The Inspector of Glebe Island Abattoirs.
32. The Clerk of Government Stores.
33. The Government Astronomer.
34. The Trustees of the Free Public Library.
35. The Director of the Botanic Gardens.
36. The Curator of the Australian Museum.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."



New South Wales.

No. 148.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Mr. Lodge, Postmaster at Moruya:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Was Mr. H. J. Lodge, the late Postmaster at Moruya, a defaulter in his public accounts in the sum of £311?
  - (2.) Was the money refunded to Government; and if so, by whom, and when?
  - (3.) Was Mr. H. J. Lodge dismissed from office, or allowed to resign; and if the latter, upon what grounds?
  - (4.) Are the Government aware that the present Postmaster and Telegraph Master at Moruya, Mr. T. C. Lodge, is a brother of the late Postmaster, and that he is a minor?
  - (5.) Who recommended Mr. T. C. Lodge for his present office?
  - (6.) Who were the sureties for Mr. H. J. Lodge?
  - (7.) Who are the sureties for Mr. T. C. Lodge?
  - (8.) Is it with the authority of the Government that the present and late Postmaster equally perform the duties of the Telegraph and Post Offices, and that both those public offices are conducted on the premises wherewith the said Mr. H. J. Lodge prints and publishes the "Moruya Telegraph" newspaper?
  - (9.) What amount of money passed through the hands of the Telegraph Master at Moruya in his official capacity during the year 1870; as also in his official capacity of Postmaster during the same period?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Mr. H. J. Lodge, the late Postmaster at Moruya, did not remit his balances on Money Order Account in compliance with the Regulations, and was accordingly suspended. At the period of his suspension his balance amounted to £300.
- (2.) The Postmaster paid this amount on the 18th April, 1871.
- (3.) The irregularity having occurred in his accounts as Postmaster in his capacity of Money Order Agent, he was dismissed from that office. The office of Electric Telegraph Station Master, which he held in conjunction with the other, he was allowed to resign.
- (4.) Yes. Nothing is known respecting his age.
- (5.) Messrs. Clarke and Greville, at the instance of several influential residents in the district.
- (6.) Messrs. J. M'Keon and W. Burns, of Moruya.
- (7.) Mr. T. C. Lodge has proposed as his sureties the European Assurance Society, which has been accepted; but the bond has not yet been completed.
- (8.) The present Postmaster does not yet perform the duties of the Telegraph Office. He performs the duties of the Post Office provisionally until the completion of his Fidelity Bond. The late Postmaster has been expressly prohibited access to either office. The duties of both offices are conducted on the premises formerly used for the same purpose. Mr. T. C. Lodge was required to resign all connection with the "Moruya Telegraph" newspaper before he received the appointment, and it has been ascertained that he has done so. The Government is not aware of any proceedings on the part of Mr. H. J. Lodge in connection with that newspaper.
- (9.) As Telegraph Master, £121 4s. 5d. As Postmaster and Money Order Agent, £15,441 17s. 4d.

(2.)

(2.) Establishment of Post Offices at Goodgood and Collington:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) If it is the intention of the Postmaster General to afford the inhabitants in that part of Monaro known as Goodgood, in the locality of the Jingeras and Umaralla, greater postal facilities than at present exist?

(2.) What is the distance of the nearest Post Office from Goodgood?

(3.) Has the Postmaster General received any application for the re-establishment of a Post Office at Collington, and does he intend to comply with the request?

(4.) What is the distance of the Post Offices from that place, between Queanbeyan and Cooma; and the estimated number of the population within a radius of say 10 miles?

(5.) If any decision has been come to, will the Honourable the Postmaster General reconsider that decision?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No application has been received from the inhabitants of Goodgood on the subject of postal communication.

(2.) The position of Goodgood is unknown to the Post Office.

(3.) Yes. It is not intended to comply with request.

(4.) Michelago, 12 miles; Cooma, 28 miles. No information as to the number of the population within a radius of 10 miles. There are reported to be only twelve householders within a radius of 5 miles.

(5.) The Government sees no reason to reconsider the decision, feeling convinced that a Post Office is not required at Collington under present circumstances.

(3.) Goodgood School:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Has any application been made to the Council of Education to provide a teacher for a school at Goodgood, in the District of Monaro?

Mr. Robertson answered,—In reply to the question of the Honorable Member I desire to read a letter signed by Mr. Wilkins, the Secretary to the Board of Education, in which he says:—"It does not appear from the records of this office that an application has been made to the Council of Education to provide a teacher for Goodgood, in the District of Monaro, nor can Goodgood be identified with any other locality in the district from which an application has been received."

(4.) Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and Cooma Mails:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If the Postmaster General is aware of the delay and irregularity that have lately taken place in the conveyance of the Mails between Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and Cooma, and will any steps be taken to ensure punctuality?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Postmaster General is aware that irregularities have recently occurred on this mail line, the causes as alleged by the contractor, and to some extent corroborated by the local Postmasters, having been the flooded state of the rivers, and the serious illness of one of the mailmen. The mails are now reported as being conveyed with punctuality, but the contractor has been fined, and directed to place a sufficient number of mailmen on the line, and a boat at the Bredbo River, in order to provide for similar emergencies.

(5.) Removal of Prisoners from Eden to Bega:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) If it is true that the prisoners in the Gaol at Eden have been removed from that place to Bega?

(2.) What are the relative capacities of the Gaols at Eden and Bega?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No prisoners have been removed from Eden to Bega. Quarter Sessions having been established at Bega, and discontinued at Eden, the Lock-up at Bega, has been constituted a Police Gaol, and the Gaol at Eden has been abolished. At the time of the abolition there were no prisoners requiring to be removed.

(2.) The capacities are:—

Eden—If in separate cells, 6.  
If in associated cells, 18.  
Bega—If in separate cells, 5.  
If in associated cells, 9.

2. Protection to Native Industry:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain Tradesmen, Agriculturists, and others, resident in the Police District of Broulee, praying that duties may be charged on all articles imported from other countries, such as can be produced in New South Wales. Petition received.

3. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Return to an Order, in reference to "Civil Service and Police Superannuation Funds," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Burns, on 16th March, 1869.

(2.) By-Laws of the Borough of Alexandria.  
Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Address, in reference to "Volunteer Artillery," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. S. Brown, on 2nd June, 1871.

4. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 4, postponed, to follow after Order No. 1 of Other Business.

5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. King, withdrew the Motion standing in the name of Mr. King No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal cases.  
Question put and passed.

7. **Marine Board 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 having reported the Bill with Amendments,—  
Mr. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, “That” that Report be now adopted. Mr. Windeyer moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place 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 there inserted,—put and passed. Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted,—put and passed. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments, on motion of Mr. Samuel, (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
8. **Supply**.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,— Mr. Lord moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair,—  
And Mr. G. A. Lloyd not making the Contingent Motion standing in his name,—  
Question put and passed. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow. The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE.

*Question* :—

1. **MR. WEARNE** to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Was the clothing which was supplied to the Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools during the years 1865, '66, '67, '68, and '69, as shown in the Return ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on November 11th, 1870, obtained by calling for tenders; and if so, who, in each instance, was the successful tenderer?

*Contingent Notice of Motion* :—

1. **MR. G. A. LLOYD** to move (*as an amendment on the Motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply*),—  
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.  
(2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.  
(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Imported Stock Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. CLARKE** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th June, from certain inhabitants of the Police District of Broulee, relative to protection to native industry, be printed.
2. **MR. KING** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—  
(1.) The names and ages of the members of the Civil Service at present on the Superannuation Fund.  
(2.) The names, ages, and salaries of the Civil Servants entitled, from the duration of their period of services, to claim to be placed upon the Superannuation Fund during the next five years.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
3. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, “That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted.”

4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
7. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
8. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
11. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 8 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—For what date do the Government intend to convene the next Session of Parliament, presuming that the present Session will be concluded during the present month?
2. MR. GREVILLE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Do the Government see any objection to the introduction into this Colony of the system which prevails in England of employing ladies as Operators in the Telegraph Department?
3. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Did the contractor for the erection of the Court-house at Rylstone enter into the usual bond, with sureties, for the due performance of his contract?  
 (2.) What is the time agreed upon for completion of contract?  
 (3.) Are the Government aware that the work is not being proceeded with; if so, what course do they intend to take in the matter?

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Marine Board Bill; third reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is very desirable that there be laid before Parliament, on its first meeting after the 1st of January in each year, Annual Reports from the under-mentioned Public Officers, concerning the condition, services, works, and expenditure of their departments, similar to the several reports rendered by the Postmaster General, the Registrar General, and the Council of Education, and in addition to the reports required by law, viz. :—  
 1. The Collector of Customs.  
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 4. The Commissioner of Railways.  
 5. The Chief Engineer of Railways.  
 6. The Chief Engineer of Harbours and Rivers.  
 7. The Commissioner of Roads and Bridges.  
 8. The Surveyor General.  
 9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.  
 10. The Gold Fields Commissioners.  
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22. The Medical Adviser to the Government.
23. The Health and Emigration Officer.
24. The Coroner of Sydney.
25. The Superintendent of the Nautical School.
26. The Superintendent of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for Girls.
27. The Superintendents, Masters, Matrons, or Managers, of the Parramatta Orphan Schools.
28. The Managers of the Benevolent Asylums at Sydney, Parramatta, and Liverpool.
29. The Inspector of Public Charities.
30. The Chief Inspector of Distilleries.
31. The Inspector of Glebe Island Abattoirs.
32. The Clerk of Government Stores.
33. The Government Astronomer.
34. The Trustees of the Free Public Library.
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36. The Curator of the Australian Museum.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

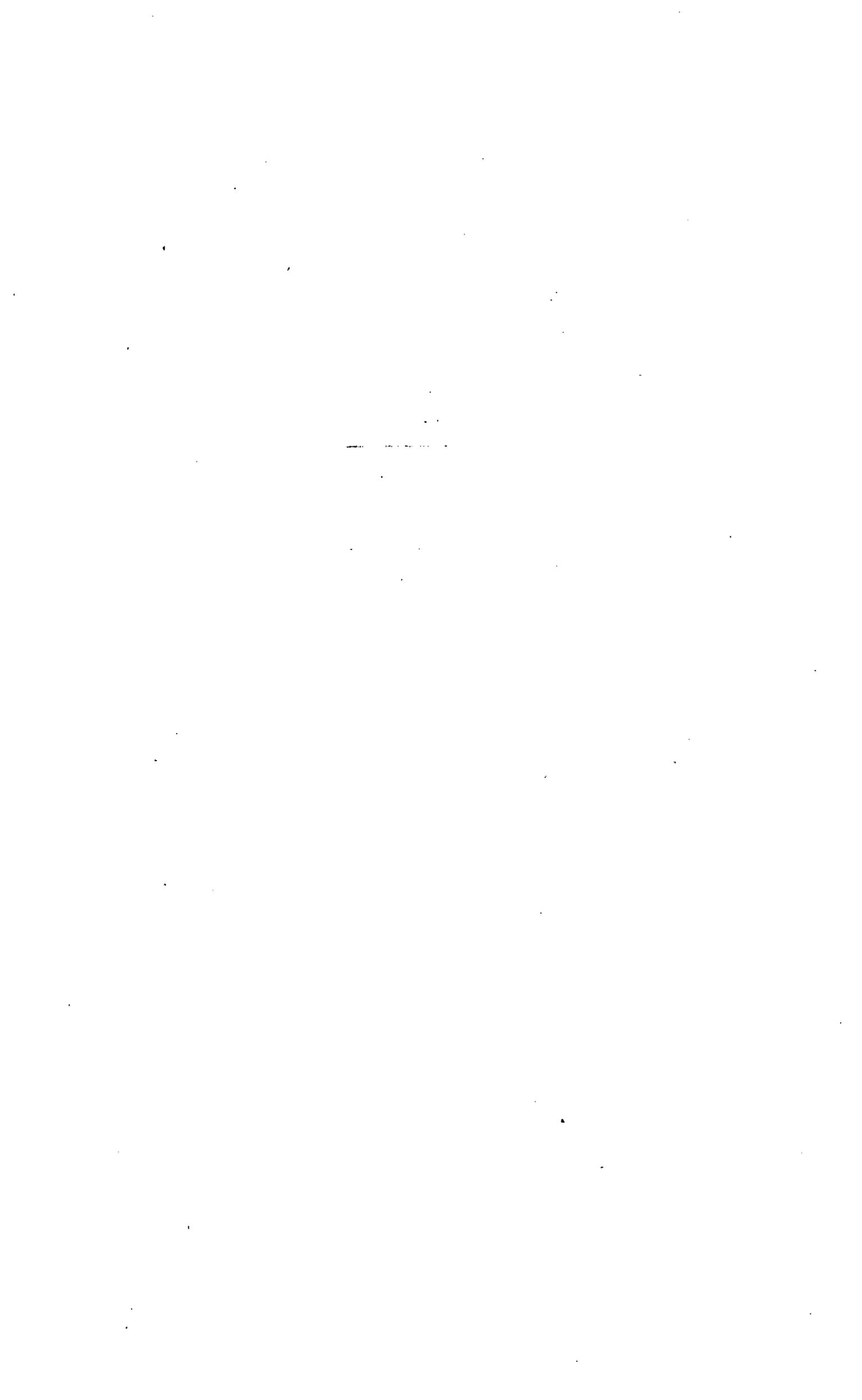
1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."



New South Wales.

No. 149.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Clothing supplied to Government Institutions:—Mr. Wearne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Was the clothing which was supplied to the Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Orphan Schools during the years 1865, '66, '67, '68, and '69, as shown in the Return ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on November 11th, 1870, obtained by calling for tenders; and if so, who, in each instance, was the successful tenderer?

Mr. Lord answered,—The clothing referred to was supplied under tender. The following are the names of the persons who were the successful tenderers for the years mentioned:—

1865	} C. K. Moore.
1866	
1867	
1868, Prince, Ogg, & Co.	
1869, C. K. Moore.	

2. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Buchanan having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
3. Protection to Native Industry ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th June, from certain inhabitants of the Police District of Broulee, relative to protection of native industry, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
4. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 4, postponed, to follow after Order No. 1 of Other Business.
5. Motion Dropped:—Mr. King not making the Motion stand in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
6. Public Vehicles and Boats Regulation Bill:—On motion of Mr. Tunks, the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill was adopted. *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Tunks, that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
7. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—  
" (1.) This House is of opinion that a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration is essential to the prosperity of this Colony.  
" (2.) That a Bill to establish such a system ought to be introduced by the Government at the commencement of the ensuing Session.  
" (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor."  
Debate ensued.

Question

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

Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Hart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Tunks.

Original Question then put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at ten minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE.

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2. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
4. Navigation Bill of 1871 (*heretofore styled Marine Board Bill*); third reading.
5. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; third reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is very desirable that there be laid before Parliament, on its first meeting after the 1st of January in each year, Annual Reports from the under-mentioned Public Officers, concerning the condition, services, works, and expenditure of their departments, similar to the several reports rendered by the Postmaster General, the Registrar General, and the Council of Education, and in addition to the reports required by law, viz. :—
  1. The Collector of Customs.
  2. The Agent General for the Colony.
  3. The Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.
  4. The Commissioner of Railways.
  5. The Chief Engineer of Railways.
  6. The Chief Engineer of Harbours and Rivers.
  7. The Commissioner of Roads and Bridges.
  8. The Surveyor General.
  9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.
  10. The Gold Fields Commissioners.
  11. The Colonial Architect.
  12. The Commandant of all the Volunteers.
  13. The Commissioner of Stamps.
  14. The Government Printer.
  15. The Steam Navigation and Pilot Board.
  16. The Shipping Master.

17. The Examiner of Coal Fields
  18. The Inspector of Coal Fields.
  19. The Inspector General of Police.
  20. The Governors of Gaols.
  21. The Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums and Reception Houses.
  22. The Medical Adviser to the Government.
  23. The Health and Emigration Officer.
  24. The Coroner of Sydney.
  25. The Superintendent of the Nautical School.
  26. The Superintendent of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for Girls.
  27. The Superintendents, Masters, Matrons, or Managers, of the Parramatta Orphan Schools.
  28. The Managers of the Benevolent Asylums at Sydney, Parramatta, and Liverpool.
  29. The Inspector of Public Charities.
  30. The Chief Inspector of Distilleries.
  31. The Inspector of Glebe Island Abattoirs.
  32. The Clerk of Government Stores.
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  34. The Trustees of the Free Public Library.
  35. The Director of the Botanic Gardens.
  36. The Curator of the Australian Museum.
2. MR. W. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Threatening Letter lately addressed to His Excellency the Governor, referred to in certain questions and answers among the Votes and Proceedings on Thursday, 1st June.
  - (2.) That the Inspector General of Police be instructed to furnish a Report to the Government, and that the same be also laid upon the Table of this House, of whatever information has been obtained, or is further obtainable, by the police, with reference to such letter, specifying the circumstances, reasons, or instructions, under which the police authorities failed, or omitted, to prosecute the writer of the said letter, and further whether he is, or was at the time of writing the letter, a member or agent of any Orange, or Fenian, or Protestant Political, or other such political association, or in communication with any member or agent of such association.

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TUESDAY, 13 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STEWART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Documents relating to charges made by the Rev. Mr. Lanigan, Chaplain, against Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

New South Wales.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1871.

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

Additional Estimate for 1871:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 46.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, His Excellency the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1871, and previous years.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 7th June, 1871.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Re-assembling of Parliament:—Mr. Greville asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—For what date do the Government intend to convene the next Session of Parliament, presuming that the present Session will be concluded during the present month?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government have not yet formed any intention on the matter, nor are they able to do so at present.

(2.) Employment of Ladies as Operators in Telegraph Department:—Mr. Greville asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Do the Government see any objection to the introduction into this Colony of the system which prevails in England of employing ladies as Operators in the Telegraph Department?

Sir James Martin answered,—The Government do not see any objection.

(3.) Rylstone Court-house:—*Mr. Piddington*, on behalf of Mr. Neale, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Did the contractor for the erection of the Court-house at Rylstone enter into the usual bond, with sureties, for the due performance of his contract?

(2.) What is the time agreed upon for completion of contract?

(3.) Are the Government aware that the work is not being proceeded with; if so, what course do they intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Four months from date of bond (15th February last).

(3.) The contractor has placed some material on the ground, but has since apparently abandoned the work. The Crown Solicitor has been instructed to enforce the bond.

(4.)

(4.) Volunteers (South Sydney):—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) Has any inquiry been held, since the 22nd of May, in reference to the charges brought by the members of the South Sydney Company of Volunteer Rifles against their Commanding Officer?
- (2.) If so, with what result?
- (3.) If not, when will the matter be settled?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) No inquiry has been held since the 22nd May, but Captain Newsham (the Commanding Officer) was called upon to render an explanation in reference to certain charges preferred against him; an explanation was received, but returned as unsatisfactory, not being sufficiently explicit.

(3.) No delay in settling the matter is anticipated.

(5.) Forage Allowance to Telegraph Masters:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has any correspondence taken place on the subject of Forage Allowance to the Telegraph Master at Bombala?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The forage allowance having been abolished, on the ground of economy, and an allowance of 10s. per day granted for horse hire in lieu thereof, certain persons at Bombala petitioned, recommending the Government to revert to the old system, which recommendation, being in favour of what was considered to be an extravagant arrangement, was not complied with.

3. Paper:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Report for the year 1870, on the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville.  
Ordered to be printed.

4. Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Return to Address in reference to "Volunteer Artillery," laid upon the Table by him on the 6th June, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

5. Courts of Quarter Sessions at Eden and Bega (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council respecting the discontinuance of Courts of Quarter Sessions at Eden, and the establishment of similar Courts at Bega; also respecting the advisability, or otherwise, of imprisoning persons, convicted of offences, at Bega, instead of at Eden.  
Question put and passed.

6. Courts of Quarter Sessions at Bourke (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing in detail:—  
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Question put and passed.

7. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

8. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 17th May, 1871, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Assembly in the "Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill," disagrees to the Amendment in Page 4, which proposes the omission of Clause 11 and the insertion of a new Clause in lieu thereof,—

1st. Because in the case of the Goulburn Meat Preserving Company, assent was given by Parliament, during the present Session, to the restriction of the liability of Shareholders to the amount of capital subscribed for.

2nd. Because having reference to the nature and objects of the Company, to which this Bill relates, this Council is of opinion that it is neither necessary, nor desirable, to impose upon the Shareholders any liability beyond the amount which they have agreed to subscribe.

3rd. Because this Council considers that the proposed Amendment would tend to encourage the creation of indebtedness, and because the credit dealings, to which the business of the Company is likely to give rise, will probably be with persons, and commercial Companies, fully competent to protect themselves.

4th.

4th. Because the obligation imposed by the Amendment, to which this Council has assented, to add the word "Limited" as part of the designation of the Company, is appropriate only to Companies with liability restricted to subscribed capital, and is a sufficient protection, if any be required, in the case of this Company.

And agrees to the other Amendment made by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 8th June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Message.

Question put and passed.

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

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

9. Papers:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the following Papers:—  
(1.) Subordinate Roads of New South Wales (Classification and proposed Distribution for 1871).  
(2.) Subordinate Roads under Trustees (Classification and proposed Distribution for 1871).  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-one minutes before Two o'clock, A.M. until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

*Question:—*

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If there has been any application from the Bench of Magistrates at Penrith relative to the repairs of the Court House; and if so, what has been done in the matter, or is intended to be done?

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3. MR. KING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—
  - (1.) The names and ages of the members of the Civil Service at present on the Superannuation Fund.
  - (2.) The names, ages, and salaries of the Civil Servants entitled, from the duration of their period of services, to claim to be placed upon the Superannuation Fund during the next five years.

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1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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MONDAY, JUNE 12.

## Question:—

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the bridge at the foot of Mount Victoria is in a very dangerous state?
  - (2.) When will the Minister for Works cause such repairs to be effected as are necessary to ensure the safety of the public, and to enable the traffic over the bridge to be resumed?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message respecting Assembly's Amendments in this Bill.

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TUESDAY;

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE.

*Question* :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings?
  - (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present?
  - (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Documents relating to charges made by the Rev. Mr. Lanigan, Chaplain, against Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

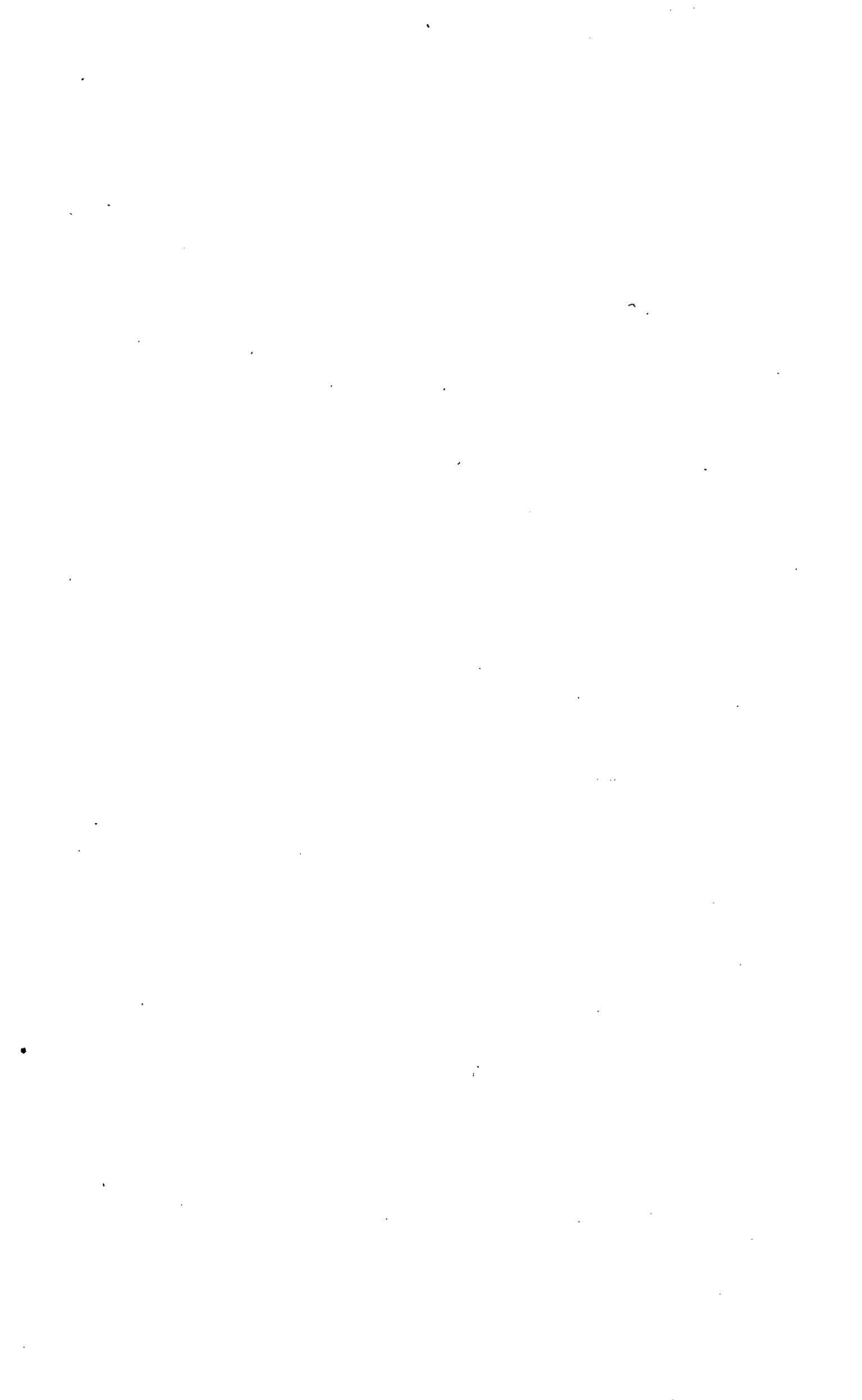
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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."



New South Wales.

No. 151.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE, 1871.

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

Assent to Yass Roman Catholic Church Land Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain allotments of land in the town of Yass granted to Henry O'Brien and others as Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church at Yass to sell a portion of the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof;*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 9th June, 1871.

2. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Penrith Court House:—Mr. Ryan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—If there has been any application from the Bench of Magistrates at Penrith relative to the repairs of the Court House; and if so, what has been done in the matter, or is intended to be done?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Application has been received from the Bench of Magistrates at Penrith for repairs to the Court House at that place, and a specification of the work required has just been completed. Tenders will be invited at once.

3. Paper:—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Regulation under the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1871. Ordered to be printed.

4. Navigation Bill of 1871 ("*Formal*" Order of the Day);—on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate a Board to be called 'The Marine Board of New South Wales' to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Board to be called 'The Marine Board of New South Wales' to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th June, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Threatening Letter to His Excellency the Governor ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Threatening Letter lately addressed to His Excellency the Governor, referred to in certain questions and answers among the Votes and Proceedings on Thursday, 1st June.
- (2.) That the Inspector General of Police be instructed to furnish a Report to the Government, and that the same be also laid upon the Table of this House, of whatever information has been obtained, or is further obtainable, by the police, with reference to such letter, specifying the circumstances, reasons, or instructions, under which the police authorities failed, or omitted, to prosecute the writer of the said letter, and further whether he is, or was at the time of writing the letter, a member or agent of any Orange, or Fenian, or Protestant Political, or other such political association, or in communication with any member or agent of such association.
- Question put and passed.
6. Civil Service Superannuation Fund ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Wearne, on behalf of Mr. King, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—
- (1.) The names and ages of the members of the Civil Service at present on the Superannuation Fund.
- (2.) The names, ages, and salaries of the Civil Servants entitled, from the duration of their period of services, to claim to be placed upon the Superannuation Fund during the next five years.
- Question put and passed.
7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Insolvency Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion Mr. Hart, until Friday next.
8. Retail of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Regulation 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before Four o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, JUNE 12.

*Question:—*

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that the bridge at the foot of Mount Victoria is in a very dangerous state?
- (2.) When will the Minister for Works cause such repairs to be effected as are necessary to ensure the safety of the public, and to enable the traffic over the bridge to be resumed?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, (as an amendment on the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply),—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the present condition of the roads of New South Wales is such as to render traffic on them almost impossible.
- (2.) That an improvement in the means of internal communication is most urgently called for.
- (3.) That in lieu of the system now in use of making roads of broken stones, iron rails should be substituted.
- (4.) That the roads which are most urgently required to be so constructed in the first instance, are:—
1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.
  2. From Goulburn (or from Yass, if the proposed railway extension to that place be sanctioned), to Wagga Wagga, with branch to Gundagai.
  3. From Bathurst to Carcoar.
  4. From Bathurst (or from Orange, if the proposed railway extension to that place be sanctioned), to Wellington and Dubbo.
  5. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.
  6. From Murrurundi (or from Tamworth, if the proposed railway extension to that place be sanctioned), to Armidale and Tenterfield.
  7. From Moama to Deniliquin.
- (5.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Imported Stock Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing in detail how the sums of money hereinafter stated, which were disbursed by the Government for the formation of the new line of road from Iron Cove Road to the Abattoir Road, Balmain, have been expended ; that is to say, to the Municipality of Balmain, £400 ; to the Municipality of Hunter's Hill, £75 ; and to Mr. Abercrombie, £150 ; together with a copy of any correspondence upon the same subject.
2. MR. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is very desirable that there be laid before Parliament, on its first meeting after the 1st of January in each year, Annual Reports from the under-mentioned Public Officers, concerning the condition, services, works, and expenditure of their departments, similar to the several reports rendered by the Postmaster General, the Registrar General, and the Council of Education, and in addition to the reports required by law, viz. :—
  1. The Collector of Customs.
  2. The Agent General for the Colony.
  3. The Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.
  4. The Commissioner of Railways.
  5. The Chief Engineer of Railways.
  6. The Chief Engineer of Harbours and Rivers.
  7. The Commissioner of Roads and Bridges.
  8. The Surveyor General.
  9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.
  10. The Gold Fields Commissioners.
  11. The Colonial Architect.
  12. The Commandant of all the Volunteers.
  13. The Commissioner of Stamps.
  14. The Government Printer.
  15. The Steam Navigation and Pilot Board.
  16. The Shipping Master.
  17. The Examiner of Coal Fields.
  18. The Inspector of Coal Fields.
  19. The Inspector General of Police.
  20. The Governors of Gaols.
  21. The Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums and Reception Houses.
  22. The Medical Adviser to the Government.
  23. The Health and Emigration Officer.
  24. The Coroner of Sydney.
  25. The Superintendent of the Nautical School.
  26. The Superintendent of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for Girls.
  27. The Superintendents, Masters, Matrons, or Managers, of the Parramatta Orphan Schools.
  28. The Managers of the Benevolent Asylums at Sydney, Parramatta, and Liverpool.
  29. The Inspector of Public Charities.
  30. The Chief Inspector of Distilleries.
  31. The Inspector of Glebe Island Abattoirs.
  32. The Clerk of Government Stores.
  33. The Government Astronomer.
  34. The Trustees of the Free Public Library.
  35. The Director of the Botanic Gardens.
  36. The Curator of the Australian Museum.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill ; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message respecting Assembly's Amendments in this Bill.
2. Post Office at Newcastle ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill ; third reading.
5. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
6. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
7. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.
8. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

9. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
10. Proposed New Standing Orders ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, " That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words " now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words " referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and " the Mover."
14. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 13 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings ?
  - (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870 ?
  - (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present ?
  - (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Government addressed a letter, on the 3rd June, to the Returning Officer of the Globe, inquiring whether he had stated at a Public Dinner that " the Parliament of New South Wales as at present constituted is the greatest lot of rubbish ever packed together in the country " ?
  - (2.) Has any reply been received, and if so, will the Government place the letter and reply on the Table of this House ?
  - (3.) What object had the Government in sending such a letter ?
  - (4.) What course will be taken if the reply is in the affirmative ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Documents relating to charges made by the Rev. Mr. Lanigan, Chaplain, against Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, " That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 12 JUNE, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
 Bridge at foot of Mount Victoria :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—  
 (1.) Are the Government aware that the bridge at the foot of Mount Victoria is in a very dangerous state?  
 (2.) When will the Minister for Works cause such repairs to be effected as are necessary to ensure the safety of the public, and to enable the traffic over the bridge to be resumed?  
 Mr. Byrnes answered,—  
 (1.) Yes.  
 (2.) Orders have been given for the necessary repairs.
2. Papers :—  
 (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th Section of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1, during the period between the 16th May and 12th June, 1871.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers :—  
 (1.) Despatch from the Secretary of State, and Cabinet Minute, respecting the release of Hovell and Rangī, convicted of the murder of a South Sea Islander.  
 (2.) Report on Vaccination, for the year 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Road from Iron Cove Road to Abattoir Road ("Formal Motion") :—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing in detail how the sums of money hereinafter stated, which were disbursed by the Government for the formation of of the new line of road from Iron Cove Road to the Abattoir Road, Balmain, have been expended ; that is to say, to the Municipality of Balmain, £400 ; to the Municipality of Hunter's Hill, £75 ; and to Mr. Abercrombie, £150 ; together with a copy of any correspondence upon the same subject.  
 Question put and passed.
4. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—  
 Mr. Lord moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
 Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—  
 " (1.) This House is of opinion that the present condition of the roads of New South Wales is such as to render traffic on them almost impossible.  
 " (2.) That an improvement in the means of internal communication is most urgently called for.  
 " (3.) That in lieu of the system now in use of making roads of broken stones, iron rails should be substituted.  
 " (4.) That the roads which are most urgently required to be so constructed in the first instance, are :—  
 " 1. From Goulburn to Queanbeyan and Cooma, with branch to Braidwood.  
 " 2. From Goulburn (or from Yass, if the proposed railway extension to that place be "sanctioned), to Wagga Wagga, with branch to Gundagai.  
 " 3. From Bathurst to Carcoar.  
 " 4. From Bathurst (or from Orange, if the proposed railway extension to that place "be sanctioned), to Wellington and Dubbo.  
 " 5. From Wallerawang to Mudgee.  
 " 6. From Murrurundi (or from Tamworth, if the proposed railway extension to that place "be sanctioned), to Armidale and Tenterfield.  
 " 7. From Moama to Deniliquin. " (5.)

"(5.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 8.
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Webb,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Luckey,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. E. Brown,		<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dillon,	Mr. W. Suttor.
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Fallon.	

Original Question then put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

*TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1871, A.M.*

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolutions be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1870 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

##### Services of 1868 and previous Years.

###### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7 14s., to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Goulburn, further sum.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £495 16s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances, being for the support of Paupers in Hospitals, further sum.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44 13s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School, Newcastle, further sum.

###### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1 13s., to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery, further sum.

###### NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £89 3s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways, Working Expenses, further sum.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £128 19s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation; being £11 5s. for Incidental Expenses, Wharfs, &c., further sum; £106 14s. 6d. for Repairs to Steam Cranes, Newcastle, further sum; £9 for Wollongong Harbour Works, further sum; and £2 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," further sum.

###### UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,327 4s., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover Payments made on account of 1868 and previous years, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off.

##### Services of 1869.

###### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79 9s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Albury, further sum.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4 7s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Goulburn, further sum.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £102 8s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville, further sum.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances, being for the support of Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals, further sum.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,136 17s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £888 9s. 5d. for defraying expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts, further sum; and £248 7s. 9d. for expenses incurred by the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the alleged kidnapping of natives of the Loyalty Islands.

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## No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £153 14s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Coroners Inquests, further sum.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132 18s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £91 2s. 9d. for Counsel's Fees, &c., in connection with the case *The Queen vs. Cummings*; and £41 15s. 4d. for costs of making submission a Rule of Court, taxed at that sum.

## No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £166 10s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery, further sum.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,505 15s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £1,183 0s. 11d. for Commission on Payments in England, by the Government Financial Agents, further sum; and £322 14s. 9d., for Postage of the various Public Departments, further sum.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109 5s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £413, to defray supplementary charge for Minor Roads; being £233 for Rent of the Windsor Ferry, 1869, refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep in order the Approaches and Works in connection therewith; and £130 for Rent of the Mudbank and Bunnerong Tolls, from 19th December, 1868, to 18th December, 1869, refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep the Roads in repair.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,280 3s., to defray supplementary charge for Railways, Working Expenses, further sum.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £287 14s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation; being £31 3s. 4d. for Incidental Expenses, Wharfs, &c., further sum; £20 19s. 2d. for Steam Dredge "Samson," further sum; £63 11s. for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," further sum; £129 18s. 9d. for Steam Dredge "Pluto," further sum; and £42 2s. for Grassing Sand Hills, Newcastle, further sum.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £455 10s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges; being £2 19s. 9d. for General Establishment, further sum; and £452 10s. 7d. for Tolls collected at Deniliquin, from 25th April, to 31st December, 1869, to be expended where collected.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131 7s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings; being for Furniture for Mint Buildings, further sum.

## No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131 3s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Country Postmasters, further sum.

## Services of 1870.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,557 13s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Gaols generally; being £75 for Visiting Justices at Braidwood, Wollongong, and Yass, from 1st January to 30th June, at £50 each per annum; £1,864 13s. 3d. for Salaries of additional Warders for various Gaols, further sum; £90 for Salaries of Matrons, Wollongong, Albury, Yass, Braidwood, Mudgee, Grafton, Wagga Wagga, Armidale, and Deniliquin; £1,250 for purchase of Materials, &c., further sum; and £278 for purpose of Site for Lock-up at Redfern.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £166 0s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Agent General; being £43 0s. 4d. for Salary of Agent General for the Colony in London, from the 16th to the 31st December, at £1,500 per annum; and £123 as allowance for passage-money to England.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £766 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Asylums for Infirm and Destitute; being £50 for increased salary to Matron, Hyde Park Asylum; £16 13s. 4d. for Salary of Master and Matron, Port Macquarie Asylum, for January; and £700 for Clothing, Rations, Medical Comforts, Medicines, and Contingencies, further sum.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances; being in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, &c., on condition of an equal sum being raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved Officers, having the right of admission of patients, viz.:—£100 for Orange Hospital, further sum; £200 for West Maitland Benevolent Society; and £200 for Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society, further sum.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61 4s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Free Public Library, being for two Assistants, from 1st January to 16th April, at £104 each per annum.

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(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £168 17s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Grants in aid of Public Institutions; being £100 in aid of the Glen Innes School of Arts, being in the proportion of £1. to every £2 raised by private contributions; and £68 17s. 3d. in aid of the erection of the Milton (Ulladulla) Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £613 6s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers; being £24 3s. for Clerk in the Brigade Office, from the 26th September, at 7s. per diem; £108 17s. 5d. for Salary of Adjutant of Artillery, from 21st August, at £300 per annum; £23 5s. 6d. for forage allowance for ditto, at 3s. 6d. per diem, from 21st August; £205 16s. for 4 Drill Instructors—1 at 7s. per diem from 7th June, 2 at 7s. and 1 at 6s. from 21st August; £32 15s. for Gatekeeper, Victoria Barracks, at 5s. per diem, from 23rd August; £35 for allowance of £1 each to 35 men who had enrolled themselves for service in the proposed corps of pensioners and discharged soldiers, afterwards discontinued; £90 for cost of printing Manual of Field Exercise; £24 15s. for labourer to keep Batteries in order, from 24th September, at 5s. per diem; and £68 15s. for Assistant Marker.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,242 7s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Police (General); being £300 for 1 Inspector, from 1st January; £400 for 2 Sub-Inspectors, from 1st January, at £200 per annum; £4,884 7s. 5d. to meet deficiencies in Salaries; £645 10s. for amount realized for Police horses sold during the year and paid into the Treasury, but to be expended for Remounts; £362 10s. for purchase of Police Horses, further sum; £700 for rent of Premises, further sum; £650 for Shoeing, Veterinary Attendance, and Medicine, further sum; and £300 for incidental expenses, further sum.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56 19s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Guard (Cockatoo Island); being £10 9s. 3d. for one Senior Constable, at 6s. 9d. per diem, from 1st to 31st January; and £46 10s. for five Ordinary Constables, at 6s. per diem, from 1st to 31st January.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £520 2s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Additional Police required in consequence of the withdrawal of the Military, being for Guard, Government House—Salaries (4 months);

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £8,678 0s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £779 0s. 8d. for expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the Floods in the Hunter River District; £236 15s. 9d. for printing the Report of the Commission; £400 for cost of printing and publishing a work at the Government Printing Office on the Industrial Progress of New South Wales, in which will be embodied the Official Report and Catalogue of the Intercolonial Exhibition of 1870, including maps and sketches for same; £59 6s. 3d. for gratuity to Julia Spinks, widow of the late Warder Spinks, who was murdered by a prisoner in Windsor Gaol; £6,286 17s. 6d. in aid of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund to 31st December; £50 for allowance to Secretary of Defence Commission; £50 for minor expenses of that Commission; £38 15s. for travelling expenses of Mr. Lockhart, Commissioner of Crown Lands, in connection with his attendance on the Pental Island Commissioners in Melbourne; £77 5s. towards the relief of cases of actual destitution caused by the recent Floods, further sum; and £700 for expenses of Returning Officers of the Electoral Districts, further sum.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30 16s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for District Courts; being (for Metropolitan and Coast District) £23 6s. 8d. for Bailiff at Muswellbrook, from 1st June, at £40 per annum; (for South-western District) £4 3s. 4d. for Registrar, Corowa, from 1st November, at £25 per annum; and £3 6s. 8d. for Bailiff, Corowa, from 1st November, at £20 per annum.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(49.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £163 15s., to defray supplementary charge for Stamp Duties; being for Rent of New Offices from 9th April, at £225 per annum.

(50.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,890 19s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Customs; being £51 18s. 8d. for Warrant Officer, Newcastle, from 26th July, at £120 per annum; and £1,839 0s. 5d. for allowances to extra Tide-waiters, and for occasional Clerical Assistance, further sum.

(51.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £541 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Gold and Escort; being for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, further sum (fortnightly service).

(52.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,382 4s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery; being £5,500 for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; £202 10s. for Iron Safes for Post Office; £1,506 14s. 7d. for Ammunition; and £173 for Conveyance of Stores, further sum.

(53.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, to defray supplementary charge for Printing, Bookbinding, &c., being for Purchase of Type for Bills for Law Reform Commission.

(54.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge for Gunpowder Magazine, Goat Island, being for the employment of Labourers to replace the Military Labourers withdrawn.

(55.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £132 18s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Colonial Military Stores; being for Additional Staff required in consequence of the transfer of Imperial Stores to the Colony, viz.:—£28 6s. 8d. for Clerk, at £100 per annum, from 19th September; £31 4s. for Foreman, at 6s. per diem, from same; £62 8s., for 3 Labourers, at 4s. each per diem, from same; and £11 for expenses incurred in taking Inventory of Stores, &c., left in Artillery Barracks.

(56.)

(56.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,416 0s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £21,648 0s. 3d. for amount of Murray River Customs collected on account of the Government of Victoria, under the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses of the Agreement of 12th January, 1867; £2,500 for Interest on Public Account overdrawn at the Bank of New South Wales, London; and £298 for cost of photographing Public Buildings, &c.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £241 2s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Necropolis, Haslem's Creek; being £62 10s. for Secretary, from 1st March to 31st May, at £250 per annum; £35 14s. 11d. for Clerk, from 1st March to 9th July, at £100 per annum; £16 6s. 5d. for Messenger, from 1st March to 23rd June, at £52 per annum; £4 1s. 7d. for Housekeeper, from 1st March to 23rd June, at £13 per annum; £62 10s. for Rent of Office, from 1st January to 15th August, at £100 per annum; £10 for Services of Keeper, Mortuary Building, Haslem's Creek; and £50 for Compensation to Mr. Vickery for cancellation of lease of office.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £419 2s., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £79 12s. for Fees to Commissioners of the Court of Claims, for hearing and reporting on claims to grants of land, in terms of the Act 5 Wm. IV, No. 21; £300 to cover the expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, further sum; and £39 10s. for Compensation for removal of Fencing from Conditional Purchases.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,065 15s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways, Working Expenses, further sum.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,964 16s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation; being £17 for Engineer's Department, Incidental Expenses, further sum; £106 4s. for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, &c., further sum; £513 12s. 10d. for Steam Dredge "Pluto," further sum; £280 for Steam Dredge "Fitzroy," further sum; £71 16s. 5d. for Steam Dredge "Samson," further sum; £100 for landing Silt—"Unemployed"; £111 2s. for Repairs to Glebe Island Road; £2,003 10s. 10d. for Repairs and Slip Expenses, Dredge "Hunter," and new Boiler for Tug "Cyclops"; £300 for preliminary Harbour Surveys, further sum; and £461 10s. for Special Services of the Steamer "Thetis."

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,931 5s. to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings; being £170 for Increased Accommodation at the Government Printing Office, further sum; £4,535 for Repairs and Alterations to Parliamentary Buildings; and £226 5s. for Presses for the use of Country Registrars.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,763 8s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges; being £242 6s. 9d. for Tolls collected at Deniliquin Bridge, from 1st January to 31st May, to be paid to the Municipal Council, less cost of collection; £464 5s. for amount of Tolls collected on Western Road in excess of amount voted; £775 for amount for Carcoar and Cowra Road, being difference between 1st and 2nd class, 31 miles, £25 per mile; £94 6s. 8d. for rent of Windsor Ferry for half-year ending 30th June, 1870, refunded to the Trustees to enable them to keep in order the Approaches and Works connected therewith; and £187 10s. for Rent of the Toll-bar on the Mudbank and Bunnerong Road, from 19th December, 1869, to 18th November, 1870, to be refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep the Road in repair.

(63.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £365 11s. 8d. to defray supplementary charge for Fitz Roy Dock; being £233 6s. 8d. for Superintendent and Engineer-in-Chief, at £700 per annum, from 1st January to 30th April; and £132 5s. for Additional Expenses in docking Vessels.

(64.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275 1s. 3d. to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Service, being for Repairs to the Embankment of the River Hunter, at West Maitland.

No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,500, to defray supplementary charge for expense of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* San Francisco, for the nine months ending 31st December, at the rate of £10,000 per annum.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £988 6s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Electric Telegraphs; being £87 10s. for Station Master, West Kempsey, at £150 per annum, from 1st May; £30 13s. 6d. for Station Master, Scone, from 12th April, 1865, to 31st May, 1866 (difference of salary at the rate of £52 instead of £25 as received by him during the above period); £104 for Junior Operator, Bendemeer, at £104 per annum, from 1st January; £26 for Operator, Barranjucey, at £26 per annum, from 1st January; £26 for Operator, Grafton Heads, at £26 per annum, from 1st January; £52 for Operator, Rockymouth, at £52 per annum, from 1st January; £58 6s. 8d. for Junior Operator, Deniliquin, at £100 per annum, from 1st June; £30 6s. 8d. for Operator, Ulmarra, at £52 per annum, from 1st June; £36 for Station Master, Bega (difference of salary at the rate of £100 per annum, instead of £52, from 1st April); £37 10s. for Compensation to Mr. E. Walsh for loss of office as Line Repairer at Albury, being at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service; and £500 for damage to Lines during recent Floods.

TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(67.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty (to be raised by Loan), a sum not exceeding £124, to defray supplementary charge for Railways; being for construction of Railway Sheds, further sum.

(68.)

(68.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray supplementary charge for Electric Telegraphs; being £500 for construction of Line from Eden to Gabo Island, further sum; and £500 for construction of Line from Kiama to Jervis Bay, further sum.

(69.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,500, to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges; being £3,500 for restoring and raising Yass Bridge; and £8,000 for rebuilding Jugiong Bridge.

#### ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1871.

##### No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, a sum not exceeding £1,784 6s. 8d., to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, as follows, that is to say:—£200 to Lady Forbes, Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Dowling, Widow of the late Sir James Dowling, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Mitchell, Widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General; £100 to Mrs. Anne Kinchela, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Kinchela; £100 to Mrs. Anne Petrie, Daughter of the late Captain Flinders, R.N.; £133 6s. 8d. to Edward Robert Stack, late Master of the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £100 to Mrs. Catherine Lovett, Widow of J. Lovett, late Pilot, Newcastle; £200 to Mrs. Eliza Milford, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Milford; £200 to Mrs. Maria Bate Wise, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Wise; £50 to Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Widow of the late Pilot Edwards; £150 to Mrs. Julia Robinson, Widow of the late Pilot Robinson; £75 to Mrs. Jane Reader, Widow of the late Pilot Reader; £26 to Mrs. Smyth, late Assistant Court-keeper, Supreme Court; and £50 to Mrs. Shanks, Widow of the late Pilot Shanks.

##### No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,463, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1871.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £699, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1871.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,363, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1871.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,791, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1871.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,283, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1871.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,397, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1871.

##### No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,991, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1871.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for the establishment and maintenance of a Permanent Military Force, to consist of one battery of Artillery and 2 companies of Infantry from 1st July, for the year 1871.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,061, to meet the expense of Artillery and Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the year 1871.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,018, to meet the expense of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1871.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125,952, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1871; being £2,171 for salaries for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment; £91,123 for salaries of Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, and Trackers; £2,541 for salaries of Detectives; £717 for Government House Guard; and £29,400 for allowances and contingencies.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,902, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Gaols for the year 1871; being £1,478 for Sydney Gaol; £724 for Parramatta Gaol; £393 for Bathurst Gaol; £405 for Maitland Gaol; £393 for Goulburn Gaol; £647 for Berrima Gaol; £157 for Albury Gaol; £157 for Braidwood Gaol; £157 for Mudgee Gaol; £157 for Wollongong Gaol; £157 for Armidale Gaol; £157 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £167 for Yass Gaol; £157 for Deniliquin Gaol; £483 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £350 for Police Gaols, Country Districts; and £47,703 for Gaols generally.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,313, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1871; being £350 for Board of Visitors; £13,700 for Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; £16,356 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £757 for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; and £2,150 for Lunatic Patients.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1871.

(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,427, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1871.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,642, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1871.

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,308, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1871.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,834, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1871.

(89.)

- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,586, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1871.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £475, to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, for the year 1871.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under Act 30 Vic., No. 22, for the year 1871.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,630, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Free Public Library, for the year 1871.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,351, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1871; being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £3 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£50 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Araluen Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Ballina School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £50 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Berrima School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £25 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Bourke Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Bowling Alley Point School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Casino School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Dubbo Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Frederickton School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Forbes School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Glen Innes School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Grenfell School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Gundagai Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Hinton School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Inverell School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Kiama School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Lambton Mechanics' and Miners' Institute; £25 in aid of the Monaro School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts; £13 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Musclebrook School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Newcastle School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Queanbeyan Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Ryde School of Arts; £50 in aid of the St. Leonards School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Scone School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Shoalhaven School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Ulladulla School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Ulmarra School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; £13 in aid of the Waratah School of Arts; £50 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; and £50 in aid of the Young School of Arts; also in aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions, on same condition, viz.:—£100 in aid of the Botany Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Bowling Alley Point School of Arts; 100 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £350 in aid of the Newcastle School of Arts; and £50 in aid of St. Mary's School of Arts.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £575, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1871; being £475 for salary of Inspector of Public Charities, and £100 for Travelling Expenses.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,197, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1871.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,966, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, for the year 1871.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,787, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1871; being £430 for Sydney; £288 for Liverpool; £196 for Parramatta; and £11,873 for Messenger, Wardsmen, Cooks, Nurses, and Contingencies.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,053, to defray Charitable Allowances for the year 1871; being £5,000 for the support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals; £482 for salaries of Lady Superintendent and five Nursing Sisters; £4,000 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £4,208 for the support of Women and Children in the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £500 in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society, Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by voluntary contributions; £4,000 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, on condition of £2,000 being raised by private contributions; £5,000 for the support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick; £450 in aid of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £200 in aid of the Temperance Alliance, in consideration of aid given to destitute persons, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions. In aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved officers, having the right of admission of patients, viz.:—£300 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society; £50 in aid of the Bega Hospital and Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Gundagai Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Maitland (West) Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital; £175 in aid of the Parramatta Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Penrith Hospital and Benevolent Society; £250 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society; £75 in aid of the Tamworth Benevolent Society; and in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on same conditions viz.:—£75 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Araluen; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England;

England; £350 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood; £138 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Cooma; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin; £125 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Gundagai; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Hay; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Menindee; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle; £125 in aid of the Hospital, Orange; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Macquarie; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens; £50 in aid of the Hospital, Qucanbeyan; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga; £50 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Yass; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Young; and £2,000 towards erection of a Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,088, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1871; being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £1,250 for defraying the expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts; £600 for expense of copying and printing the Electoral Lists; £30 for Newspapers and Almanacs; £300 for burial of destitute persons, in cases where inquests are not held; £200 for maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, &c.; £130 for Fees for examining Lunatics; £500 for Rewards for apprehension of Offenders; £500 for Rent of furnished House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station; £10,000 towards defraying the expenses of a Census of the population of the Colony, to be taken early in 1871; £150 for construction and maintenance of four Boats for West Maitland and the Hunter District, during the time of Floods; £50 towards the publication of the fifth volume of Bentham's Work on the Flora of Australia; £278 for purchase of Land at Redfern as a site for the Lock-up; and £100 to continue the examination of the Fossil Fauna of New South Wales.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,957, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1871.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,643, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1871.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,780, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1871.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,259, to defray the salaries of the establishment of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1871.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,132, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments for the year 1871; being £3,222 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,090 for the Southern District; £775 for the South-western District; £625 for the Western District; £770 for the Northern District; and £2,650 for Contingencies.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,096, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1871.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,927, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1871.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,599, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1871.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £415 to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1871; being £331 for expenses in connection with claim preferred against the Government by Mr. George S. Yarrton, late Joint Registrar of the Sydney District Court; and £84 for 50 copies of Connell's New South Wales Magisterial Digest.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,401, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1871.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,704, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1871.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,655, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1871.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,750, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1871.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £265, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1871; being for Receivers at Goulburn, Orange, Mudgee, Gundagai, Tamworth, Cooma, Yass, Araluen, Forbes, Tumut, Armidale, Scone, Adelong, Tumberumba, Stony Creek, Young, Sofala, Hargraves, Uralla, Nundle, Tambaroora, Braidwood, and Grenfell, and two new Gold Fields at £10 each, and one at Bathurst at £15.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,550, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1871.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,052, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1871.

(116.)

- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,802, to defray the salaries and contingencies, and cost of Stores and Stationery for Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1871.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,037, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gunpowder Magazines, Goat Island, for the year 1871.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,758, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Military Store, and Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island, for the year 1871.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £786, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1871.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £492, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1871.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,457, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1871.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £906, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1871.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,044, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, for the year 1871; being £601 for Superintendent of Pilots, Light-houses, and Harbours; £987 for Steam Navigation and Pilot Boards; £1,692 for Harbour Masters; £2,737 for Colonial Light-houses; £7,399 for Sea and River Pilots; £6,929 for Boatmen; £645 for Telegraph Stations; £2,000 for Australian Coast Light-houses; and £1,054 for Contingencies.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, Sydney and Newcastle, for the year 1871.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,980, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1871; being £6,500 for Postage of the various Public Departments; £4,000, Advertising for the Public Service generally; £5,000 for the transmission of Telegraph Messages; £500 for Duty Stamps for the Public Service generally; £3,500 for one-half per cent. Commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents, on (say) £700,000; £2,000 for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony; £200 to provide for a Queen's Plate to be run for annually on Randwick Racecourse, under the auspices of the Australian Jockey Club (Resolution of Assembly); £1,500 to meet the expense of carrying on the Inner Waters and Coast Surveys; £1,800, Allowances for Postage and Stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £30 for Provisions to be left on Booby Island, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £30 for Provisions to be left at Somerset, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for; £1,000 for Buoys and Beacons for the Clarence River; £300 for Position Lights at the Tweed River, and at Nelson Bay, Port Stephens; £358 as gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to John Fullarton, late Pilot, Port Jackson; £80 as gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to John Brown, late boatman, Eden; £102 as gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to John Emanuel, late boatman, Eden; and £80 as gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to John Foley, late boatman, Eden.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to be raised by Loan, for the purchase of Warlike Stores.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,368, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1871.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,002, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1871.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,300, for Rent of additional Offices for Land Departments, and Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1871.
- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,525, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1871.
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,794, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Gold Fields, for the year 1871.
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,577, to defray charges for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1871.
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £302, to defray charges for Inspection of Cattle, for the year 1871.
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,350, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Coal Fields, for the year 1871.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,175, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1871.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,911, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1871.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,300, to defray the charge for Minor Roads for the year 1871; being £300 for Alignment Posts for Towns, and £4,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands.
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1871; being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £25 for preservation of Wombeian Caves; £1,000 for fencing Public Cemeteries; £100 for Parramatta Park; £125 for Fees to Commissioners of the Court of Claims for hearing and reporting on claims to grants of land in terms of the Act 5 Wm. IV No. 21; £400 as compensation to Mr. S. Bell, for resumption by the Crown of land granted

granted to his late father (Resolution of Assembly); £1,000 for completion of the boundary-line between Victoria and New South Wales; and £300 as gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. J. G. Grenfell, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,020, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1871.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,129, to defray the charge for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1871.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,058, to defray the charge for Railway Branch, "Works in Progress," for the year 1871.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £191,005, to defray the charge for Railway Branch, "Existing Lines—Working Expenses," for the year 1871.

(143.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,866, to defray the charge for Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1871; being £2,686 for Engineer's Department; £3,685 for Steam Dredge "Hunter"; £3,261 for Steam Dredge "Hercules"; £2,050 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"; £3,638 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," Newcastle; £4,970 for Steam Dredge "Samson"; and £2,576 for Steam Dredge "Fitz Roy."

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,611, to defray the expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1871 being £2,000 for landing Silt from Dredge and forming Ground; £1,500, incidental expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; and £111 for Repairs to Glebe Island Road.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,778, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1871.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £47,050, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings for the year 1871; being £12,000 for ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally; £3,000 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £1,500 for Repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings; £200 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £700 for lighting Government Lamps in Streets of Sydney and Domain; £6,500 to provide Building and other Materials for completion or Repair of Gaols and other Public Buildings, by the labour of Prisoners in Gaol; £2,000 for Additions, Sydney Gaol; £3,000 for Police Buildings; £12,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £150 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £1,000 for Furniture for, and Repair of Telegraph Stations; £1,000 for Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £2,000 for Additions and Materials to the New Gaol at Maitland; £50 for Repairs to Workshops and Officers' Quarters, Cockatoo Island; £1,000 for Repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School; £150 for preparing Ground and Planting at Public Buildings; and £800 for Cottages, Spectacle Island.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,551, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1871.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,511, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges—Superintendence, for the year 1871.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £141,391, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1871; being £14,021 for construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road; £17,191 for Main Southern Road; £13,329 for Main Western Road; £63,700 for other Roads and Bridges, viz.:—£5,000 for Road, Clarence River to Great Northern Road; £4,000 for Mudgee Road; £1,600 for Tolls; £40,200 for Minor Roads, as per Schedule; £3,000 for Contingent Works on Minor Roads not in Schedule, on Punts and Approaches, and on Approaches to Railway Stations, &c.; £3,000 for Repair of and painting Bridges; £300 for Constructing and Repairing Toll-bars; £800 for estimated amount of Tolls to be collected at Grafton Punt, to be expended in maintenance and repair of same and Approaches; £600 to protect Main-street and Telegraph Office, Murrurundi, being half of £1,200—other moiety on Telegraph Estimates; £2,000 for Approaches to Punt at Balranald; £700 for Bridge, Mooki River; £1,500 Flood Repairs, Wentworth; £500 for Repairs to Road through Town of Young (Resolution of Assembly); £500 for erection of Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks, near Burrowa (Resolution of Assembly); and £33,150 for Roads under Trustees;—being £26,000 for Roads under Trustees, as per Schedule; £6,000 for Unclassified Roads; £500 for Improvement of the Colo and Wheeney Creek Road; £250 for Construction of Bridge, Eastern Creek; and £400 for cost of obtaining Reports, and other Contingent Expenses.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,244, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Fitz Roy Dock Establishment, for the year 1871.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70, to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1871; being for attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings.

TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £300,000, for Railways; being £230,000 for completion of Lines already sanctioned, and £70,000 further for construction of Rolling Stock manufactured in the Colony.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,291, to defray the Expenses for Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation; being £1,291 for Dredge for Manning, Macleay, and Clarence River, further sum, in addition to the £10,000 provided for under Loan Act, 32 Victoria No. 13; £5,000

£5,000 for removing obstructions and improving the navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling, further sum; and £5,000 for Southern Breakwater, Newcastle, further sum.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £12,000, to defray the expenses for Public Works of the Department of Public Works and Buildings, being for completion of New General Post Office.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7000, to defray the expenses for Public Works of the Department of Roads and Bridges, being for Low-level Bridge over the Hawkesbury at Windsor.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £30,000, to defray expenses for construction of Fortifications and other Works of Defence, in addition to the sum of £30,000 already appropriated for such purpose, including purchase of Land required for the Defences.

#### NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,051, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1871.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,201, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1871.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,730, to defray the salaries, allowances, contingencies, and working expenses of the Establishment of the Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1871.

#### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1871 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

##### Services of 1868.

#### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, &c., further sum.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11 19s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School for Girls, Newcastle, further sum.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 5s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head District Courts; being for refund to Bailiff at Dubbo of amount collected and paid into Treasury by Registrar, being Mileage for service of Summonses, from 23rd June to 27th October.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49 12s., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, being for Fees to Surveyors at Out-ports, further sum.

##### Services of 1869.

#### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39 11s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, &c., further sum.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4 7s., to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School for Girls, Newcastle, further sum.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray supplementary charge for Quarter Sessions, being for bedding and other articles for use of Jurors at Darlinghurst Court House, in the months of February and April.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45 4s., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, being for Fees to Surveyors at Out-ports, further sum.

##### Services of 1870.

#### NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9 2s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers, being for allowance in lieu of rations, fuel, and light, to Captain Hopkins, of the permanent staff, from 21st August, at 1s. 4½d. per diem.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7 5s., to defray supplementary charge for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, &c., further sum.

(170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £145 13s., to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School for Girls, Newcastle, further sum.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances, being for Temperance Alliance, in consideration of aid given to destitute persons, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61 7s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head Miscellaneous, being for Counsel's fees and Law Stationer's charges in connection with the Pentland Island question.

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## No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge under the head Miscellaneous, towards defraying expenses of Law Reform Commission, with a view to amending and consolidating the Statute Law of New South Wales.

## No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54 1s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Printing, Bookbinding, &c., further sum.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109 19s., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, being £49 7s. for fees to Members of the Steam Navigation Board, further sum; £39 for fees to Shipwright Surveyor, further sum; and £21 12s. for fees to Surveyors at Out-ports, further sum.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £166 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head Railways, being for Mr. Wakeford's salary as Superintendent of Permanent Way and Works, from 1st September to 31st December, at £500 per annum.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £141 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges, being for Rent of the Windsor Ferry for half-year ended 31st December, 1870, to be refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep in order the Approaches and Works connected therewith.

## Services of 1871.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £496 1s. 10d., to meet further expense for Volunteers, being £25 1s. 10d. allowance in lieu of rations, fuel, and light, to Captain Hopkins, of the permanent staff, from 1st January, at 1s. 4½d. per diem; £325 for Clothing, &c., for an additional battery of Artillery, to be called "Prince Alfred's Own"; £127 15s. for salary of Clerk in the Brigade Office, at 7s. per diem, from 1st January; and £18 5s. for salary of Sergeant Instructor—increase from 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. per diem, from 1st January.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91 13s. 4d., as Grants in aid of Educational Institutions; being £16 13s. 4d. in aid of the Narrabri Mechanics' Institute, in the proportion of £1 to every £3 raised by private contributions; £50 in aid of the Wallsend School of Arts; on same condition; and £25 in aid of the Petersham Working Men's Institute, on same condition.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,720, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools, for the year 1871; being £3,906 for Nautical School Ship "Vernon," and £2,814 for Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £382, to defray the charge for the Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1871.

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,212 2s., to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1871; being £150 for the purpose of prosecuting researches into the subject of the Aboriginal Languages of Australia; £62 2s. wages of men employed in erection of an Embankment at Wentworth during the late Floods; and £5,000 towards defraying the expenses of a Census of the population of the Colony, further sum.

## No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £807 3s. 4d., to defray salaries under the head Petty Sessions, for the year 1871.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93 10s., to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1871; being for the purchase of 50 copies of Plunkett's "Australian Magistrate," by Wilkinson, for Benches of Magistrates.

## No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,143, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1871; being £10,000 for the purchase of Warlike Stores, and £143 for expenses incurred by the steamer "Thetis" whilst conveying a Life-boat to Elizabeth Reef.

(186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,000, to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers and others, and on account of other Governments—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1872.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(187.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,224 19s. 2d., to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1871; being £30 for compensation to Mr. Rayner, for loss sustained by him through the issue to Henry Hall of an erroneous Deed of Grant of Land, on which Deed Mr. Rayner had advanced money to Henry Hall, and interest at 5 per cent. per annum, on above, from 5 September, 1868, to 30 June, 1870; £300 for compensation for fencing the Road from Mulgoa Forest to Picton and Burragorang Road, *via* Village of Vanderville; £510 for additional provision for salaried Surveying Staff, to meet a deficiency in the proposed Estimates-in-Chief for 1871 (equipment allowance); £63 for additional fees of the Secretary to the Commissioners, Court of Claims, and William Owen, one of the Commissioners, at the special rate of £3 3s. per diem each, for ten days, to cover the time which the Court was engaged in dealing with the case of Alexander Berry's claim to certain land at Comerang Island, Shoalhaven; £214 14s. 2d. for compensation to Mr. James Robertson, in respect of portion of Run "Tantangara," leased to him at auction, but already under lease to other parties, being cost of Equity suit Waller v. Robertson; and £107 5s. for re-erecting Green-house presented by Mr. Mort to the Botanic Gardens.

(188.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,060, to defray the charge for Railways, for the year 1871; being £2,000 for widening the Newtown Bridge; and £60 for Engine Shed at Penrith, further sum.

(189.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,143, to defray the charge for Harbours and River Navigation; being £250 for Bell Buoy, Big Ben Rock; £300 for removing Obstructions, Richmond River; £3,500 for Replanking, where required, Glebe Island Bridge—Circular Quay—Newcastle Wharf—and repairing Dunmore Bridge and West Maitland River Embankment; £250 for Buoys and Beacon for the Hunter River; £150 for lighting Lamps, Newcastle Wharf; £451 for completion of West Maitland Bridge, further sum—Balance due to Contractor; and £242 for Railway for carriage of stone to West Maitland Embankment.

(190.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,200, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1871; being £3,000 for Western Road, in anticipation of Tolls to be collected for 1872; £1,500 for Mudgee Road, in part anticipation of Tolls to be collected for 1872; £1,000 for further improvement of Roads, Araluen to Moruya, and in vicinity of Araluen generally, to employ flooded-out labourers; £500 for Bridge at Narawalla, on Road Ulladulla to Shoalhaven; £1,200 for Bridge over Cockfighter's Creek; £2,000 to complete Tanks on "Death Track," Willandra to Darling; £16,000 for Minor Roads (Resolution of the Assembly).

(191.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,900, to defray the expenses for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1871; being £1,000 for Iron Posts, Telegraph, Redfern to Junction; £300 for repairs to Line, Penrith to Bathurst; and £600 to protect Main Street and Telegraph Offices, Murrurundi, being half of £1,200—other moiety on Road Estimates, 1871.

#### NO. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(192.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray the charge under the head Post Office; being £200 for Country Postmasters, further sum; and £50 as rent allowance for Country Offices, further sum.

(193.) Resolved, that there be granted to her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,500, to defray the expense for Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* San Francisco, for the six months ending 31st December, at the rate of £15,000 per annum (Resolution of the Assembly).

(194.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the amount required to meet the probable expense of initiating the system of a Government Savings' Bank.

#### TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(195.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £265, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, for Coal Staiths, Newcastle, for masonry approaches.

(196.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, for Light-house, Wollongong, further sum.

(197.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, for Light-house, Ulladulla, further sum.

(198.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the year 1871, to be raised by Loan, for blasting and removing rock in front of Newcastle Wharf.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That the Resolutions be now "agreed to."

Sir James Martin moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the words "agreed to," with a view to inserting in their place the words "recommitted to the Committee of Supply, for the purpose of reconsidering Resolutions Nos. 104 and 126."

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 there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Resolutions be now recommitted to the Committee of Supply, for the purpose of reconsidering Resolutions Nos. 104 and 126,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee having reconsidered the Resolutions had omitted the Resolution No. 126, and amended the Resolution No. 104, so as to read as follows:—

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,157, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments for the year 1871; being £3,222 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,115 for the Southern District; £775 for the South-western District; £625 for the Western District; £770 for the Northern District; and £2,650 for Contingencies.

Resolutions 14 to 198 inclusive, then, on motion of Mr. Lord, agreed to.

5. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 3.

6. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at twenty-two minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings?
  - (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present?
  - (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Government addressed a letter, on the 3rd June, to the Returning Officer of the Glebe, inquiring whether he had stated at a Public Dinner that "the Parliament of New South Wales as at present constituted is the greatest lot of rubbish ever packed together in the country"?
  - (2.) Has any reply been received, and if so, will the Government place the letter and reply on the Table of this House?
  - (3.) What object had the Government in sending such a letter?
  - (4.) What course will be taken if the reply is in the affirmative?
3. MR. SMITH *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the prisoner Kennedy, recently convicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment for an assault, has, since his incarceration, perpetrated five assaults upon different persons in Gaol, one being upon Mr. Read, the Governor of the Gaol?
  - (2.) If true, what action do the authorities intend to take in the matter?
4. MR. ALEXANDER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers relating to the Certified Roman Catholic School at Goulburn, ordered on the 9th May last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Balranald, Joseph James Phelps, Esquire.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill ; second reading.
4. Imported Stock Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. STEWART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Documents relating to charges made by the Rev. Mr. Lanigan, Chaplain, against Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol.
2. MR. STEWART *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is very desirable that there be laid before Parliament, on its first meeting after the 1st of January in each year, Annual Reports from the under-mentioned Public Officers, concerning the condition, services, works, and expenditure of their departments, similar to the several reports rendered by the Postmaster General, the Registrar General, and the Council of Education, and in addition to the reports required by law, viz. :—
  1. The Collector of Customs.
  2. The Agent General for the Colony.
  3. The Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.
  4. The Commissioner of Railways.
  5. The Chief Engineer of Railways.
  6. The Chief Engineer of Harbours and Rivers.
  7. The Commissioner of Roads and Bridges.
  8. The Surveyor General.
  9. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.
  10. The Gold Fields Commissioners.
  11. The Colonial Architect.
  12. The Commandant of all the Volunteers.
  13. The Commissioner of Stamps.
  14. The Government Printer.
  15. The Steam Navigation and Pilot Board.
  16. The Shipping Master.
  17. The Examiner of Coal Fields.
  18. The Inspector of Coal Fields.
  19. The Inspector General of Police.
  20. The Governors of Gaols.
  21. The Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums and Reception Houses.
  22. The Medical Adviser to the Government.
  23. The Health and Emigration Officer.
  24. The Coroner of Sydney.
  25. The Superintendent of the Nautical School.

26. The Superintendent of Industrial and Reformatory Schools for Girls.
27. The Superintendents, Masters, Matrons, or Managers, of the Parramatta Orphan Schools.
28. The Managers of the Benevolent Asylums at Sydney, Parramatta, and Liverpool.
29. The Inspector of Public Charities.
30. The Chief Inspector of Distilleries.
31. The Inspector of Glebe Island Abattoirs.
32. The Clerk of Government Stores.
33. The Government Astronomer.
34. The Trustees of the Free Public Library.
35. The Director of the Botanic Gardens.
36. The Curator of the Australian Muscum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message respecting Assembly's Amendments in this Bill.
2. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.
3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill; third reading.
5. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
6. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to be printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
7. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
8. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2); second reading.
9. Postage on Newspapers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, Newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
10. Proposed New Standing Orders; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the New Standing Orders in reference to Divorce Bills, proposed by the Standing Orders Committee in the Report brought up and ordered to be printed on 22nd March, 1871.
11. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
14. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 153.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Samuel withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Returning Officer for the Glebe:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government addressed a letter, on the 3rd June, to the Returning Officer of the Glebe, inquiring whether he had stated at a Public Dinner that “the Parliament of New South Wales as at present constituted is the greatest lot of rubbish ever packed together in the country”?

(2.) Has any reply been received, and if so, will the Government place the letter and reply on the Table of this House?

(3.) What object had the Government in sending such a letter?

(4.) What course will be taken if the reply is in the affirmative?

*Mr. Robertson answered,—*

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government will lay it upon the Table if the House require it.

(3.) To ascertain the fact.

(4.) The gentleman is removed from the position of Returning Officer.

- (2.) The Prisoner Kennedy:—Mr. Smith asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it true that the prisoner Kennedy, recently convicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment for an assault, has, since his incarceration, perpetrated five assaults upon different persons in Goal, one being upon Mr. Read, the Governor of the Gaol?

(2.) If true, what action do the authorities intend to take in the matter?

*Mr. Robertson answered,—*He committed an assault upon a fellow prisoner, for which he was sent to the cells. Then he committed an unprovoked assault upon the Principal Gaoler, and there being reason to doubt his sanity, was placed under medical observation, and remanded on the charge. While at exercise he attacked two other prisoners. He has now been certified to be insane, and awaits authority to be removed to the Asylum.

- (3.) Certified Roman Catholic School at Goulburn:—Mr. Alexander asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Papers relating to the Certified Roman Catholic School at Goulburn, ordered on the 9th May last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

*Mr. Robertson answered,—*On Thursday next.

2. Roads Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Lucas having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the making repairing and management of the common Roads of the Colony,*”—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

3. Coal Staiths at Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 25th January, 1871.

Ordered to be printed.

## 4. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, By-laws of the Borough of East Maitland.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the following Papers :—

(1.) Return of Lands sold in the Colony of New South Wales otherwise than Conditionally Purchased, during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

(2.) Return showing the number of acres sold conditionally in each of the years 1862 to 1870 inclusive, together with the amount realized for deposit, for balance of purchase money, for interest, and the gross amount realized in each year.

(3.) Return showing the Revenue from Lands and Gold Fields in the Colony of New South Wales, for the year ended 31st December, 1870.

(4.) Return showing the areas alienated and unalienated in each county in the remaining portion of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Railway Loan :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Lord, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message, No. 48.

In compliance with the opinion conveyed in the Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 28th March, 1871, the Governor recommends that the necessary provision be made for raising a loan of One Million Pounds, towards the extension of existing Railway Lines.

Government House,  
Sydney, 13th June, 1871.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole with a proposed Bill on the subject.

6. Leave of Absence (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Balranald, Joseph James Phelps, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.

7. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.

8. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled *“An Act to place certain restrictions on Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes,”* with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

STORAGE AND SALE OF KEROSENE RESTRICTION BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to place certain restrictions on Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes,” returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 9th June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Clause 4, line 20. Omit “building or place” insert “house storehouse warehouse shop  
“cellar yard wharf or any other building or place occupied by the same  
“person or persons”  
“ ” lines 22 and 23. Omit “building or place” insert “house storehouse warehouse  
“shop cellar yard wharf or any other building”  
“ ” line 24. After “place” insert “belonging to any other person”

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 3.

10. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolutions be now received.

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The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(22.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the Year 1870 and previous years, the sum of £107,489 16s. 9d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(23.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1871, the sum of £1,540,675 16s. 4d., be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(24.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £374,980 be raised by the sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expense of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony, and for other purposes.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time, and agreed to.

11. Appropriation Bill:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means, Nos. 22 and 23, to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1871, and for the year 1870 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1871, and for the Year 1870 and previous Years.*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. Loan Bill of 1871:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lord, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, No. 24, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Lord having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dillon,	
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Smith.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hoskins,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hart.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Lord, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.

15. Imported Stock 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 having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. Maitland Gaol:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of Documents relating to charges made by the Rev. Mr. Lanigan, Chaplain, against Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol.

Question put and passed.

17. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Stewart withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

18. Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation 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 the Legislative Council's Message respecting the Assembly's Amendments in this Bill.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

"That this Committee does not insist upon the Assembly's Amendment in this Bill disagreed to by the Council."

Mr. Driver then moved, That that Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 8th June, 1871, disagreeing to a certain Amendment made by the Assembly in the Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill,—does not insist upon its said Amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

19. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, until to-morrow:—

No. 2, by Mr. Driver.

No. 3, by Mr. Tunks.

20. Public Vehicles Regulation Bill:—Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Farnell,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Tunks, *passed.*

Mr. Tunks then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

21. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—

No. 5, by Mr. Farnell, until to-morrow.

No. 6, by Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.

No. 7, by Mr. Dodds, until Friday next.

Nos. 8 and 9, by Mr. W. Forster, until to-morrow.

22. Proposed New Standing Orders:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Piddington, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the proposed new Standing Orders.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Weaver,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings?
  - (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present?
  - (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees?
2. MR. S. BROWN (*on behalf of Mr. Bawden*) *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that the Punt at the crossing of the Nimbodin River, on the Newton Boyd Road, while engaged in conveying a team of bullocks and a dray-load of goods across that river, on the 25th May, sunk, resulting in the drowning of the bullocks and the entire loss of the goods?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a more suitable and safe Punt at the crossing of the river in question, pending the completion of the Nimbodin Bridge?
3. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Have the deductions from salaries of Civil Servants for the month of May last, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, or any part of them, or any such deductions at previous times, been invested in pursuance of the provisions to that effect in the said Act?
  - (2.) If so, how?
  - (3.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to cause such investment to be made?
  - (4.) Otherwise, what has been, or is intended to be, done by the Government with reference to such deductions in future?
4. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the persons who were appointed to collect the Census for the district of Patrick's Plains receive the payment to which they are entitled for their services as Census collectors for that district?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LORD *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan of One Million Pounds for the extension of existing Railway Lines.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Appropriation Bill; second reading.
4. Loan Bill of 1871; second reading.
5. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; third reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Imported Stock Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a letter or complaint, written on or about the 10th of May last by Lieutenant Talbot, No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to the Captain of No. 2 Battery, V.A.; and also all letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson in reference thereto, and all other letters, minutes, memoranda, and orders in relation to the said complaint, written or made either by the said Captain, No. 2 Battery, or Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, or by Major Shepherd.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 15 JUNE.

*Question :—*

1. Mr. MORRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards discontinuing the taking of toll at Picton, in accordance with a Petition presented by him on the 25th April, 1871, from certain inhabitants of Appin, Picton, and the surrounding neighbourhood ?

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 20 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 154.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Samuel withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Punt at Nimbodin River:—Mr. S. Brown (*on behalf of Mr. Bawden*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that the Punt at the crossing of the Nimbodin River, on the Newton Boyd Road, while engaged in conveying a team of bullocks and a dray-load of goods across that river, on the 25th May, sunk, resulting in the drowning of the bullocks and the entire loss of the goods?  
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a more suitable and safe Punt at the crossing of the river in question, pending the completion of the Nimbodin Bridge?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the accident was caused by the unsteadiness of the bullocks.  
 (2.) The Punt has been raised and repaired, and all possible precaution taken against a similar accident, so that it is not the intention of the Government to put on another Punt.

- (2.) Deductions from Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. W. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Have the deductions from salaries of Civil Servants for the month of May last, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, or any part of them, or any such deductions at previous times, been invested in pursuance of the provisions to that effect in the said Act?

(2.) If so, how?

(3.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to cause such investment to be made?

(4.) Otherwise, what has been, or is intended to be, done by the Government with reference to such deductions in future?

Sir James Martin answered,—

(1 and 2.) These deductions have not been invested.

(3 and 4.) The Government have no intention in the matter inconsistent with the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill now before the Legislative Council.

- (3.) Census Collectors for Patrick's Plains:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the persons who were appointed to collect the Census for the district of Patrick's Plains receive the payment to which they are entitled for their services as Census collectors for that district?

Mr. Robertson answered,—As soon as the Appropriation Act is sanctioned by Parliament the money will be available; there is no money available just now.

2. Volunteer Artillery (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a letter or complaint, written on or about the 10th of May last by Lieutenant Talbot, No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, to the Captain of  
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No. 2 Battery, V.A.; and also all letters of Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson in reference thereto, and all other letters, minutes, memoranda, and orders in relation to the said complaint, written or made either by the said Captain, No. 2 Battery, or Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, or by Major Shepherd.

Question put and passed.

3. Loan for Railways Extension Bill:—Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do *now* resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan of One Million Pounds for the extension of existing Railway Lines.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE, 1871, A.M.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker again counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lord, Mr. Lucas, Sir James Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at nine minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards discontinuing the taking of toll at Picton, in accordance with a Petition presented by him on the 25th April, 1871, from certain inhabitants of Appin, Picton, and the surrounding neighbourhood?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings?
  - (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870?
  - (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present?
  - (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's amendments.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Appropriation Bill; second reading.
4. Loan Bill of 1871; second reading.
5. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill; third reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Imported Stock Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Post Office at Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1871, the sum of £2,000 for the erection of a Post Office at Newcastle.

3. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
4. Amendment of the Distillation Act ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.
5. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Postage on Newspapers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Gale, of Queanbeyan, newspaper proprietor, relative to the postal charge upon the carriage of Newspapers, presented to this House on 1st March, with a view to a more equitable adjustment of the said charge.
7. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Samuel, "That this Bill be now read a second time," upon which Mr. G. A. Lloyd had moved the omission of the words "now read a second time," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers."  
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Neale, Mr. Samuel, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, and "the Mover."
10. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 20 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 155.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Picton Toll-bar:—Mr. Morrice asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps towards discontinuing the taking of toll at Picton, in accordance with a Petition presented by him on the 25th April, 1871, from certain inhabitants of Appin, Picton, and the surrounding neighbourhood?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No; if this toll were taken off there would be no funds to keep the road from the Railway Station to Picton, and from Picton towards the Court-house and Bargo River, in proper order—the House having decided that no subsidy shall be given to roads parallel to the Railways.

- (2.) Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) How often are the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School supposed to hold meetings?  
 (2.) How many meetings have they held since 31st December, 1870?  
 (3.) In cases where meetings lapsed for want of a quorum, who were the Trustees present?  
 (4.) Are there any matters connected with the business of the School requiring the attention of the Trustees?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Monthly.  
 (2.) Two.  
 (3.) On the 2nd January, being a public holiday, there was no attendance; on the 6th March there was a count out, the Trustees present were Professor Pell, Mr. M. H. Stephen, and Mr. N. D. Stenhouse; on the 3rd April the same occurrence took place, the Hon. George Allen, Mr. A. M. A'Beckett, and Mr. M. H. Stephen being present; on the 1st May there was again no quorum, Professor Pell and Mr. A. M. A'Beckett being present; on the 5th June the same thing occurred, the Trustees present being Professor Pell and the Hon. George Allen.  
 (4.) There was nothing of any importance for consideration.

2. Papers:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Despatch respecting British Sovereignty over Fiji Islands.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Return to an Order in reference to "Threatening Letter to His Excellency the Governor," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, on 9th June, 1871.  
 (3.) Information respecting Public Schools. (*See Answer to Question (1) in Votes and Proceedings of 28th March, 1871.*)  
 (4.) Return to an Address in reference to "Certified Roman Catholic School at Goulburn," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Alexander, on 9th May, 1871.

3. Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.  
Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, to follow after Order No. 7.
5. Appropriation Bill,—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Lord, That the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
6. Loan Bill of 1871,—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Lord the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lord, *passed*.  
Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.
9. Imported Stock Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read,—Mr. Wilson moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.  
Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 1 and 16."  
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 1 and 16,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill 2<sup>o</sup> with further amendments, on motion of Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
10. Postponements:—
  - (1.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until to-morrow.
  - (2.) The Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until to-morrow.
11. Post-Office at Newcastle:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, as follows:—
  - No. 3, by Mr. Driver, until Thursday next.
  - No. 4, by Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.
13. Volunteer Admission Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. W. Forster.
14. Postage on Newspapers:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. W. Forster.

15. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 7 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Friday, 23rd June.
  16. Cattle Sale Yards Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. W. Forster.
  17. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate in reference to this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Samuel.
  18. The Ad eundem and Honorary Degrees Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wilson, at seven minutes after Six o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 16 JUNE.

*Question:—*

1. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the value of the imports from Victoria and South Australia, overland or by river, into New South Wales, during the year 1870; and of what did these imports consist?
  - (2.) What was the value of the exports to Victoria and South Australia, overland or by river, from New South Wales, during the year 1870; and of what did these exports consist?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
4. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
5. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
6. Amendment of the Distillation Act; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to aid the collection of, and to exempt certain Documents from, Stamp Duties.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Loan Bill of 1871; third reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Imported Stock Bill; third reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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MONDAY, 19 JUNE.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That the proceedings in reference to a proposed "Loan for Railways Extension Bill" be now resumed at the point where they were interrupted for want of a Quorum on the 15th June, 1871, A.M.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Appropriation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Roads Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 156.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Imports from, and Exports to, Victoria and South Australia:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What was the value of the imports from Victoria and South Australia, overland or by river, into New South Wales, during the year 1870; and of what did these imports consist?  
 (2.) What was the value of the exports to Victoria and South Australia, overland or by river, from New South Wales, during the year 1870; and of what did these exports consist?

Mr. Lord answered,—

Return of the values of articles imported into, and exported from, the Colony overland during the year 1870, from and to Victoria and South Australia :—

Customs Stations.	Victoria.		South Australia.		Total Value.	
	Imports from.	Exports to.	Imports from.	Exports to.	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albury .....	165,507	84,989	.....	.....	165,507	84,989
Corowa .....	43,542	167,376	.....	.....	43,542	167,376
Moama .....	232,126	1,421,194	.....	.....	232,126	1,421,194
Swan Hill Crossing .....	5,944	95,123	.....	.....	5,944	95,123
Euston .....	1,189	43,929	108	.....	1,297	43,929
Wentworth .....	.....	237	95,574	325,425	95,574	325,662
Totals .....	448,308	1,812,848	95,682	325,425	543,990	2,138,273

*Imports*:—The importations consisted principally of boots and shoes, hardware, &c., oil stores, drapery, apparel and slops, spirits, opium, sugar, tea, tobacco, iron wire, &c., woolpacks, flour, agricultural implements, &c., &c.

*Exports*:—The exportations consisted principally of live stock and wool.

2. Paper :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for the year 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Stamp Duties Collection and Exemption Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to aid the collection of, and to exempt certain Documents from, Stamp Duties.  
Question put and passed.
4. Loan Bill of 1871 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Imported Stock Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 16th June, 1871.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Andrew M'Cauley, of Sydney, praying the House to take into consideration the present rate for Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals, with a view to a reduction of the charge.  
Petition received.
7. Cattle Slaughtering Act Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate in reference to this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.
8. Insolvency Law Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Hart.
9. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
10. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion for the second reading of this Bill, having been read,—and the Debate not being resumed,—  
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Wearne,	

Noes, 14.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Fallon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Speer,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Weaver.

11. Amendment of the Distillation Act :—On motion of Mr. Macleay the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Petition from the Farmers, Storekeepers, and other residents of Wagga Wagga, which was received by this House on the 18th April, praying that the privilege which is now enjoyed by wine growers, of being permitted, under certain limitations, to distil the produce of their plantations, may be extended to sugar growers.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause inquiry to be made into the propriety of taking such steps that sugar growers, horticulturists, and agriculturists generally, may have facilities given them for distilling the produce of their plantations.

Mr. Macleay then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put and passed.

12. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act,*" with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

MAIN ROADS MANAGEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendment, made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 16th June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. Clause 3. Omit Clause 3.

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Sir James Martin, at three minutes after Five o'clock, until Monday next at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, 19 JUNE.

Questions:—

1. MR. WEARNE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What was the nature of the tribunal which inquired into and decided upon the prisoner Kennedy's sanity or insanity?
  - (2.) Upon what evidence did the tribunal arrive at the conclusion that Kennedy was insane?
  - (3.) Was there any Medical Report; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay that Report upon the Table of the House?
2. MR. WEARNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Who is the contractor for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?
  - (2.) What is the amount of his tender?
  - (3.) From what date did his contract commence?
  - (4.) How long had he to complete his contract?
  - (5.) Is the work progressing satisfactorily?
  - (6.) Why is he not proceeding with his contract?
3. MR. R. FOESTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did Mr. Joseph S. Biscoe, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moruya, when called upon to account for deficiencies in public moneys received by him, allege that he had remitted the amount in due course by unregistered letter?
  - (2.) Was not Mr. Biscoe removed or dismissed from office therefor?
  - (3.) Had not Mr. Biscoe, at the time of his dismissal, served to within a few months of the period required to have entitled him to retire on a pension?
  - (4.) The then Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. H. J. Lodge, having since been dismissed for defalcation in his accounts, to the extent of £300, will the Government afford Mr. Biscoe another opportunity of substantiating his charge against the said Mr. H. J. Lodge?
  - (5.) Was Mr. H. J. Lodge criminally prosecuted for his offence?
  - (6.) Is it with the sanction and approval of the Government that the present acting Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. T. C. Lodge, is the publisher of the *Moruya Telegraph* newspaper, and that the same is published on the premises where he conducts the Post Office?
4. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Postmaster at Walgett reported to the Post Office authorities the numerous times that the contractor has been behind his time?
  - (2.) How many times within the last two months has he been late, and his reasons for delay?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to call upon his sureties for the due fulfilment of his contract?
  - (4.) Are the contractors allowed to carry passengers, and thereby delay the mails?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That the proceedings in reference to a proposed "Loan for Railways Extension Bill" be now resumed at the point where they were interrupted for want of a Quorum on the 15th June, 1871, A.M.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Appropriation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Stamp Duties Collection and Exemption Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to aid the collection of, and to exempt certain Documents from, Stamp Duties.
3. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the Petition of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley, praying for the permanent reduction of the haulage rates on the Government Railways for minerals, from Bowenfels and other localities to Sydney, with the view of considering and adopting a Resolution having reference to the subject and prayer of the said Petition.

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TUESDAY, 20 JUNE.

## Question:—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) As the Government appear indisposed to print for gratuitous circulation, at the expense of the country, the 127 pages of the "Industrial Progress of New South Wales," which describes "*New South Wales in 1870*," will they grant the use of the form and allow it to be printed at the Government Printing Office, on condition that the cost of the paper and the time employed in printing is paid for?  
 (2.) If it can be done cheaper elsewhere, will the Government allow the use of the matter contained in those 127 pages?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Roads Bill (No. 2); second reading.

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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.

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FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
  2. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
  3. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 157.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 19 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) The Prisoner Kennedy :—Mr. Wearne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) What was the nature of the tribunal which inquired into and decided upon the prisoner Kennedy's sanity or insanity?
  - (2.) Upon what evidence did the tribunal arrive at the conclusion that Kennedy was insane?
  - (3.) Was there any Medical Report; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay that Report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The usual Medical Board, consisting of the Gaol Surgeon and Dr. Alleyne, in accordance with Act 7 Victoria, No. 14.
- (2.) Observations and conversations with prisoner, and by information from Gaol officers in charge of him.
- (3.) The usual certificates, copies of which will be presented if desired. I may add that the Sheriff has explained that the prisoner Kennedy was brought before the Visiting Justice, charged with assaulting the Principal Gaoler, and was remanded for medical examination. The examination was made in the usual manner, according to the Act 7 Victoria No. 14, by the Visiting Surgeon and Dr. Alleyne, who certified to the insanity of the prisoner. The medical gentlemen were guided by observation of, and conversations with, the prisoner, and by information from the officers under whose charge he had been.

*Mr. Wearne withdrew Question No. 2.*

*Mr. R. Forster not asking Question No. 3, it dropped.*

- (2.) Postal Communication with Walgett :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) Has the Postmaster at Walgett reported to the Post Office authorities the numerous times that the contractor has been behind his time?
  - (2.) How many times within the last two months has he been late, and his reasons for delay?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to call upon his sureties for the due fulfilment of his contract?
  - (4.) Are the contractors allowed to carry passengers, and thereby delay the mails?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Postmaster at Walgett has reported in all cases when mails have arrived late.
- (2.) Presuming that the contract between Gunnedah and Walgett is referred to, eight times.
- (3.) It is not the intention of the Postmaster General to apply to the sureties. The delays, with one exception, in which a heavy fine has been imposed, have been caused by heavy rains and flooded rivers.
- (4.) Contractors are allowed to carry a limited number of passengers, but the conveyance of passengers is not allowed to retard the delivery of the mails.

2. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from certain persons interested in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, praying the House to take into consideration the present rate for carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals, with a view to a reduction of the charge.  
Petition received.
3. Paper :—Mr. Lord laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Supplies for the Public Service," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wearne, on 22nd May, 1871.
4. Assent to Sydney Meat Preserving Company's Incorporation Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson and read by the Speaker :—  
BELMORE,  
Governor. *Message, No. 49.*  
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called 'The Sydney Meat Preserving Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.  
Government House,  
Sydney, 19th June, 1871.
5. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Lord withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Business Paper for to-day.
6. Appropriation Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lord, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Lord (*with the concurrence of the House*), that Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. Stamp Duties Collection and Exemption Bill :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject discharged, on motion of Mr. Lord.
8. Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Byrnes the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, adopted that Report.  
Whereupon Mr. Byrnes moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act.*"  
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.  
Sydney, 19th June, 1871.
9. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until to-morrow.
10. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Petitions of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley and other persons, praying for the permanent reduction of the haulage rates on the Government Railways for minerals, from Bowenfels and other localities to Sydney, with the view of considering and adopting a Resolution having reference to the subject and prayer of the said Petitions.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE.

*Question :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) As the Government appear indisposed to print for gratuitous circulation, at the expense of the country, the 127 pages of the "Industrial Progress of New South Wales," which describes "*New South Wales in 1870*," will they grant the use of the form and allow it to be printed at the Government Printing Office, on condition that the cost of the paper and the time employed in printing be paid for?  
(2.) If it can be done cheaper elsewhere, will the Government allow the use of the matter contained in those 127 pages?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Appropriation Bill ; third reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 19th June, from persons interested in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole ordered by this House to consider the Petition of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley, presented to this House on Friday last, on a like subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Roads Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petitions of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley, and other persons, praying for the permanent reduction of the haulage rates on the Government Railways for minerals from Bowenfels and other localities to Sydney, with the view of considering and adopting a Resolution having reference to the subject and prayer of the said Petitions.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE.

*Question :—*

1. MR. WEARNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Who is the contractor for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?  
(2.) What is the amount of his tender?  
(3.) From what date did his contract commence?  
(4.) How long had he to complete his contract?  
(5.) Is the work progressing satisfactorily?  
(6.) Why is he not proceeding with his contract?

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
3. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 158.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

“Industrial Progress of New South Wales” :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) As the Government appear indisposed to print for gratuitous circulation, at the expense of the country, the 127 pages of the “Industrial Progress of New South Wales,” which describes “*New South Wales in 1870*,” will they grant the use of the form and allow it to be printed at the Government Printing Office, on condition that the cost of the paper and the time employed in printing is paid for?

(2.) If it can be done cheaper elsewhere, will the Government allow the use of the matter contained in those 127 pages?

Mr. Lord answered,—

(1.) I see no objection to any number of copies being printed at the Government Printing Office, if the cost of paper and printing be paid for.

(2.) I am of opinion it could not be done cheaper elsewhere. It would be very inadvisable to allow the use of the type out of the office, but stereotype plates of the matter could be cast and sold at 9d. per page.

2. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1.  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Appropriation Bill (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lord, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lord then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1871 and for the year 1870 and previous years.*”

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Lord moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1871 and for the year 1870 and previous years,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th June, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lord, until to-morrow.

5. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 19th June, from persons interested in the development of the mineral resources of the Colony, be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole ordered by this House to consider the Petition of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley, presented to this House on Friday last, on a like subject.  
Question put and passed.
6. Roads Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no Member making any motion in reference thereto, it dropped.
7. Carriage, by Railway, of Coal and other Minerals:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of the Petitions of Mr. Andrew M'Cauley and other persons, praying for the permanent reduction of the haulage rates on the Government Railways for Minerals from Bowenfels and other localities to Sydney, with the view of considering and adopting a Resolution having reference to the subject and prayer of the said Petitions.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. WEARNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Who is the contractor for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?  
(2.) What is the amount of his tender?  
(3.) From what date did his contract commence?  
(4.) How long had he to complete his contract?  
(5.) Is the work progressing satisfactorily?  
(6.) Why is he not proceeding with his contract?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) How many men are at present engaged snagging on the Murray River, near Albury?  
(2.) Is it true that the following gentlemen are engaged superintending the works, viz.:—Mr. Moriarty, superintendent; Mr. Hawkes, time-keeper; Mr. Byrne, overseer; Mr. Bell, overseer; Mr. Oakes, overseer; Mr. Keating, overseer; Mr. White, overseer?  
(3.) What is the amount of salary paid to each of the officers mentioned above?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Why have the Census collectors for the District of Cowra not been paid for their work?  
(2.) Does the Government intend to pay them; and if so, when?
4. MR. R. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Did Mr. Joseph S. Biscoe, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moruya, when called upon to account for deficiencies in public moneys received by him, allege that he had remitted the amount in due course by unregistered letter?  
(2.) Was not Mr. Biscoe removed or dismissed from office therefor?  
(3.) Had not Mr. Biscoe, at the time of his dismissal, served to within a few months of the period required to have entitled him to retire on a pension?  
(4.) The then Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. H. J. Lodge, having since been dismissed for defalcation in his accounts, to the extent of £300, will the Government afford Mr. Biscoe an opportunity of proving his charge—by implication—against the said Mr. H. J. Lodge?  
(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to institute criminal proceedings against Mr. H. J. Lodge for misappropriating the £300 of the public moneys?  
(6.) Is it with the sanction and approval of the Government that the present acting Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. T. C. Lodge, is the publisher of the *Moruya Telegraph* newspaper, and that the same is published on the premises where he conducts the Post Office?
5. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps, if any, the Government have taken to give effect to the Resolution adopted by this House, on the 17th February last, having reference to the examination of persons appointed to the Civil Service?
6. MR. FITZPATRICK *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is the office of Clerk to the Governor's Private Secretary now vacant?  
(2.) Has any person been nominated to fill the vacancy?  
(3.) Is the person so nominated already in the Civil Service, or has he ever been in the Civil Service of this Colony?

7. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) What is the width of the street running from George-street to Pitt-street, at the side of the new Post Office, definitely fixed to be?  
 (2.) Do the Government intend to purchase any other property in that vicinity for the purpose of widening that street?
8. MR. W. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) What course do the Government intend taking in future in regard to the deductions from salaries under the Superannuation Act?  
 (2.) Will the Government cause the sums raised by these deductions to be invested, or will this sum be distributed in payment of pensions or retiring allowances?  
 (3.) Will any distinction be made by the Government in future between different classes of contributors to the Superannuation Fund?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

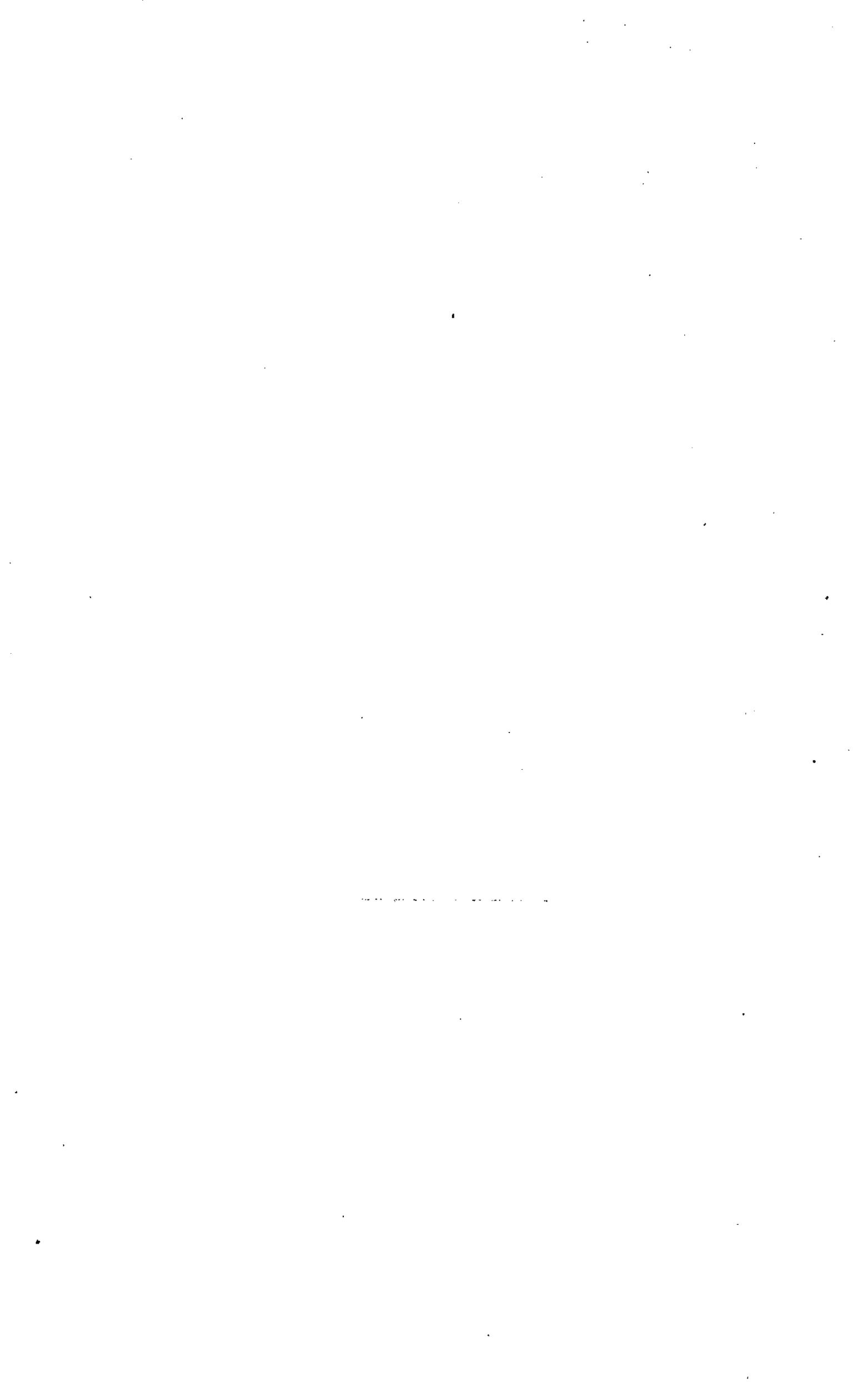
1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.

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FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Petition of James Twaddell; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
3. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 159.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE, 1871.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Darling Harbour Wharf:—Mr. Wearne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for the erection of the Wharf in Darling Harbour?
- (2.) What is the amount of his tender?
- (3.) From what date did his contract commence?
- (4.) How long had he to complete his contract?
- (5.) Is the work progressing satisfactorily?
- (6.) Why is he not proceeding with his contract?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) John Musson & Co.
- (2.) They tendered at a schedule of prices, according to which the work should be completed for £34,600.
- (3.) 25th February, 1870.
- (4.) To 31st December, 1871.

(5 and 6.) The contractors have been obliged to procure an air-lock, in order to sink the cylinders to the bed rock. This is now delaying the work. The contractors have also suffered delay by the non-arrival in proper time of the iron work from England for the superstructure. There is no reason, however, to suppose that the work will not be finished in the contract time.

- (2.) Snagging on the Murray River:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) How many men are at present engaged snagging on the Murray River, near Albury?
- (2.) Is it true that the following gentlemen are engaged superintending the works, viz.:—Mr. Moriarty, superintendent; Mr. Hawkes, time-keeper; Mr. Byrnes, overseer; Mr. Bell, overseer; Mr. Oakes, overseer; Mr. Keating, overseer; Mr. White, overseer?
- (3.) What is the amount of salary paid to each of the officers mentioned above?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Forty-five, including the working gangers.
- (2.) Yes; the gangers are, however, required to work with their men.
- (3.) Mr. Moriarty, District Engineer for the River Murray, receives £490 5s. per annum, out of which he has to provide horses, forage, &c. Mr. Hawke, Clerk and Time-keeper, receives £150 per annum, with rations. Mr. J. W. Byrnes, Working Ganger, in charge of a party of ten men, with a floating steam winch, receives 19s. per diem. Mr. D. Bell, Working Ganger, (at present employed in building a new barge) receives 14s. 3d. per diem. Messrs. Oakes, Keating, and White, receive each 10s. per diem, and each has charge of a party of ten men. Two steam winches for lifting and hauling out snags are worked by them.

(3.)

(3.) Census Collectors for District of Cowra :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Why have the Census collectors for the District of Cowra not been paid for their work?
- (2.) Does the Government intend to pay them; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) There is no fund at present authorized from which the money can be paid.
- (2.) The Government intend to pay all just claims so soon as the money is authorized by the passing of the Appropriation Act.

(4.) Mr. J. S. Biscoe, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moruya :—Mr. R. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Did Mr. Joseph S. Biscoe, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Moruya, when called upon to account for deficiencies in public moneys received by him, allege that he had remitted the amount in due course by unregistered letter?

(2.) Was not Mr. Biscoe removed or dismissed from office therefor?

(3.) Had not Mr. Biscoe, at the time of his dismissal, served to within a few months of the period required to have entitled him to retire on a pension?

(4.) The then Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. H. J. Lodge, having since been dismissed for defalcation in his accounts, to the extent of £300, will the Government afford Mr. Biscoe an opportunity of proving his charge—by implication—against the said Mr. H. J. Lodge?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to institute criminal proceedings against Mr. H. J. Lodge for misappropriating the £300 of the public moneys?

(6.) Is it with the sanction and approval of the Government that the present acting Postmaster at Moruya, Mr. T. C. Lodge, is the publisher of the *Moruya Telegraph* newspaper, and that the same is published on the premises where he conducts the Post Office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes; and also stated that, as the mail was closing, he had not time to register it.

(2.) Mr. Biscoe was removed from office therefor; the Executive Council being of opinion that he should not continue any longer in a position of trust.

(3.) Mr. Biscoe appears by the Blue Book to have entered the Service on 16th November, 1853; but his service is not continuous.

(4.) No charge has been preferred by Mr. Biscoe to the Post Office Department against Mr. H. J. Lodge.

(5.) The Government are not aware of any offence on the part of Mr. H. J. Lodge which would subject him to a criminal prosecution.

(6.) The present Postmaster does not yet perform the duties of the Telegraph Office. He performs the duties of the Post Office provisionally until the completion of his Fidelity Bond. The late Postmaster has been expressly prohibited access to either office. The duties of both offices are conducted on the premises formerly used for the same purpose. Mr. T. C. Lodge was required to resign all connection with the *Moruya Telegraph* newspaper before he received the appointment, and it has been ascertained that he has done so. The Government are not aware of any proceedings on the part of Mr. H. J. Lodge in connection with that newspaper.

(5.) Civil Service Competitive Examinations :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What steps, if any, the Government have taken to give effect to the Resolution adopted by this House, on the 17th February last, having reference to the examination of persons appointed to the Civil Service?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have ascertained from the Senate of the University that the Professors will undertake the examination of candidates for the Civil Service. No order has yet been promulgated in reference to such examination, but it is hoped that such order will be issued at an early day after the prorogation of Parliament.

(6.) Clerk of Governor's Private Secretary :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Is the office of Clerk to the Governor's Private Secretary now vacant?

(2.) Has any person been nominated to fill the vacancy?

(3.) Is the person so nominated already in the Civil Service, or has he ever been in the Civil Service of this Colony?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Six or seven gentlemen in various Departments of the Government Service have applied for it, and one or two gentlemen not in the Government Service have done the same.

(3.) Final action has not been taken with regard to nomination.

(7.) New Street from George-street to Pitt-street, near New Post Office :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) What is the width of the street running from George-street to Pitt-street, at the side of the new Post Office, definitely fixed to be?

(2.) Do the Government intend to purchase any other property in that vicinity for the purpose of widening that street?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Government have arrived at no decision yet on these points.

(8.) Deductions from Salaries of Civil Servants :—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. W. Forster, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) What course do the Government intend taking in future in regard to the deductions from salaries under the Superannuation Act?

(2.) Will the Government cause the sums raised by these deductions to be invested, or will this sum be distributed in payment of pensions or retiring allowances?

(3.) Will any distinction be made by the Government in future between different classes of contributors to the Superannuation Fund?

Mr.

*Mr. Robertson* answered,—The Government have no intention to make any change in the administration of the Superannuation Act of 1864. Its provisions will continue to be carried out as heretofore, so long as the Law remains in force.

2. Paper :—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Leave of Absence to Ministers of Religion," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of *Mr. Stewart*, on 14th February, 1871.
3. Motion for Adjournment :—*Mr. Nowlan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. Assent to Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Robertson*, and read by the Speaker :—  
BELMORE, *Message, No. 50.*  
*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to place certain restrictions on the Storage and Sale of Kerosene as used for illuminating purposes,*"—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, 21st June, 1871.*

5. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—  
(1.) Superannuation Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 20th June, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

SUPERANNUATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 20th June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* "and that the gratuities should be abolished"

Page 2, Clause 2, line 9. *After* "allowance" *insert* "hereafter"

" " " *After* "or" *insert* "made"

" Clause 3, line 17. *Omit* "negligence or"

" Clause 6, line 39. *At the end of the Clause add* "except in so far as the former provides for the payment of gratuities to widows and to children if under twenty-one years of age."

" Clause 9, lines 47 to 50. *Omit* "the rates and in the manner provided by the said Act such payments shall in such year be made as in the said Act mentioned anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding" *add* "higher rates than those provided by this Act such payments shall in such year be made at such higher rates as the state of the Fund will admit in the same proportions as fixed by this Act but not exceeding in any case the amount which would be payable under the said Superannuation Act of 1864 anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding and for the purpose of this Clause a separate account shall be kept of the said Fund."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

The Speaker called the special attention of the House to the character of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.

- (2.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 21st June, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (3.) Loan Bill of 1871 :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 21st June, 1871.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(4.)

## (4.) Imported Stock Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## IMPORTED STOCK BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 21st June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, Clause 3, line 43. *After "Inspector" insert "and his assistants"*  
 " " line 44. *Omit "together with all other persons acting in his assistance"*  
 " Clause 4, line 51. *After "same" insert "with his costs"*  
 " " line 52. *Omit "as hereinafter provided" insert "in a summary way before two Justices of the Peace"*  
 Page 4, Clause 12, line 26. *Omit "in the discretion of the Bench"*  
 " " line 28. *After "pounds" add "and all such offences shall be heard and determined in a summary way before any two or more Justices in Petty Sessions"*  
 Page 4, Clause 12, line 45. *Omit "LEGAL PROCEDURE" insert "MISCELLANEOUS."*  
 Pages 4 and 5, Clause 15, line 46 to line 8 (Page 5.) *Omit all the words to "same and" inclusive*  
 Page 5, Clause 15, line 8. *After "penalties" insert "imposed under this Act"*

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep*."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

## 6. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

## (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1871 and for the year 1870 and previous years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

The Council in agreeing to this Bill refers to its Message of the 17th of January, 1862, and to its Address to His Excellency the Governor of the 5th of April, 1866, and it expresses the hope that in the ensuing Session of Parliament a Supplementary Vote will be passed for restoring the Salaries of its President and Chairman of Committees to their former amounts, and that Legislative measures will be taken for securing the Salaries and Contingencies of this branch of the Legislature.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## (2.) Navigation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Board to be called 'The Marine Board of New South Wales' to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1871.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## NAVIGATION BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate a Board to be called 'The Marine Board of New South Wales' to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 21st June, 1871.*

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, Clause 3, line 11. *Omit " July " insert " January "*  
 " " " line 12. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 Page 3, Clause 8, line 35. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 36. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 37. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 Page 4, Clause 10, line 20. *Omit " August " insert " February "*  
 " " " " *Omit the second word " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " 11, line 32. *Omit " August " insert " February "*  
 " " " 11, line 33. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " 11, line 35. *Omit " August " insert " February "*  
 " " " 11, line 35. *Omit " September " insert " March "*  
 " " " 11, line 54. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " 11, line 55. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 Page 5, Clause 17, line 42. *Omit " said Colonial Treasurer "; insert " Governor. "*  
 Page 6, Clause 20. *Omit clause 20.*  
 Page 7, Clause 27. *Omit clause 27, substitute the following clause:—*
27. The Marine Board may from time to time recommend for the approval of the Governor such fit and proper persons to fill respectively the offices of shipwright surveyors and engineer surveyors under this Act and at such ports or places as they may think desirable And the Governor may thereupon appoint such persons to the said offices And the said Board may in like manner recommend the suspension or removal of any such shipwright or engineer surveyor and the temporary or permanent appointment of another in his stead.
- Page 10, Clause 36, lines 51 and 52. *Omit " but does not exceed five hundred "*  
 Page 15, Clause 58, line 35. *Omit the letter " s " at end of " thinks "*  
 Page 17, Clause 66, line 1. *After " ship " omit remainder of clause ; insert " in manner prescribed by the Act of the Imperial Parliament in force for the time-being regulating the mode of measurement for British Ships "*
- Page 18, Clause 75, line 13. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 14. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 19. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 20. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 23. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 24. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 27. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 28. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 31. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 32. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " Clause 76, line 44. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 45. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 Page 19, Clause 81, line 39. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 40. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 " " " line 45. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 46. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 Page 22, Clause 89, line 20. *Omit all words of paragraph V, and insert the following:—" If upon any investigation or inquiry respecting any shipwreck collision or other casualty or respecting any charge of incompetency or misconduct against any master mate or engineer instituted by the Marine Board (which said Board is hereby declared to be a Court for the purposes mentioned in the two hundred and forty-second section of the Imperial Act seventeen and eighteen Victoria chapter one hundred and four and for the more effectual carrying out thereof to have so far as the same may be applicable all the powers hereinbefore in section twenty-eight of this Act conferred on the said Board) the said Board shall report that the loss or abandonment of or serious damage to any ship or that a loss of life has been caused by the wrongful act or default of any such master mate or engineer or that he has been guilty of any gross act of misconduct drunkenness or tyranny Provided that no certificate of a master mate or engineer issued by the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom shall be so suspended or cancelled until the said report shall have been confirmed by the Governor. "*
- Page 24, Clause 95, line 1. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 2. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 Page 27, Clause 112, line 14. *Omit " October " insert " April "*  
 " " " line 15. *Omit " one " insert " two "*  
 Page 33, Schedule A, lines 9 to 11 (3rd column). *Omit " all the unrepealed sections of this Act so far as it applies "; insert " so much of the unrepealed sections as relate "*

Appointment  
and removal of  
surveyors.

Page 33, Schedule A, lines 26 to 34 (3rd column). *Omit* "all the unrepealed sections of this Act so far as it applies to the licensing and regulating of boatmen and boats carrying passengers for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson" *insert* "Section 27"

Page 33, Schedule A, line 44 (3rd column). *Omit* "14" *insert* "so much of section 14 as relates to Pilotage Rates"

Page 34, Schedule B, line 13. *Omit* "Marine Board" *insert* "Navigation"

" Schedule B, line 13. *After* " Act of " *insert* " 1871 "

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

On motion of Mr. Samuel the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that Report.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Board to be called 'The Marine Board of New South Wales' to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steam-ships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st June, 1871.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply discharged, on motion of Mr. Lord.
8. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means discharged, on motion of Mr. Lord.
9. Adjournment :—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn,—and in so doing intimated that he had it in command to state that His Excellency the Governor would proceed to the Legislative Council at Twelve o'clock (noon) To-morrow, for the purpose of proroguing Parliament.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at ten minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at *half-past Eleven* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

MEMO.—*The House meet at half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M., with a view to Prorogation at Noon.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE.

Question :—

1. MR. FITZPATRICK to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What is the cause of delay in the issue of the Deeds of Grant of the following portions of land purchased from the Crown, the price of which was paid to the late Land Agent at Yass, some three years back, viz. :—Mr. Henry Clarke, 40 acres ; Mr. John Garner, 320 acres ?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between Dr. Jenkins, of the Nepean Towers, as one of the Trustees for the Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads, and the Roads Department.
  - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between Mr. William Wonson, of Broughton Park, and the Roads Department, on the same subject.
  - (3.) The particulars of the expenditure of £53, which was to the credit of the Trustees when Mr. Wonson was appointed a Trustee in December, 1870.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Papers in the case of Mr. O'Brien, Warder, of Maitland Gaol, ordered on 13th June, and laid upon the Table of this House, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

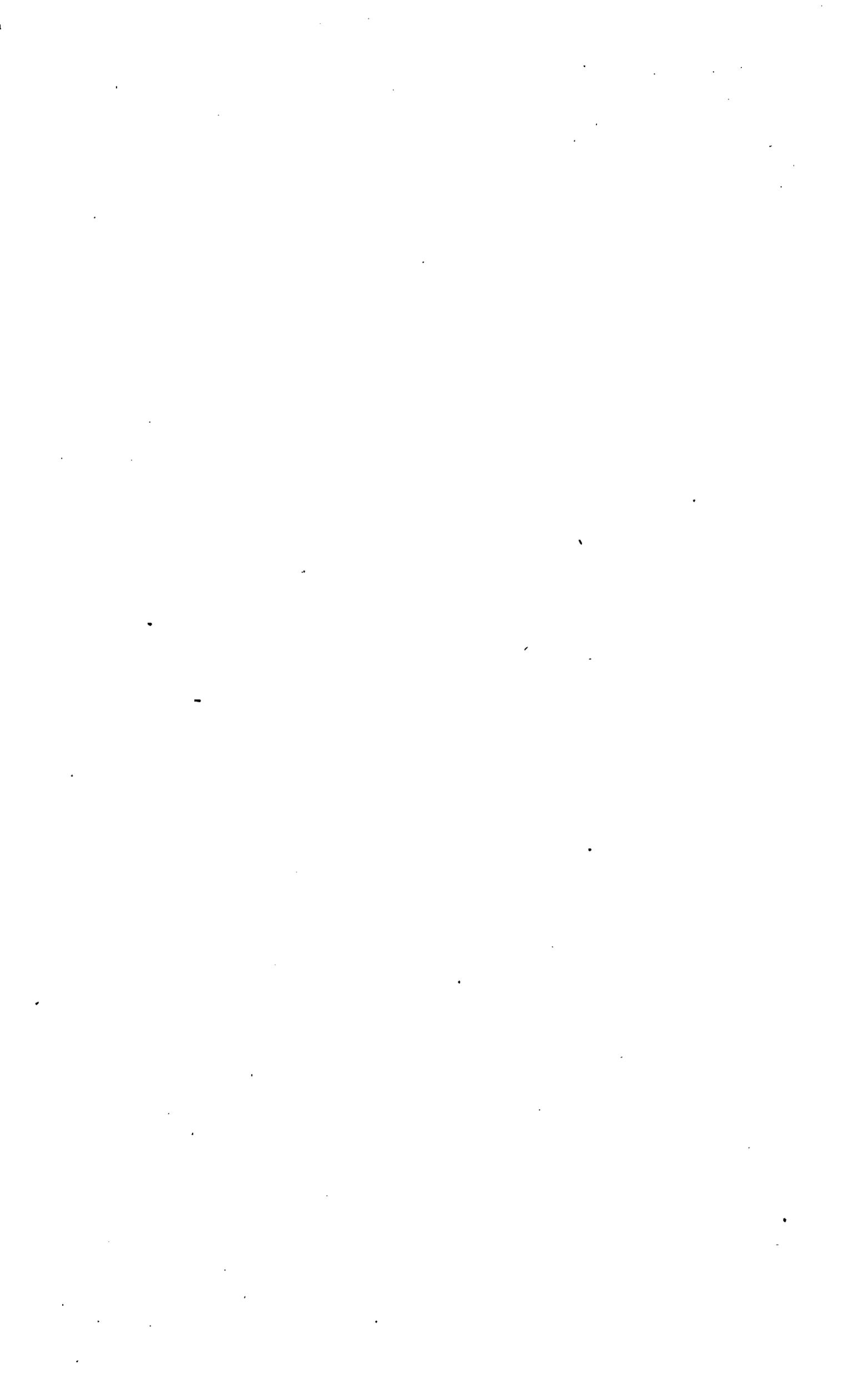
1. Criminal Evidence Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Petition of James Twaddell ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. James Twaddell, brought up and ordered to printed on 4th May, be now adopted."
3. Maitland District Council Dissolution Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 160.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE, 1871.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Delay in issuing Deeds of Grant:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of delay in the issue of the Deeds of Grant of the following portions of land purchased from the Crown, the price of which was paid to the late Land Agent at Yass, some three years back, viz.:—Mr. Henry Clarke, 40 acres; Mr. John Garner, 320 acres?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Considerable delay has been caused in this case by the defalcations of Mr. Poole, late Land Agent at Yass, now serving a sentence for the same. Mr. John Garner's deed was forwarded to the Registrar General on 26th May last. The issue of Mr. Clarke's awaits Executive authority.

2. Assent to Main Roads Management Act Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 51.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Main Roads Management Act,*" 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, 22nd June, 1871.*

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table, Return to an Order in reference to "Maitland Gaol," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Stewart, on 13th June, 1871.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1. Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return of Cost of Railways, including Preliminary Surveys, Engineering Expenses, Clerical Assistance, Purchase of Land, Construction of Lines, Bridges, and Buildings, Cost of Permanent Way, Rails, Chairs, Sleepers, and Ballast, together with Rolling Stock, and Machinery, to 31st May, 1871,—Stores for May not included. Ordered to be printed.

4. Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between Dr. Jenkins, of the Nepean Towers, as one of the Trustees for the Broughton Pass and Mount Keira Roads, and the Roads Department.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between Mr. William Wanson, of Broughton Park, and the Roads Department, on the same subject.

(3.) The particulars of the expenditure of £53, which was to the credit of the Trustees when Mr. Wanson was appointed a Trustee in December, 1870.

Debate ensued.

5. Black Rod :—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and having delivered a Message,—“That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do forthwith attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber,”—the House attended accordingly, and the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Assembly having granted to her Majesty the Supplies required for the Services of the year 1871, and a Supplementary Vote for previous years, the Bill for giving legal effect to these Grants I now beg to present to Your Excellency, in order that it may receive the Royal Assent. I also present to Your Excellency, for the Royal Assent, a Bill intituled “An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,” and a Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years.”

6. Assent to Bills :—Whereupon His Excellency was pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the said Bills so presented by the Speaker, as follows :—
- (1.) Appropriation Bill :—“An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Services of the year 1871 and for the year 1870 and previous years.”
  - (2.) Loan Bill of 1871 :—“An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.”
  - (3.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill :—“An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency of 1870 and previous years.”
7. Presentation of Bills :—The Honorable the Speaker then presented to His Excellency, for the Royal Assent, the following Bills :—
- (1.) “An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep.”
  - (2.) “An Act to incorporate a Board to be called ‘The Marine Board of New South Wales’ to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steamships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes.”
8. Assent to Imported Stock Bill :—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the following Bill :—
- “An Act to prevent the introduction of Contagious or Infectious Diseases in Cattle and Sheep.”
9. Reservation of Navigation Bill :—His Excellency then declared that he had reserved, for the signification of Her Majesty’s pleasure thereon, the following Bill :—
- “An Act to incorporate a Board to be called ‘The Marine Board of New South Wales’ to confer certain powers on such Board to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the regulation of Steamships Pilotage and Pilots Harbours and Navigable Waters and Navigation and to make provision for the Examination of Masters Mates and Engineers and for other purposes.”
10. Prorogation :—After which His Excellency was pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech :—

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

1. It affords me much satisfaction to be at length enabled to relieve you from further attendance on your Parliamentary duties.

2. During the Session now about to terminate, several measures of considerable importance have been passed.

3. By extensive and judicious retrenchments, and by a considerable increase in the public income, means have been adopted which there is reason to hope will result in placing the public finances on a satisfactory footing. Recent events in Europe, as well as the withdrawal of the Imperial Troops, rendered it necessary that steps should be promptly taken to place our seaports in a state of defence, by the construction of Fortifications, and the raising a permanent Military Force, capable, with our efficient Volunteers, of making those Fortifications effective. The Act passed for the establishment of this Force, and the provision made for its maintenance, will be regarded, I hope, as a proof that the people of this Colony are prepared to defend these shores from foreign aggression, even should the recent Imperial policy with reference to the Colonies be adhered to. The passing of these and other important measures must be matter of general congratulation.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. I thank you for the Supplies which you have voted, and the desire which you have manifested to maintain the public credit. It will be the duty of the Government to see that those Supplies are expended with a due regard to economy.

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

5. It must be a matter of much congratulation to you that the Public Securities are in a most satisfactory position, and that there is every reason to believe that the Loans which have been sanctioned will be raised on advantageous terms. The Public Works, including the Railway Extensions in progress, have been carried on during the past year with as much rapidity as possible. The means now placed at the disposal of the Government for these works will be applied with all reasonable despatch towards their completion. The long continuance of wet weather, and the severe floods which have occurred in various parts of the Country, have caused much distress ; but it is hoped that, under Divine Providence, a more favourable season may be looked for during the remainder of the year.

6. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the first day of August next.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.