

# Votes



New South Wales.

No. 1.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1870.

1. Opening of Parliament:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the eighth day of January instant, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, 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.

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

“ Given under my Hand and Seal at Government House, Sydney, this eighth day of January,  
“ 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,

“ JOHN ROBERTSON.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! ”

The Clerk then announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Certificates, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, of the return of certain Gentlemen to serve as Members in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned.

The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message, that “The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission read.”

The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners, to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of the Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read:—

Whereupon the Clerk of the Parliaments read the said Commission, as follows:—

“ Victoria,

"Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen,  
"Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"Whereas, by Proclamation made on the eighth day of January instant, His Excellency the Right  
"Honorable Somerset Richard, Earl of Belmore, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony  
"of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and  
"Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof,  
"intituled 'An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her  
"Majesty,' as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative  
"Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of the said Colony of New  
"South Wales, should commence and be holden on Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of January  
"instant: And whereas for certain causes our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot con-  
"veniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting  
"in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir Terence  
"Aubrey Murray, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Robert  
"Owen, Esquire, or in his absence the Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire, C.B., and the  
"Honorable George Allen, Esquire, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice  
"of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto  
"the said Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Robert Owen, or in his absence Edward Deas Thomson, and  
"George Allen, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two  
"of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative  
"Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-seventh day of January, on our behalf,  
"and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor and  
"Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony in and about the opening and holding of the said  
"Parliament; commanding also by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns, to meet in  
"the said Parliament, that to the said Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Robert Owen, or in his absence  
"Edward Deas Thomson, and George Allen, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the  
"premises in the form aforesaid.

"In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great  
"Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, SOMERSET RICHARD,

(L.S.) "EARL OF BELMORE, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New  
"South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this twenty-seventh  
"day of January, in the thirty-third year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord  
"one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

"BELMORE.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"CHARLES COWPER."

The Members of both Houses being then seated, at the request of the President, the President  
said—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—  
"We have it in Command from the Governor to let you know, That as soon as the Members of  
"both Houses shall have been sworn, His Excellency will declare the causes of this Parliament  
"being called together; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first  
"chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair  
"to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your  
"Speaker."

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

"By His Excellency 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, with the advice of the Executive Council  
"thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Saul Samuel, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable  
"William Forster, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, and William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, Members  
"of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members  
"or Member of the said Legislative Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the  
"Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he  
"shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

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

"BELMORE.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"CHARLES COWPER."

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Samuel took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William Forster, Esquire, and William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present (excepting Joseph James Phelps, Esquire, the Member for Balranald, who, being one of the people called Quakers, made and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance prescribed by the Act of the Imperial Parliament 3 and 4, Wm. IV., cap. 49),—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members subscribing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. :—

Names.	Returned for—
Alexander, Maurice	Goulburn.
Allen, George Wigram	The Globe.
Arnold, William Munnings	The Paterson.
Bell, Archibald	The Upper Hunter.
Brookes, William	Northumberland.
Brown, Edward George	The Tumut.
Brown, Stephen Campbell	Newtown.
Buchanan, David	East Sydney.
Butler, Edward	Argyle.
Byrnes, James	Parramatta.
Campbell, James	Morpeth.
Church, Walter	Gold Fields West.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Dean, Horace	The Hastings.
Dillon, John	The Hunter.
Egan, The Hon. Daniel	Monaro.
Farnell, James Squire	Parramatta.
Fitzpatrick, Michael	Yass Plains.
Flood, Edward	Central Cumberland.
Forster, The Hon. William	Queanbeyan.
Garrett, Thomas	Shoalhaven.
Hill, Richard	Canterbury.
Hoskins, James	Patrick's Plains.
Kelly, Michael William	Braidwood.
King, George	East Sydney.
Lackey, John	Central Cumberland.
Leary, Joseph	Narellan.
Lloyd, George Alfred	Newcastle.
Lord, George William	The Bogan.
Macleay, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Martin, The Hon. Sir James, Knt., Q.C.	East Sydney.
Morrice, John	Camden.
Moses, Henry	The Hawkesbury.
Neale, James Henry	Hartley.
Nowlan, John	The Williams.
Onslow, Arthur Alexander Walton	Camden.
Osborne, James	Illawarra.
Parkes, Henry	{ East Sydney } <i>Signed the Roll for both</i> { Kiama } <i>Electorates.</i>
Phelps, Joseph James	Balranald.
Piddington, William Richman	The Hawkesbury.
Robertson, John	West Sydney.
Ryan, James Tobias	The Nepean.
Samuel, The Hon. Saul	Orange.
Speer, William	West Sydney.
Stephen, Matthew Henry	Mudgec.
Stephen, Montagu Consett	Canterbury.
Sutherland, The Hon. John	Paddington.
Suttor, William Henry	Bathurst.
Suttor, John Bligh	East Macquarie.
Watson, James	The Lachlan.
Wearne, Joseph	West Sydney.
Webb, Edmund	West Macquarie.
Wisdom, Robert	{ Lower Hunter } <i>Signed the Roll for</i> { Gold Fields North } <i>both Electorates.</i>

The Commissioners then administered the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office to Stephen Wilson Jones, Esquire, as Clerk of the House.

3. Election of Speaker :—Mr. Robertson, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, and moved,—“That William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Parkes.

The House then calling Mr. Arnold to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

And

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Samuel and Sir James Martin having respectively congratulated the Speaker, Mr. Samuel acquainted the House that he had previously ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Samuel, at nine minutes after One o'clock, until To-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.

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

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New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
**Members Sworn** :—The undermentioned Members having taken the Oath before one of the Commissioners, and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electorates mentioned—the Clerk producing the Writs :—  
     Arthur Dight, Esquire,—for Windsor.  
     William Tunks, Esquire,—for St. Leonards.
2. **Presentation of Speaker** :—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor ;—  
     And the House being returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the Election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him—and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as the Speaker of the House ;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations on the high honor and distinction conferred upon him.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings ;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.
3. **Adjournment** :—Mr. Samuel, announcing that His Excellency the Governor would, at Twelve o'clock, on Tuesday next, in the Legislative Council Chamber, declare the causes of this Parliament being called together,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until half-past Eleven o'clock on Tuesday next.  
     Question put and passed.  
     Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1870.

MEMO.—*The House meet this day at half-past Eleven o'clock A.M.*



New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to Administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency 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 the Honorable William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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 the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one (L.S.) thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ BELMORE.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ CHARLES COWPER.”

2. Writ of Election:—The Speaker reported that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a Writ issued by His Excellency the Governor, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Liverpool Plains, in the room of Charles Cowper, Esquire, whose Seat became vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary,—with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of The Honorable Charles Cowper, to serve as such Member.
3. Members Sworn:—The undermentioned Members having respectively taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electorates respectively mentioned:—

Names.	Electorates.
(1.) The Honorable Charles Cowper ... ..	Liverpool Plains.
(2.) Alexander Dodds, Esquire ... ..	East Maitland.
(3.) Joseph Eckford, Esquire ... ..	The Wollombi.
(4.) Benjamin Lee, Esquire ... ..	West Maitland.
(5.) Charles Thomas Weaver, Esquire ... ..	New England.

The Writ in the first case being produced by the Speaker, and in all the other cases by the Clerk.

4. Discrepancies between Names endorsed on Writs and Signatures of Members:—The Speaker reported to the House:—

(1.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for Newcastle is endorsed on the Writ as "Alfred G. Lloyd," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for Newcastle had signed his name in both documents as *Geo. A. Lloyd*.

(2.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for The Murrumbidgee is endorsed on the Writ as "William J. Macleay," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for The Murrumbidgee had signed his name in both documents as *William Macleay*.

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 forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went, and being returned,—

Mr. Cowper (*with reference to Entry 4 above*) moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return for the Electorate of Newcastle by substituting the name "George Alfred Lloyd" for that of "Alfred G. Lloyd," and do also amend the Return for the Electorate of The Murrumbidgee by substituting the name "William Macleay" for that of "William J. Macleay."

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-three minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment:—

6. Members Sworn:—The undermentioned Members having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electorates mentioned,—the Clerk producing the Writs:—

Richard Driver, Esquire,—for Carcoar.

William Cummings, Esquire,—for East Macquarie.

7. Assent to Bills passed during the last Session of the late Parliament:—The following Messages received from His Excellency the Governor were read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Stamp Duties Acts Continuation Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 1.*

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 November, 1869.*

- (2.) Bogan Electorate Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 2.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to enable certain Electors within the Police District of Dubbo to vote during the year 1869-1870 for the Electoral District of The Bogan," 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 November, 1869.*

- (3.) George-street Sydney Resumption and Enclosure Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 3.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the resumption and enclosure of a portion of George-street 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 17th November, 1869.*

- (4.) Union-street Goulburn Resumption and Enclosure Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 4.*

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the resumption and enclosure of a portion of Union-street in the City of Goulburn," 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 November, 1869.*

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## (5.) Prince Alfred Park Enclosure Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 5.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of certain Buildings in Prince Alfred Park by the Municipal Council of 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, 17th November, 1869.*

## (6.) Roberts' Trust Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 6.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Joseph Roberts deceased to sell certain Trust Real Estate and divide the proceeds of Sale,*" 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, 17th November, 1869.*

## (7.) The Agricultural Society's Incorporation Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 7.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society to be called 'The Agricultural Society of New South Wales,'*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 17th November, 1869.*

## 8. Vote of Credit:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 8.*

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 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 1st February, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

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.

## 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 called you together thus early after the late General Election in order to afford you an opportunity of preventing the inconvenience which must arise from the absence of sufficient provision for the payment of Official Salaries, and other exigencies of the Public Service.

2. As the policy indicated last Session by the various measures then proposed will be still mainly adhered to, it is unnecessary now to enter upon minute details. Of these measures such as are of pressing necessity will be introduced forthwith, and others as occasion arises, with whatever modifications have been proved desirable by fuller consideration and subsequent experience.

3. The opportunity of correcting, by the assistance of the late Parliament, and for the purposes of the late General Election, the more obvious anomalies of the present Electoral System, having been allowed to pass, it is now evidently inexpedient, if not impossible, to deal satisfactorily with this question, until fuller information can be obtained by a fresh Census, of the numbers, resources, and relative distribution of the population. A Bill for this latter purpose will be submitted without loss of time, and it is to be hoped that the delay may enable the Government to frame a more complete and comprehensive measure of Electoral Reform than would have been practicable under the peculiar circumstances of last Session.

4. The difficulties which have arisen with regard to the Superannuation Fund, affecting as they do the welfare of many families, have engaged the attention of the Government. An early opportunity of considering this subject will be afforded you by a Bill which I trust may be made the means of placing upon a more satisfactory basis the important interests concerned.

5. The Bill prepared last Session for the Management of the Gold Fields, now more than ever rendered necessary by the increased development and expanding resources of Mining Industry, will be introduced in a modified form.

6. The question of Law Reform is likewise under consideration, with a view to the early introduction of a measure calculated to remove some of the most serious inconveniences of the existing system.

7. A Bill to define more accurately the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Government, in relation to Payments of Public Moneys in cases of emergency, and to provide for the more effectual Audit of Public Accounts, is also in course of preparation.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

8. The Estimates of Expenditure for the present year will be laid before you at once, and will doubtless receive your prompt attention. No due provision having yet been made for the Public Service, it will be necessary to prepare and submit to Parliament another set of Estimates for 1871, thus involving another Session during the present year. So far, therefore, as may be consistent with the public interests and your own personal convenience, it will probably be found advisable to bring the present Session to an early close, with a view to your being called together again at a seasonable period of the present year.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. I have much pleasure in informing you that the Revenue for the past year has exceeded the amount anticipated, while the present auspicious season justifies every hope of growing prosperity, and of a still further increase of Revenue.

10. The important negotiations, notified to the late Parliament as having been undertaken between the Government of this Colony and that of Queensland, for the establishment of Telegraphic Communication with Europe, and of additional Postal Communication by way of Torres' Straits, have since been the subject of a conference between the Governments of this Colony, Queensland, and New Zealand, and have been extended so as to embrace a proposition for additional Postal Communication with Europe by way of San Francisco, and to include the Colony of New Zealand in the proposed arrangements, full particulars of which will be laid before you with the least possible delay.

11. The subject of the prospective withdrawal of Imperial Troops has at length reached a stage which gives additional interest and importance to the question of Local Defences, and has impressed my Responsible Advisers with the propriety of introducing, as soon as it can be properly matured, a measure for the organization of a Militia in this Colony. Such a course is still further recommended by the apparently increasing tendency of Her Majesty's Ministers in England to relax the strictness of the relations subsisting between the Mother Country and the Colonies, and to encourage in British dependencies a more effective spirit of self-reliance, rather than a disposition to look entirely for support or protection from the Imperial Government.

12. I now leave you to your arduous labours, with an earnest hope that under Divine Providence they may prove useful and beneficial to the Country.

Mr. M. H. Stephen then moved, and Mr. Brookes 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 the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Dean, Mr. Moses, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Brookes, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. M. H. Stephen 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.

" The various measures suggested by Your Excellency, particularly those of pressing necessity, shall receive our most attentive consideration.

" We are sensible of the duty imposed upon the Government of having to submit two sets of Estimates, and to call Parliament together a second time during the present year. We shall therefore be happy to give the Estimates for this year such prompt attention as may enable the public business to be disposed of in the way most consistent with the public interest and convenience.

" We rejoice to learn that the condition and prospects of Revenue are encouraging.

" We shall be glad to assist in improving and extending, so far as may be found advisable, the existing arrangements for Steam Postal Communication,—and to consider any practical proposal for the establishment of Telegraphic Communication with Europe.

" In the event of the withdrawal of Imperial Troops, we have every confidence in the resources of the country and in the spirit of the people, and shall be prepared to concur in any measures which may be necessary to protect us from foreign interference or to sustain our due position among other communities.

" We

" We will now proceed to our Parliamentary Duties, and we join Your Excellency in the expression of an earnest hope that, under Divine Providence, our efforts may prove useful and beneficial to the Country."

Mr. M. H. Stephen then moved, and Mr. Brookes 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.

*Interruption.*

11. 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,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
12. Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech (*See proceedings recorded above*) :—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. M. H. Stephen, " That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House." Question put and passed.
13. Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Samuel, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870,*" passing through all its stages in one day. Question put and passed.
14. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—
  - (1.) Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that *Mr. Farnell* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only. Question put and passed. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. *Mr. Farnell* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, that the said Resolution be now received. *Mr. Farnell* then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
    - (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £124,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869. Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
    - (2.) Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that *Mr. Farnell* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only. Question put and passed. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. *Mr. Farnell* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, that the said Resolution be now received. *Mr. Farnell* then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
      - (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1870, the sum of £124,000 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 January, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869. Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time, and agreed to.
      - (3.) Mr. Samuel then moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1) to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870. Question put and passed.
      - (4.) Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870,*" read a first time. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and read a second time this day.
      - (5.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time.
      - (6.) Mr. Samuel then moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill, and that *Mr. Farnell* do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only. Question put and passed. Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. *Mr. Farnell* having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted that Report, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, ordered that the Bill be read a third time this day.
      - (7.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and *passed*.
      - (8.) 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 1870.*" 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 1870,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 1st February, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

15. **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 To-morrow,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock To-morrow, for the purpose of proceeding 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.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1870.

**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.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

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WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1870.

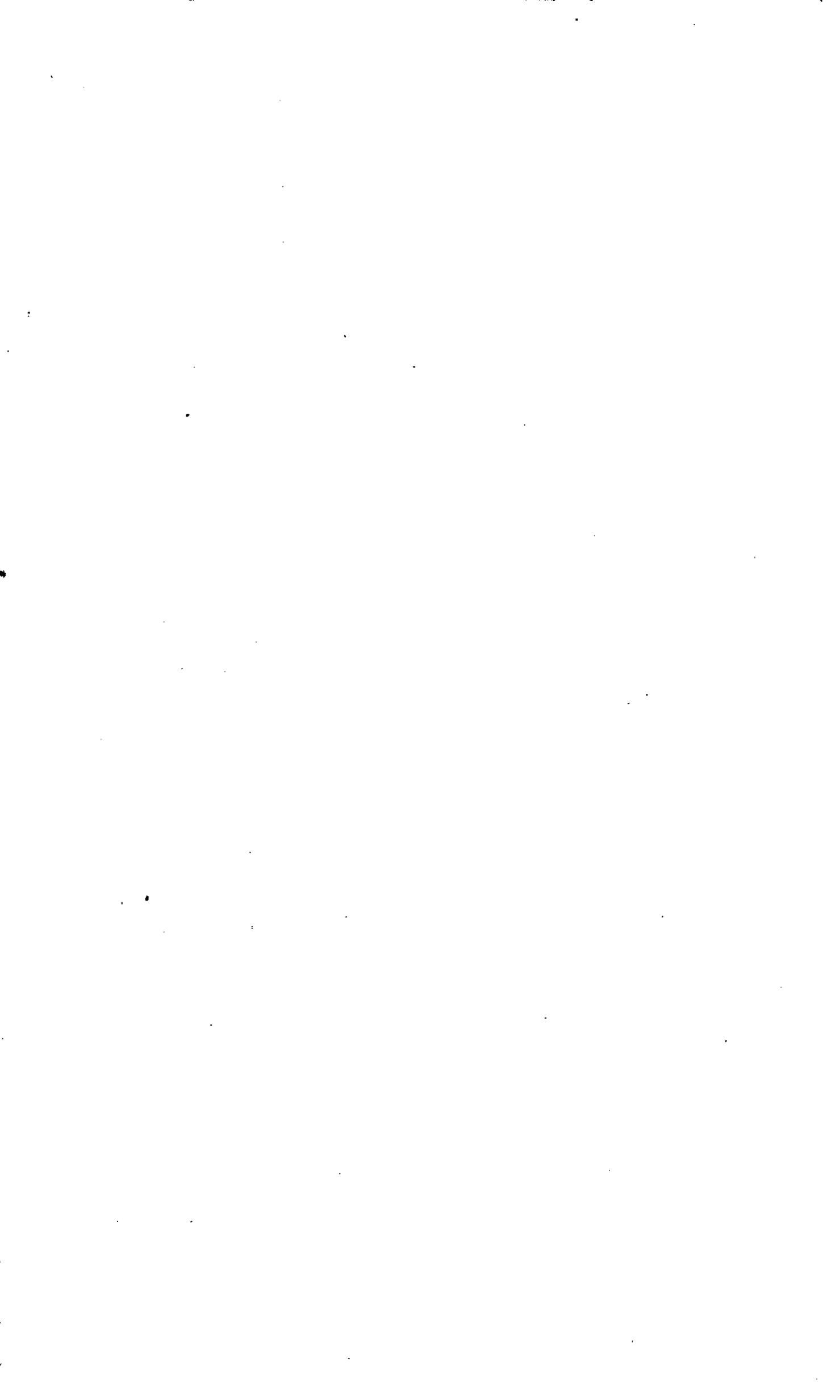
1. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—
  - (1.) How many persons have been discharged from the Public Service within the last six months without cause on their side.
  - (2.) How many of those persons contributed to the Superannuation Fund, and also the amount contributed to that Fund, in each case.
  - (3.) Has the Government refunded to persons discharged from the Public Service—through no fault of theirs—the amount contributed by such persons to the Superannuation Fund?
  - (4.) The names, ages, and length of service of all persons who are at present in receipt of payment from the Superannuation Fund.
2. **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.
3. **MR. COWPER** to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
4. **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.
5. **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.) 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, Mr. 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. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
16. 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 best mode of facilitating inland traffic, and upon the subject of Railway Extension generally.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Onslow, Mr. Speer, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report, and Proceedings, &c., of the Select Committee of last Session on Railway Extension, be referred to the said Committee.

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THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY.

1. MR. COWPER to move, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
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## New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member Sworn:—William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, having taken the Oath and Subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
2. Consolidated Revenue Fund 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1870,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,* T. A. MURRAY,  
*Sydney, 1st February, 1870.* President.
3. 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,—  
I receive with much satisfaction the expression of your loyalty and devotion towards Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government.  
I gladly recognize the readiness you evince to give the important measures which will be submitted to you your attentive consideration, and to take such steps as may become necessary to protect the Colony from foreign interference, and to sustain its due position among other communities.  
*Government House,* BELMORE.  
*Sydney, 2nd February, 1870.*
4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
5. 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

"Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire,

"Alexander Dodds, Esquire,

"Thomas Garrett, Esquire,

"John Lackey, Esquire,

"William Macleay, Esquire,

"William Richman Piddington, Esquire,

"William Charles Windeyer, 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 second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and seventy.

"W. M. ARNOLD,  
"Speaker."

6. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) By-laws under the Municipalities Act, 31 Vict. No. 12, sec. 158, of the undermentioned Boroughs :—
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| Borough of Central Illawarra. | Borough of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry. |
| Borough of St. Leonards.      | Borough of Singleton.                     |
| Borough of Morpeth.           | Borough of Newtown.                       |
| Do. do. (Amended.)            |   |
- (2.) Report from Mr. Thomas Woore relative to Sydney Water Supply.
- (3.) Letter from Messrs. Cummins and Co., respecting improved Postal Route between Europe and Australia through America.
- (4.) By-law of University of Sydney.
- (5.) Return to Order in reference to "Appointments to Civil Service since 1st November, 1868," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. J. Stewart, on 8th October, 1869.
- (6.) Return of Appointments to Civil Service from 22nd January, 1866, to 27th October, 1868.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Amended Regulations for Sydney Abattoirs.
- (2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1869.
- (3.) Statement of Receipts and Disbursements under Superannuation Act of 1864, being for the year 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Oyster Fisheries :—Mr. Dean presented a Petition from certain residents of the Manning River, complaining of the system of leasing Oyster Beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction, in lieu thereof, of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing.  
Petition received.
8. Contributors to Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—
- (1.) How many persons have been discharged from the Public Service within the last six months without cause on their side.
- (2.) How many of those persons contributed to the Superannuation Fund; and also the amount contributed to that Fund, in each case.
- (3.) Has the Government refunded to persons discharged from the Public Service—through no fault of theirs—the amount contributed by such persons to the Superannuation Fund?
- (4.) The names, ages, and length of service of all persons who are at present in receipt of payment from the Superannuation Fund.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
9. 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.  
Mr. Leary moved, That the Question be amended by inserting before the word "Three" the words "half past."  
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and negatived (after Debate).  
Original Question then put and passed.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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, Mr. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Chairman of Committees:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 15, That John Lackey, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session. Debate ensued. Mr. Dean moved the Previous Question. Debate continued. Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put. The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Onslow,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. King,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Boll,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Dean,	
Mr. Spoor,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Morrice,	

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

Ayes, 31.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. King,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Onslow,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Speer,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Cummings,	

Whereupon Mr. Lackey made his acknowledgments to the House.

23. Railway Extension :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 16,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best mode of facilitating inland traffic, and upon the subject of Railway Extension generally.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Onslow, Mr. Speer, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report, and Proceedings, &c., of the Select Committee of last Session on Railway Extension, be referred to the said Committee.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1870, A.M.,

And Mr. Lord 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 best mode of facilitating inland traffic, and upon the subject of Railway Extension generally, and that the Progress Report, and Proceedings, &c., of the Select Committee of last Session on Railway Extension, be referred to the said Committee,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Onslow, and Mr. Wisdom.

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate Commons.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The number of miles of railway open.
  - (2.) The number of passengers.
  - (3.) The tons of goods.
  - (4.) The total earnings for coaching.
  - (5.) The total earnings for goods.
  - (6.) Total combined earnings.
  - (7.) The total expenditure.
  - (8.) The net earnings.
  - (9.) Amount of capital invested.
  - (10.) The rate of interest.
  - (11.) The average working expenses per cent. on earnings—on the Southern, Western, Richmond, and Northern Railways, from 1 January, 1869, to 31 December, 1869.

2. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all Railway Contractors, the contract or contracts taken by each Contractor, inclusive of Extensions, Station Houses, Goods Sheds, Gate Houses, and other Railway Expenditure.
  - (2.) The amount paid on account of each contract, whether under tender or schedule of prices; the number of miles of Railway in progress, and the amount payable on completion of existing contracts, together with costs of station accommodation and Gate Houses.
  - (3.) The total amount to the credit of the Government applicable to Railway construction.

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TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the efficiency, general management, and control of all kinds of public vehicles and boats carrying passengers and goods for hire in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, as well as within the harbour of Port Jackson.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. King, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Allen, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Papers :—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
  - (1.) Additional Regulation for carrying into effect the Oyster Beds Act of 1868.
  - (2.) Additional Regulation under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
  - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with Sec. 5 of 25 Vic. No. 1.
  - (4.) Report on the Collection of Stock Statistics by the Police.
  - (5.) Road Trust Accounts, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1869.
  - (6.) Report from Chief Inspector of Sheep and Cattle, for the year 1869.
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.  
Question put and passed.
3. Public Roads Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for and regulate Roads.  
Question put and passed.
4. Commons Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to regulate Commons.  
Question put and passed.
5. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Cowper not making the Motion No. 1 standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
6. Railway Statistics :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The number of miles of railway open.
  - (2.) The number of passengers.
  - (3.) The tons of goods.
  - (4.) The total earnings for coaching.
  - (5.) The total earnings for goods.
  - (6.) Total combined earnings.
  - (7.) The total expenditure.
  - (8.) The net earnings.
  - (9.) Amount of capital invested.
  - (10.) The rate of interest.
  - (11.) The average working expenses per cent. on earnings—on the Southern, Western, Richmond, and Northern Railways, from 1 January, 1869, to 31 December, 1869.
 Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
7. Railway Contracts :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
  - (1.) The names of all Railway Contractors, the contract or contracts taken by each Contractor, inclusive of Extensions, Station Houses, Goods Sheds, Gate Houses, and other Railway Expenditure.
  - (2.) The amount paid on account of each contract, whether under tender or schedule of prices ; the number of miles of Railway in progress, and the amount payable on completion of existing contracts, together with costs of station accommodation and Gate Houses.
  - (3.) The total amount to the credit of the Government applicable to Railway construction.
 Question put and passed.

8. Cemeteries Regulation Bill :—Mr. 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 Wednesday next.  
The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Four o'clock, until to 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, 4 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) When the Evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed by the Government to ascertain what measures, if any, could be adopted for relieving the Hunter River District from the effects of Floods, will be laid upon the Table of this House, together with their Report thereon ?  
(2.) Have the Government considered this Report, in reference to dealing with the subject by Legislation at an early period ?
2. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving private Pupils into the Public Departments ; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd February, from certain residents of the Manning River, complaining of the system of leasing Oyster Beds, be printed.

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TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. DEAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to facilitate the distillation of Rum from the products of Colonial Cane-fields ?
2. MR. DEAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Will the Minister for Works be kind enough to explain why the sums voted by Parliament for improving the navigation of the Macleay River, have not been expended ?  
(2.) When will the Dredge promised to the Manning be sent to that River ?  
(3.) Is the Honorable the Minister for Works aware that the bridge over King Creek, on the road from Port Macquarie to New England, is in a very dangerous state,—that the conductors of wool drays cross it now at the risk of their lives, and that the first fresh will take it away altogether, unless it should be at once attended to ? Is he further aware that the overseer of the road has left the district, and is now on the Clarence ?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) On what date is the contractor, who undertook to erect the piers of the Bridge proposed to be constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway, from Muscledbrook to Scone, required to have the whole of the work completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways ?  
(2.) Has the District Engineer reported that the progress hitherto made by such contractor has been satisfactory, and that there is every probability of the contract being completed within the stipulated period ?  
(3.) What is the amount of fine, set forth in the general conditions and specifications of such contract for which the said contractor is liable, in the event of the non-completion of the contract within the prescribed period ?  
(4.) Do the Government intend to enforce the payment of such fines or penalties unless sufficient cause be shown for any delay in the execution of the contract ?  
(5.) How many of the cylinders for the piers have been sunk, and what progress has been made with the work up to the 31st January, 1870 ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the efficiency, general management, and control of all kinds of public vehicles and boats carrying passengers and goods for hire in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, as well as within the harbour of Port Jackson.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. King, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Allen, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

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WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne process.

## TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, for the purpose of facilitating freedom of intercourse between Members of this House and their constituents, it is expedient so to amend the Postage Acts now in force, as to provide that all letters and papers sent by or to Members of Parliament, shall be transmitted free of any postal charge or imposition whatever.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member Sworn:—Thomas Bawden, Esquire, having taken the Oath and Subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
  - (1.) Floods in Hunter River District:—Mr. Lec asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) When the Evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed by the Government to ascertain what measures, if any, could be adopted for relieving the Hunter River District from the effects of Floods, will be laid upon the Table of this House, together with their Report thereon?
    - (2.) Have the Government considered this Report, in reference to dealing with the subject by Legislation at an early period?
 Mr. Cowper answered,—The final Report has not been presented, nor has any Evidence been furnished. An application has been made to extend the Commission for six months, to enable the Commissioners to have plans prepared to accompany and illustrate the Report, as also photographs.  
*Mr. Lec withdrew the Question No. 2.*
3. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Progress Report from the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report respecting Floods in the Hunter River District.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from the Reverend William Purves, of the City of Sydney, representing that on or about the 5th day of November, 1869, Petitioner, with others, obtained leave to introduce this Bill into the Legislative Assembly; that the Bill was introduced and read a first time, but before its passing the Session of Parliament was terminated;—and praying for leave (*under section (b) of the 65th Standing Order*) to proceed with the Bill during the present Session of Parliament.  
Petition received.
5. Public Roads Bill:—Mr. Forster 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 Wednesday next.
6. Commons Regulation Bill:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Commons*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
7. Oyster Fisheries ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Dean moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd February, from certain residents of the Manning River, complaining of the system of leasing Oyster Beds, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at a quarter before 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, 8 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. DEAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to facilitate the distillation of Rum from the products of Colonial Cane-fields?
2. MR. DEAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Will the Minister for Works be kind enough to state when the sums voted by Parliament for improving the navigation of the Macleay River will be expended?
  - (2.) When will the Dredge promised to the Manning be sent to that River?
  - (3.) Is the Honorable the Minister for Works aware that the bridge over King Creek, on the road from Port Macquarie to New England, is in a very dangerous state, and that the first fresh will take it away, unless it be at once attended to? Is he further aware that the overseer of the road has left the district, and is now on the Clarence?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) On what date is the contractor, who undertook to erect the piers of the Bridge proposed to be constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway, from Musclebrook to Scone, required to have the whole of the work completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?
  - (2.) Has the District Engineer reported that the progress hitherto made by such contractor has been satisfactory, and that there is every probability of the contract being completed within the stipulated period?
  - (3.) What is the amount of fine, set forth in the general conditions and specifications of such contract for which the said contractor is liable, in the event of the non-completion of the contract within the prescribed period?
  - (4.) Do the Government intend to enforce the payment of such fines or penalties unless sufficient cause be shown for any delay in the execution of the contract?
  - (5.) How many of the cylinders for the piers have been sunk, and what progress has been made with the work up to the 31st January, 1870?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Country?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Did the Honorable Member for The Clarence, Mr. Bawden, at the time he was elected a Member of this House, hold the office of Scab Inspector, or any other office of emolument under the Government?
6. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the promised new Gold Fields Bill at such an early period in the Session as will enable the mining community to have ample time during its passage through Parliament to express an opinion as to its suitability to correct the evils so much complained of as now existing on the Gold Fields?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the efficiency, general management, and control of all kinds of public vehicles and boats carrying passengers and goods for hire in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, as well as within the harbour of Port Jackson.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. King, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Allen, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there any, and if any, what provision made under the Discases in Sheep Act to prevent imported sheep from being landed before being examined by an Inspector?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.
2. MR. SAMUEL *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill; second reading.
3. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne process.
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TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving private Pupils into the Public Departments; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed?

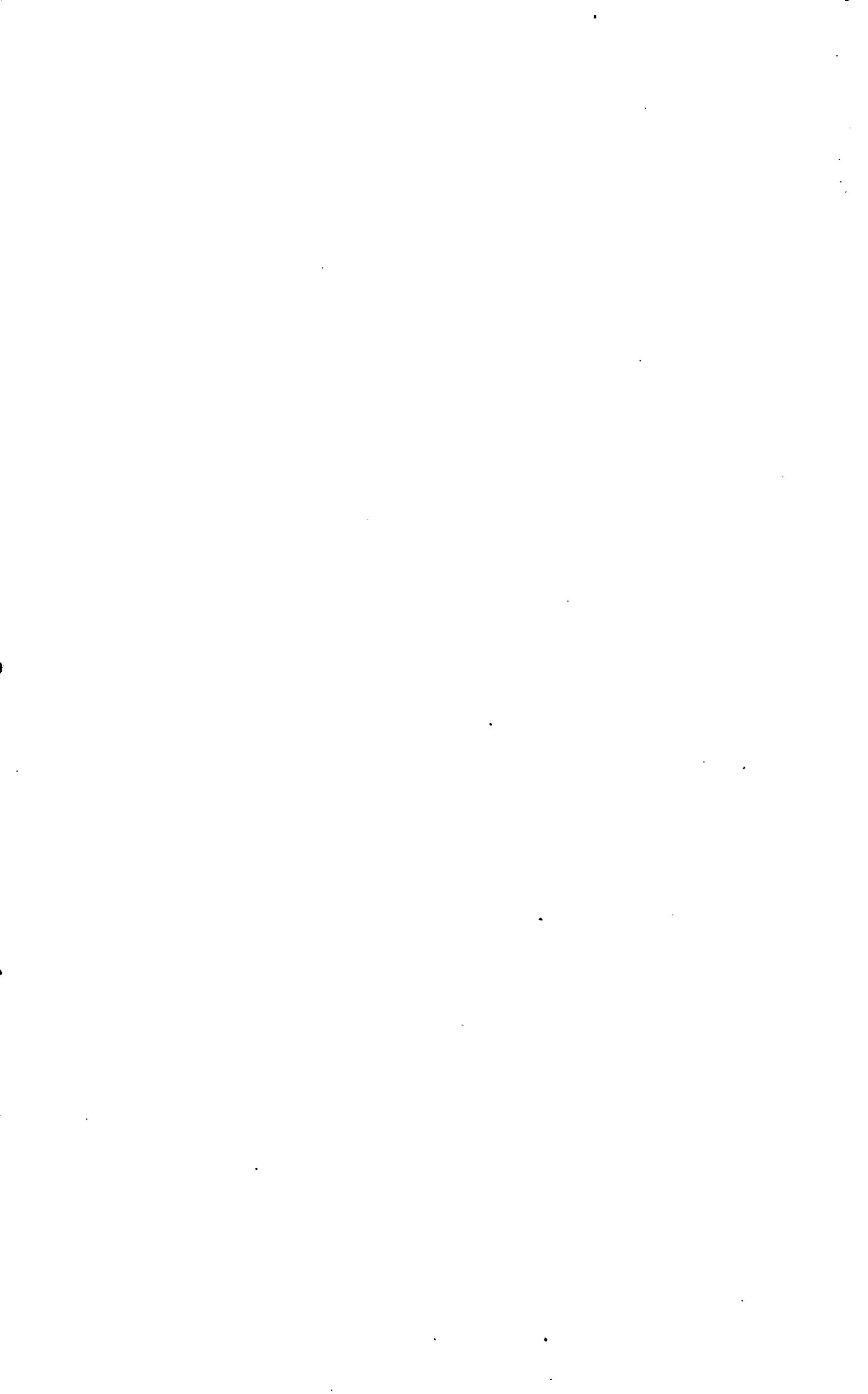
OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAN to move,—
    - (1.) That, for the purpose of facilitating freedom of intercourse between Members of this House and their constituents, it is expedient so to amend the Postage Acts now in force, as to provide that all letters and papers sent by or to Members of Parliament, shall be transmitted free of any postal charge or imposition whatever.
    - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
    - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
    - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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New South Wales.

No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Election Petition:—Mr. Cowper, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Arthur Remington, complaining of the election and return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains,—alleging that the said election and return are void and of no effect; and praying that the said Petition may be dealt with as the law requires.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

(1.) Distillation of Rum from Products of Colonial Cane-fields:—Mr. Dean asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to facilitate the distillation of Rum from the products of Colonial Cane-fields?

Mr. Cowper answered,—My honorable colleague the Colonial Treasurer will submit a measure for dealing with this question on an early day.

(2.) Navigation of Macleay River:—Mr. Dean asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Will the Minister for Works be kind enough to state when the sums voted by Parliament for improving the navigation of the Macleay River will be expended?

(2.) When will the Dredge promised to the Manning be sent to that River?

(3.) Is the Honorable the Minister for Works aware that the bridge over King Creek, on the road from Port Macquarie to New England, is in a very dangerous state, and that the first fresh will take it away, unless it be at once attended to? Is he further aware that the overseer of the road has left the district, and is now on the Clarence?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government being desirous of obtaining the most powerful dredging machinery procurable with the funds at its disposal, entered into negotiations with the Government of Queensland for the purchase of one of the dredges which, it was understood, it did not require, and some delay arose in consequence of the refusal of the Queensland Government, at first, to accept the price offered. The purchase has now, however, been arranged, and steps are being taken to have the dredge brought away.

(2.) I am not aware of any such promise having been made, and it is not proposed to provide a dredge specially for the Manning, there being no funds available for the purpose; but the dredge recently purchased from the Queensland Government, and which is intended for the Northern Rivers, will be sent to the Manning as soon as her services can be spared from the Clarence and the Macleay, where it is intended in the first instance to employ her.

(3.) A report was received early in December last, that one of the piers of King's River Bridge had sunk, but that repairs could be postponed until the return of the officer for the district from the Armidale Road, where he was proceeding on very urgent duty. This officer only returned on the 3rd instant. The bridge will now be attended to at once.

(3.) Bridge over the Hunter River at Aberdeen:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) On what date is the contractor who undertook to erect the piers of the Bridge proposed to be constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway, from Musclebrook to Scone, required to have the whole of the work completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?

(2.) Has the District Engineer reported that the progress hitherto made by such contractor has been satisfactory, and that there is every probability of the contract being completed within the stipulated period?

(3.) What is the amount of fine set forth in the general conditions and specifications of such contract for which the said contractor is liable, in the event of the non-completion of the contract within the prescribed period?

(4.)

(4.) Do the Government intend to enforce the payment of such fines or penalties unless sufficient cause be shown for any delay in the execution of the contract?

(5.) How many of the cylinders for the piers have been sunk, and what progress has been made with the work up to the 31st January, 1870?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) 31st March, 1870.

(2.) No; nor is there any probability of the contract being completed within the stipulated time.

(3.) £100 per week.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) None of the cylinders have been sunk, but a portion of the staging for two piers has been erected.

(4.) Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Country?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The measure is one of those which the Government is prepared to introduce at as early a period as the business of the Session will permit; but the attention of the House will be kept as closely as possible to the passing of the Estimates, in order that the business of the Session may be brought to a close as soon as a proper attention to the public requirements will permit.

(5.) Thomas Bawden, Esq., M.P.:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Did the Honorable Member for The Clarence, Mr. Bawden, at the time he was elected a Member of this House, hold the office of Scab Inspector, or any other office of emolument under the Government?

Mr. Cowper answered,—No.

*Mr. Baker withdrew the Question No. 6.*

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Deputy Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 4th February, 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 Throsby Park, in New South

Wales aforesaid, this fourth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand

(L.S.) “ eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty

“ Queen Victoria.

“ BELMORE.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ CHARLES COWPER.”

5. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2.) (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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 introduce a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

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

6. Public Vehicles and Boats:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*),—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the efficiency, general management, and control of all kinds of public vehicles and boats carrying passengers and goods for hire in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, as well as within the Harbour of Port Jackson.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. King, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Allen, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at one minute after Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is there any, and if any, what provision made under the Diseases in Sheep Act to prevent imported sheep from being landed before being examined by an Inspector?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the return be printed having reference to "General Cemetery, North Shore," which was ordered to be printed on the 21st October, 1869?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Bridge at Cowra finished?
  - (2.) Is the gentleman who was appointed Inspector of the Works still in the pay of the Government?
  - (3.) Is the Bridge Inspector at present at Cowra, and has he anything to do there?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is the Treasurer aware that a great portion of the silver coinage of this Colony at present in use is so debased by wear and damage that the banks refuse to take it?
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5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—In the statement of Receipts and Disbursements just published in reference to the Superannuation Fund, there are several items entered as gratuities, under Clause 10, to the relatives of deceased officers; are these gratuities the amounts contributed by deceased officers to the Superannuation Fund; if not, would the Colonial Treasurer state what these gratuities are, and upon what principle they are awarded?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.
2. MR. SAMUEL *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.
3. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate pensions and retiring allowances for officers in the Public Service.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill; second reading.
3. Commons Regulation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of all future Governors of this Colony.
2. MR. E. 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 Return shewing :—
  - (1.) The names of the Police Magistrates whose services have been dispensed with during the last six months, together with the names of the places to which they were appointed; the names of the places visited by them, and the amounts of their salaries and allowances respectively.
  - (2.) The amount in each case of the travelling and other expenses paid to other Police Magistrates, and otherwise for the performance of the duties formerly discharged by the Police Magistrates whose services were dispensed with, as stated in the last paragraph.
  - (3.) The total amount of the Retrenchment effected down to the end of last month, by dispensing with the services of these Police Magistrates.
3. MR. GARRETT *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes.

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government considered of the necessity of bringing in a Bill to amend the 4th section of the Volunteer Force Act of 1867, so as to allow of the issuing of land orders, in lieu of free grants of 50 acres, to those Volunteers who may choose to avail themselves of them?
2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Crown Lands Alienation Act and the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne process.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move,—
  - (1.) That the papers laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th October last, purporting to be a "Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th March, 1869, in reference to Railway Plant and Statistics," are incomplete, and not in compliance with the Order of the House.
  - (2.) That the missing papers being important, and essential to the object the Mover has in view, they be supplied by the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works at his earliest convenience.
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TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

Question :—

1. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving private Pupils into the Public Departments; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, for the purpose of facilitating freedom of intercourse between Members of this House and their constituents, it is expedient so to amend the Postage Acts now in force, as to provide that all letters and papers sent by or to Members of Parliament, shall be transmitted free of any postal charge or imposition whatever.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Examination of Imported Sheep:—*Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of *Mr. Nowlan*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is there any, and if any, what provision made under the Diseases in Sheep Act to prevent imported sheep from being landed before being examined by an Inspector?

*Mr. Forster* answered,—I beg leave respectfully to decline answering the honorable member's question, as being, in fact, a question upon a point of law, regarding which there is no reason for presuming that I am any better qualified than the honorable member himself to pronounce an opinion. But as regards the course taken by the Government, I may inform the honorable member that, inasmuch as it has been found that notice was not always given of the arrival of sheep for ship's use, the attention of ship agents and masters of vessels was, in June and July last, particularly called to the necessity for giving this notice with respect to sheep for ship's use, and that, as a further precaution, the Colonial Treasurer was, on the 22nd ultimo, moved to request the Collector of Customs to direct his officers to detain all sheep on board vessels from places outside the Colony till such sheep had been examined by an Inspector.

*Mr. Tunks* withdrew the Question No. 2.

- (2.) Cowra Bridge:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is the Bridge at Cowra finished?  
(2.) Is the gentleman who was appointed Inspector of the Works still in the pay of the Government?  
(3.) Is the Bridge Inspector at present at Cowra, and has he anything to do there?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

- (1.) The Cowra Bridge is not completed.  
(2.) Yes.  
(3.) The Bridge Inspector at Cowra is still employed about the Bridge, and has charge of some roads in the vicinity, and at Young. He will be removed to another district in a few days.

- (3.) Debased Silver Coins:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) Is the Treasurer aware that a great portion of the silver coinage of this Colony at present in use is so debased by wear and damage that the banks refuse to take it?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue a new silver coinage without delay?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.  
(2.) The Government have no power to issue a new silver coinage; but some months since, the matter was brought under the notice of the Imperial Government, with a view to remedy the inconvenience experienced by the defaced silver coin in circulation.

- (4.) Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—In the statement of Receipts and Disbursements just published in reference to the Superannuation Fund, there are several items entered as gratuities, under Clause 10, to the relatives of deceased officers; are these gratuities the amounts contributed by deceased officers to the Superannuation Fund; if not, would the Colonial Treasurer state what these gratuities are, and upon what principle they are awarded?

Mr.

Mr. Samuel answered,—These gratuities are not the amount contributed by deceased officers, but are paid from the Superannuation Fund under the 10th clause of the Act, which provides that the widow of a deceased officer shall receive a gratuity of one month's pay for each year of the officer's service,—if no widow, the children, and if no children, any other relations of the officer to receive such gratuity.

2. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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 upon a Question being moved, That the Committee agrees to a Resolution affirming the desirability of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores, the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven submitted that a Committee of the Whole has not power to sanction the introduction of a Bill without the expressed and authorized permission of the House. The Speaker said that the powers of a Committee of the Whole are limited by the terms of the Motion by which a matter is referred to it. In the present case the Committee has been constituted for the purpose of considering of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores, and its functions are limited accordingly.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Committee resumed.

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 introduce a Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.

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

3. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), for leave to introduce a Bill for the appropriation of certain unclaimed balances to the credit of deceased prisoners in the Savings Bank.

Question put and passed.

4. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of all future Governors of this Colony.

Question put and passed.

5. Police Magistrates ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. E. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), 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 names of the Police Magistrates whose services have been dispensed with during the last six months, together with the names of the places to which they were appointed; the names of the places visited by them, and the amounts of their salaries and allowances respectively.

(2.) The amount in each case of the travelling and other expenses paid to other Police Magistrates, and otherwise for the performance of the duties formerly discharged by the Police Magistrates whose services were dispensed with, as stated in the last paragraph.

(3.) The total amount of the Retrenchment effected down to the end of last month, by dispensing with the services of these Police Magistrates.

Question put and passed.

6. 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 next.

7. Superannuation Bill of 1870:—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 introducing a Bill to regulate Pensions and Retiring Allowances for Officers in the Public Service.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill:—Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores*,"—read a first time.

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

9. 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 Wednesday, 2nd February, 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 Stephen Campbell Brown, Thomas Garrett, John Lackey, and William Richman Piddington, 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 15th of February instant, in Committee Room No. 2.

10. Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

*Message*

BELMORE,

Message No. 9.

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 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, 9th February, 1870.

11. Election Petition :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Election Petition complaining of the election and return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains, which was laid upon the Table of this House, *by Command*, on the 8th February, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.  
Question put and passed.
12. 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 Persons 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.
13. Cemeteries Regulation Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Forster.
14. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. 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 to-morrow.
15. Public Roads Bill :—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman reported Progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
16. Commons Regulation Bill :—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The Debate on this question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Hill, until this day week.
17. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill (*Question of Order*) :—Mr. Garrett offering to make the motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—Mr. Farnell objected to the matter being proceeded with, on the ground that the Bill sought to be introduced was a Private Bill, and it did not appear that the Standing Orders in reference to Private Bills had been complied with.  
And the Speaker sustaining the objection so made,—  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.

Questions :—

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government considered of the necessity of bringing in a Bill to amend the 44th section of the Volunteer Force Act of 1867, so as to allow of the issuing of land orders in lieu of free grants of 50 acres, to those Volunteers who may choose to avail themselves of them?
2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Crown Lands Alienation Act and the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. Samuel to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne process.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Pension Bill of 1870; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing this Bill.
2. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

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1. MR. BYRNES to move,—  
 (1.) That the papers laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th October last, purporting to be a "Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th March, 1869, in reference to Railway Plant and Statistics," are incomplete, and not in compliance with the Order of the House.  
 (2.) That the missing papers being important, and essential to the object the Mover has in view, they be supplied by the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works at his earliest convenience.
2. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of leases of auriferous tracts granted since the 31st July, 1866,—stating whether of alluvial ground, quartz reefs, or river bed, and whether unworked or abandoned—the areas of such tracts, duration of leases; stating, also, periods of time respectively which elapsed between the application for such leases and the notifications respectively of the same being granted; also, in what cases the Commissioner granted leave for the occupation of the lands so applied for, and whether, where such leave was given, labour was employed upon the ground as provided for by the regulations in that behalf.

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*Question :—*

1. MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving private Pupils into the Public Departments; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed?

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1. MR. DEAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, for the purpose of facilitating freedom of intercourse between Members of this House and their constituents, it is expedient so to amend the Postage Acts now in force, as to provide that all letters and papers sent by or to Members of Parliament, shall be transmitted free of any postal charge or imposition whatever.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, A Bill to remove disqualifications of Judges, Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, and Justices of the Peace, in certain cases.
3. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, 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.
4. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, A Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act of 1866.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; second reading.
2. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

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

Amendment of Crown Lands Alienation Act and Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 :—

Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Crown Lands Alienation Act and the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?

Mr. Forster answered,—The Government have no intention of introducing any such Bill during the present Session, but the subject is under consideration.

2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Reply to an Address in reference to "Unauthorized Expenditure from the Treasury," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Morrice, on 19th January, 1869.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Estimates of Expenditure for 1870, and Supplementary Estimates for 1869 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. 10.*

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 1870, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1869 and previous years.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 9th February, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. Superannuation 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. 11.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for regulating Retiring and other Allowances and Gratuities in respect of Public Services.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 9th February, 1870.*

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

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—William Macleay, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—

(1.) Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne Process.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law as to Arrests on Mesne Process,*" read a first time.

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

7. Superannuation Bill of 1870 :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate Pensions and Retiring Allowances for Officers in the Public Service, 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 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 introduce a Bill to regulate Pensions and Retiring Allowances for Officers in the Public Service.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
8. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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 to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House 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. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
10. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Wearne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day “fortnight.”  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word “fortnight,” with a view to inserting in its place the word “week.”  
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.  
Question then,—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week,—put and passed.
11. Standing Orders :—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That, until Standing Rules and Orders be formally adopted, this House will observe the Standing Rules and Orders in force during the last Session of the Fifth Parliament, except in cases otherwise specially provided for by Sessional Order of the present Session.  
Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Has the Government offered a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person who set fire to some stacks of hay or oats in the County of Camden, the property of Mr. John Tickner?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government, in reference to the mysterious death of Margaret Boyce, lately found drowned in Sydney Harbour, to offer a reward for the discovery of the man who was last seen in her company, and who was particularly mentioned in the evidence as likely to know how she came by her death?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move,—  
(1.) That the papers laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th October last, purporting to be a “Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th March, 1869, in reference to Railway Plant and Statistics,” are incomplete, and not in compliance with the Order of the House.  
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY.

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 introducing 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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THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

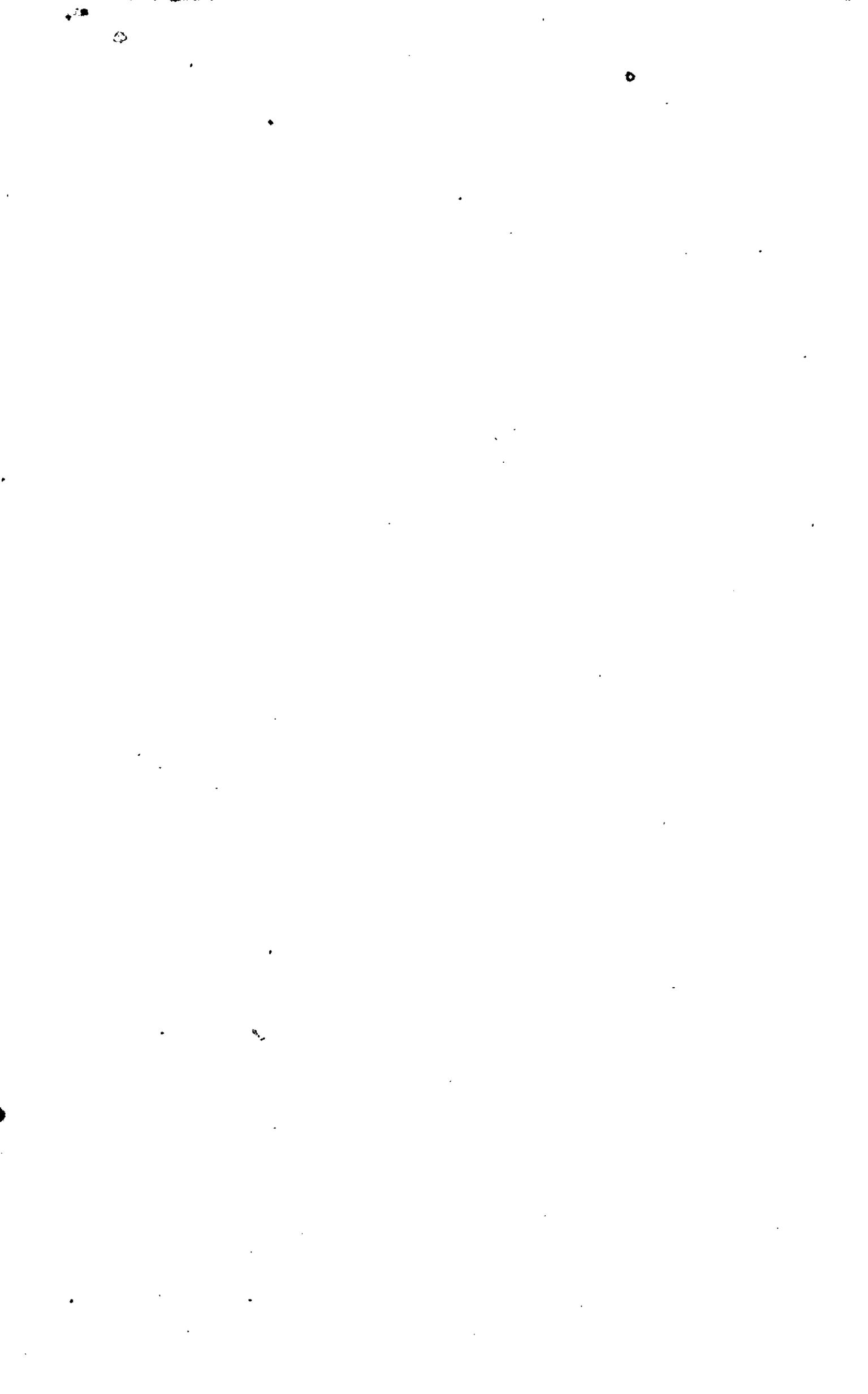
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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



## New South Wales.

No. 10.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Government Rewards:—Setting Fire to Hay Stacks at Camden—Case of Margaret Boyce:—

Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Government offered a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person who set fire to some stacks of hay or oats in the County of Camden, the property of Mr. John Tickner?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government, in reference to the mysterious death of Margaret Boyce, lately found drowned in Sydney Harbour, to offer a reward for the discovery of the man who was last seen in her company, and who was particularly mentioned in the evidence as likely to know how she came by her death?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Inquiries are being actively prosecuted by the police authorities with reference to the case of Margaret Boyce; but it is considered inexpedient at present to offer any reward.

2. Gunpowder Export Regulation 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 regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores.*"

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 regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th February, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. 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, 9.

Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Leary,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Driver,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Buchanan.

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Sir James Martin,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. King,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Brookes,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	

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Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

## Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. M. H. Stephen,
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Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Allen,
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Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Brookes.
Mr. Lackey,	
Sir James Martin,	

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Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. E. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Church.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. S. Brown,	

Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.

4. **Railway Plant and Statistics** :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
 (1.) That the papers laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th October last, purporting to be a "Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12th March, 1869, in reference to Railway Plant and Statistics," are incomplete, and not in compliance with the Order of the House.  
 (2.) That the missing papers being important, and essential to the object the Mover has in view, they be supplied by the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works at his earliest convenience.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
5. **Gold Fields—Leases of Auriferous Lands** :—Mr. M. H. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of leases of auriferous tracts granted since the 31st July, 1866,—stating whether of alluvial ground, quartz reefs, or river bed, and whether unworked or abandoned—the areas of such tracts, duration of leases; stating, also, periods of time respectively which elapsed between the application for such leases and the notifications respectively of the same being granted; also, in what cases the Commissioner granted leave for the occupation of the lands so applied for, and whether, where such leave was given, labour was employed upon the ground as provided for by the regulations in that behalf.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Two minutes after 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, 15 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

- MR. LEE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving private Pupils into the Public Departments; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed?
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- MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is the Government in possession of any official correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylums, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease?  
 (2.) Have any official complaints been made by the Government Asylums Board, during the past two years, respecting the general carelessness of the Sydney Infirmary Medical Officers, in mis-describing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums?  
 (3.) Has any Report been received from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary?  
 (4.) Have any complaints, respecting the verminous condition in which other patients forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution, to establishments under Government control, been received?  
 (5.) Is the Government responsible for any, and what portion, of the Expenses and Salaries of the Nurses brought from England for the purpose of introducing the Nightingale system of nursing into the Infirmary; and has the Government any control or authority over the said Nurses?  
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 THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

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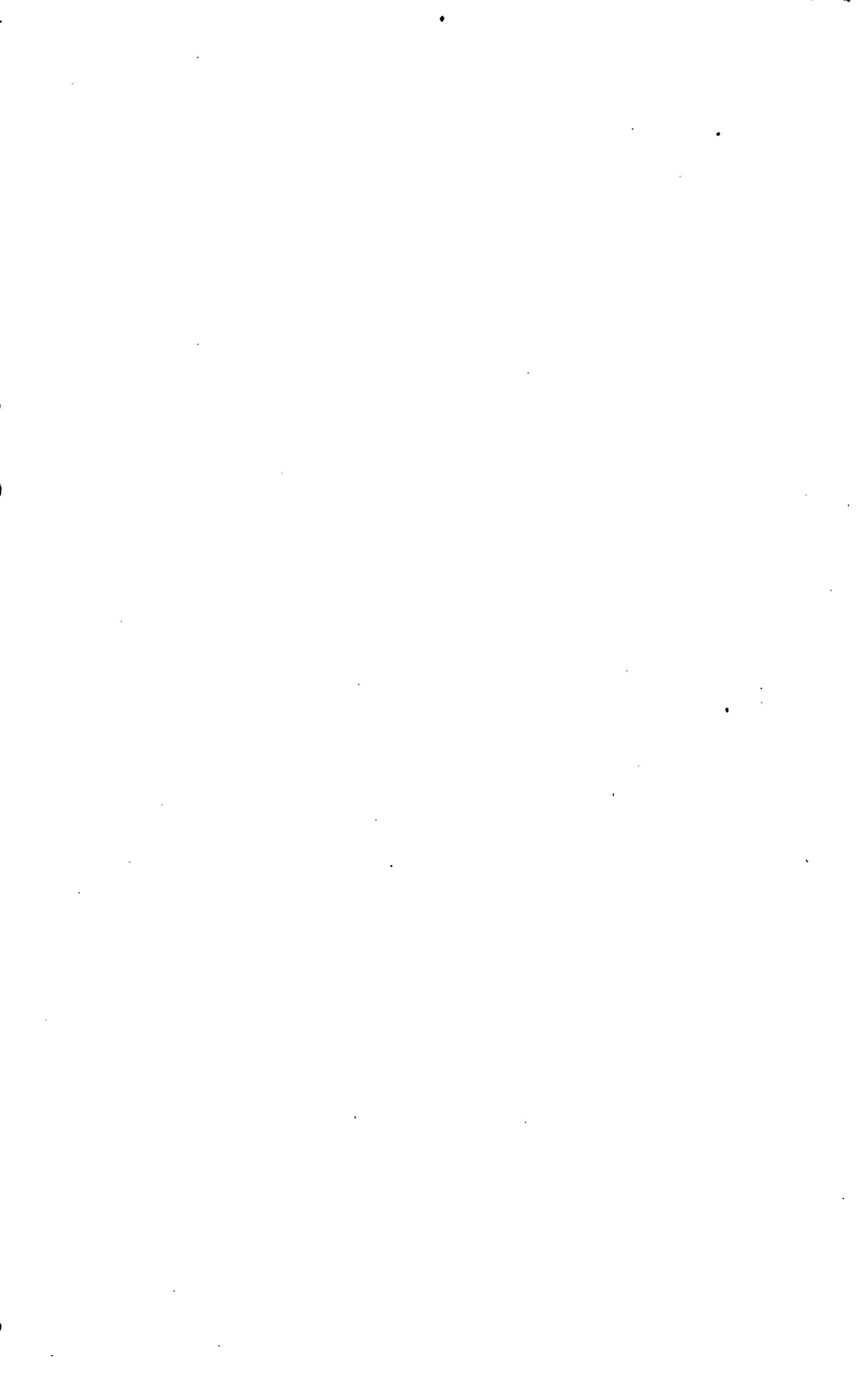
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 TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
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New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member Sworn :—Colin Alexander Fraser, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Tenterfield,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
  2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
    - (1.) Private Pupils in Public Departments :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government arrived at any decision in reference to Government Officers receiving Private Pupils into the Public Departments ; and whether this practice shall be discontinued, or allowed ?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes. The Government have decided that no Private Pupils shall hereafter be received by any officers of the Government.
    - (2.) Grants of Land to Volunteers :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the Government considered of the necessity of bringing in a Bill to amend the 44th section of the Volunteer Force Act of 1867, so as to allow of the issuing of land orders, in lieu of free grants of 50 acres, to those Volunteers who may choose to avail themselves of them ?  
Mr. Cowper answered,—The subject of making grants of land to Volunteers entitled to them, under the Volunteer Force Regulations Act of 1867, has engaged the attention of the Government ; and it has been determined to give instructions that those Volunteers, about whose title to such tracts there can be no doubt, shall have authority to make their selections without any further delay. The selections to be made from Crown Lands of the description laid down in the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, but without any of the conditions attached to “Free Selectors.” The grants to the Volunteers to be absolute and unconditional. So soon as the applications of those whose claims, on the ground of efficient service prior to the first day of January, 1868, can be decided upon, similar grants will be issued to such Volunteers as may be considered entitled to them.
    - (3.) Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
      - (1.) Is the Government in possession of any official correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylums, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease ?
      - (2.) Have any official complaints been made by the Government Asylums Board, during the past two years, respecting the general carelessness of the Sydney Infirmary Medical Officers, in mis-describing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums ?
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      - (6.) What amount of public money has been paid during the year 1869 to the support of the Sydney Infirmary ?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Search has been made in my office during the short time I have had opportunity, and no such complaints have been discovered. There is an impression, however, that some such complaints have been made.

(3.)

- (3.) Yes.  
 (4.) Yes.  
 (5.) The whole of the expenses of the Nurses brought from England was paid by Parliamentary Vote.

(6.) Payments to present date out of Votes for 1869 were,—

Support of Paupers	... ..	£4,500	0	0
Salary of Lady Superior and Sisters	... ..	481	5	0
Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary	... ..	3,775	2	1
Total	... ..	£8,756	7	1

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

(1.) Return to Order in reference to "Travelling Expenses of Dr. Badham," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. J. Stewart, on 26th October, 1869.

(2.) Lord Howe Island—Report of Official Visit by the Water Police Magistrate, and the Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney;—together with a description of the Island, by Edward S. Hill, Esq. Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to Address in reference to "Mr. De Philipsthal, late Clerk in the Office of Inspector General of Police," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. W. Suttor, on 12th February, 1869.

4. Standing Orders:—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible.  
 Question put and passed.

5. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from Henry Parkes, Esquire, returned as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney, and also as Member for the Electoral District of Kiama:—

"The Honble.

"Sydney, Feb. 15, 1870.

"The Speaker,

"Legislative Assembly,

"Sir,

"I hereby resign my Seat as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your obdt. servt.,

"HENRY PARKES."

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney, hath become and is now vacant, he having been returned to serve in this Parliament for the Electoral District of East Sydney, and also for the Electoral District of Kiama, and having resigned his Seat for the Electoral District of East Sydney.  
 Question put and passed.

6. Paper:—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Additional Regulations with respect to the issue of Leases for Gold Mining purposes on Church and School Lands.  
 Ordered to be printed.
7. John Whitford:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from John Whitford, of Redfern, near Sydney, Esquire, alleging that he has suffered great loss in consequence of the Crown failing to grant him a lease of a certain run occupied by him under promise of a lease; and praying that the necessary steps may be taken, in order that justice may be done to Petitioner in the premises.  
 Petition received.
8. Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (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.
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- (3.) That the Progress Report, brought up 24th March, 1869, on the same subject, together with the Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, be referred to this Committee.  
 Question put and passed.
9. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Dean withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, A Bill to remove disqualifications of Judges, Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, and Justices of the Peace, in certain cases.  
 Question put and passed.
11. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, 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.
12. Game Preservation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, for leave to introduce a Bill intituled, A Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act of 1866.  
 Question put and passed.

13. Production of Writ for St. Leonards at Criminal Court:—The Speaker,—having informed the House that he had received a letter from the Crown Solicitor, informing him that it will be necessary to produce the Writ for St. Leonards, used at the late General Election, in a case to be tried during the present sittings of the Criminal Court, and requesting that the necessary steps may be taken for its production,—

Put a question,—That the Clerk have leave to produce the said Writ, either personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, with the condition, that the said Writ be carefully and faithfully returned to him with the least possible delay,—which passed in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at Nine minutes before 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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WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. ONSLOW *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the fact that the stripping of bark by persons not holding timber licenses is becoming prevalent?
2. MR. LEE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government are aware that very serious injury has been done to the wooden piles of Dunmore Bridge from the action of cobra thereon?
  - (2.) Has an examination been made, under the water, of the whole of these piles, and a report furnished to the Government?
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5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

*Question:—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is any Log-book, Time-table, or other Record, kept on board the Dredging Machines and other vessels engaged in removing silt, which will show the amount of work performed daily, and the hours such dredges and vessels respectively have been actively employed?
  - (2.) Has any survey been made of the sites of the reclamations in the harbour of Port Jackson, now in hand, which will show the quantity of cubic yards to be filled in at the commencement of the work?
  - (3.) Is the silt used in reclamations deposited by contract or by day labour?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. NEALE *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmity, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmity a part of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.
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## New South Wales.

## No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Stripping Bark by Unlicensed Persons :—Mr. Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the fact that the stripping of bark by persons not holding timber licenses is becoming prevalent?

Mr. Forster answered,—Attention was some time since called to the practice of bark stripping in the Picton district, and the Crown Lands Bailiff for Cumberland has been sent there frequently with a view to its repression. I am given to understand that there is no reason to believe that the practice is increasing in other districts. However, the police are now specially required to deal with breaches of the Timber Regulations.

- (2.) Dunmore Bridge :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Whether the Government are aware that very serious injury has been done to the wooden piles of Dunmore Bridge from the action of cobra thereon?

(2.) Has an examination been made, under the water, of the whole of these piles, and a report furnished to the Government?

(3.) Should these extensive injuries be proved to exist, is it the intention of the Government to take steps for preventing the total destruction of this structure?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government are aware that some injury has been done to two of the bays of piles of the Dunmore Bridge, in consequence of the bed of the river having been cut away eleven feet in depth by the unusually severe flood of 1867.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Plans and specifications for the repairs are prepared, and tenders will shortly be invited.

2. Election Petition :—Mr. Cowper, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from Edward Webb, of Braidwood, complaining of the election and return of Michael William Kelly, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Braidwood, as being an undue election and return; and praying that the said Petition may be dealt with as the law requires.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Cowper, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—Alexander Dodds, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. Post Office at Bankstown :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bankstown, Liverpool Road, and surrounding neighbourhood, representing that for some years a local Post Office has been established at Bankstown; that recently the name of this Post Office has been changed to that of "Irishtown," and a second Post Office established two miles distant therefrom, called "Bankstown Proper;" that such change has caused great inconvenience to Petitioners;—and praying that such steps may be taken as will afford them speedy relief.

Petition received.

5. Commons Regulation Bill :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Trustees and Commoners of the Pitt Town Common, objecting to certain provisions in this Bill; and praying that the Bill may not be passed, or if passed, that it may be modified so as to meet the objections of Petitioners.

Petition received.

6. Marine Board Bill :—(*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing 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.
7. Thomas Thrower :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Thomas Thrower, resident in Jamberoo, in the District of Kiama, setting forth that for several years he carried on business as a licensed victualler, at Greenhills, Shoalhaven, in a house, his own property, situated on the Main Southern Road; that in consequence of a new Government road having been opened through the Greenhills, his business decreased, and his property deteriorated; and praying that his case may receive favorable consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
8. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows :—  
No. 1, to follow after No. 4.  
No. 2, to follow after No. 1 (*as postponed.*)  
No. 3, to follow after No. 2 (*as postponed.*)
9. 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 to-morrow.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.
10. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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 to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Public Roads Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being 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 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 an Amendment having been proposed, put from the Chair, and negatived, in the 11th line of a clause, it is not in order to allow an amendment in the 10th line of the same clause to be afterwards put.  
The Speaker, referring to the 139th Standing Order of the House of Commons, ruled that it is not in order to propose an amendment in any part of a question after a later part has been amended, or has been proposed to be amended, unless the proposed amendment has been withdrawn.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Committee resumed.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named :—  
No. 3, further postponed, until this day week, by Mr. Forster.  
Nos. 5 and 6, until to-morrow, by Mr. Cowper.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-eight 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.

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THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is any Log-book, Time-table, or other Record, kept on board the Dredging Machines and other vessels engaged in removing silt, which will show the amount of work performed daily, and the hours such dredges and vessels respectively have been actively employed?
  - (2.) Has any survey been made of the sites of the reclamations in the harbour of Port Jackson, now in hand, which will show the quantity of cubic yards to be filled in at the commencement of the work?
  - (3.) Is the silt used in reclamations deposited by contract or by day labour?

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 introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Marine Board Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing 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.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; reception of Resolution from Committee.
5. Unclaimed Balances Appropriation Bill; third reading.
6. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th February, from Trustees and Commoners of the Pitt Town Common, against the Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition relative to the Post Office at Bankstown, presented by him on the 16th February, from certain Inhabitants of Bankstown, be printed.
3. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th February, from Thomas Thrower, be printed.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. 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.
5. 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 without delay.
  - (3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
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TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.
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New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Removing Silt by Dredging Machines:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is any Log-book, Time-table, or other Record, kept on board the Dredging Machines and other vessels engaged in removing silt, which will show the amount of work performed daily, and the hours such dredges and vessels respectively have been actively employed?

(2.) Has any survey been made of the sites of the reclamations in the harbour of Port Jackson, now in hand, which will show the quantity of cubic yards to be filled in at the commencement of the work?

(3.) Is the silt used in reclamations deposited by contract or by day labour?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) By contract.

2. Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway:—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from Alexander Walker Scott, Esquire, formerly of the City of Newcastle, but now of the City of Sydney, one of the Trustees of the Newcastle Proprietary Grammar School, referring to a Petition presented by him to the Legislative Assembly, in the month of January, 1869, setting forth an unsatisfied claim on account of land at Honeysuckle Point, near Newcastle, taken by the Hunter River Railway; and praying for inquiry, with a view to relief, in the premises.  
Petition received.

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, New Regulations under the Gold Fields Act of 1866, published 17th February, 1870.

(2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, List of Directors of the Destitute Children's Asylum for the year 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Colonial Produce Distillation 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 introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.  
Question put and passed.

5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.  
Question put and passed.

6. 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

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, 17th February, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Commons Regulation Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 16th February, from Trustees and Commoners of the Pitt Town Common, against the Commons Regulation Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Post Office at Bankstown ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition relative to the Post Office at Bankstown, presented by him on the 16th February, from certain Inhabitants of Bankstown, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Thomas Thrower ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 16th February, from Thomas Thrower, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, to follow after No. 8.
11. Marine Board Bill:—
  - (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing 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 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 introduce 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.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Samuel having presented this 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 Thursday, 10th March.
12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.
13. 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:—  
(No. 2.) *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 1870.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
14. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 6 postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, to stand the last Order on the Paper for to-day.
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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
16. Paper:—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
17. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mesne Process Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
18. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2):—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—resumed and continued.  
Mr. Lee 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.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Onslow,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Dean,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Fraser,	
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Lloyd,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Tunks,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lee.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

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

19. Public Roads Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill further postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, 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.

FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Who is the Contractor for the full-dress uniform of the Duke of Edinburgh's Highlanders?  
(2.) What is the total amount of the Contract?  
(3.) What is the Government allowance for each member; and how much is each member expected to pay?  
(4.) Did the Contractor sign a bond for the supply of the uniform by a certain time; and if so, what is the time mentioned therein?
2. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the road from Nundle to the Hanging Rock?
3. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Do the Government intend to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.
2. MR. LEE *to move*, That the Petition of Mr. Alexander Walker Scott, presented by him on 17th February, be printed.
3. MR. LEE *to move*,—  
(1.) That the Petition of Mr. Alexander Walker Scott, presented by him on 17th February, be 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. Campbell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Onslow, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of last Session, together with the Evidence on this subject, be referred to such Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. CHURCH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What provision the Government intend making for the performance of the Bench duties at the Court-house, Tambaroora, as there has been no Police Magistrate there since the 13th ultimo, and a prisoner has been confined in the Lock-up for more than four weeks, waiting for a Police Magistrate or two unpaid Justices to deal with the case?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. NEALE to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. RYAN to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. 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.
5. 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 without delay.  
(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

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 WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) Copies of all official Correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylum, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease.  
(2.) Copies of all official complaints forwarded by the Board of the Destitute Asylum to the Managers of the Sydney Infirmary, respecting the general carelessness of the Infirmary Medical Officers, in misdescribing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums.  
(3.) Copies of all reports from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary.  
(4.) Copies of all complaints respecting the verminous condition in which the other patients, forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution to establishments under Government control, have been received.  
(5.) Report of proceedings and depositions taken at an inquest held during the month of November last, affecting the death of an infant that died in the Sydney Infirmary of neglect, and in which the jury severely censured the medical officers for their want of humanity and inattention.

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 TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.

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 THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Uniform for Duke of Edinburgh's Highlanders :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Who is the Contractor for the full-dress uniform of the Duke of Edinburgh's Highlanders ?

(2.) What is the total amount of the Contract ?

(3.) What is the Government allowance for each member ; and how much is each member expected to pay ?

(4.) Did the Contractor sign a bond for the supply of the uniform by a certain time ; and if so, what is the time mentioned therein ?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The name of the Contractor is Mr. Lorking, of George-street. The total amount of the contract is not given to me by the department, but I find that the cost of the uniform will be £7 10s. 6d., of which it appears £3 10s. is the Government allowance—£4 0s. 6d., therefore, will be left to be paid by each member. It appears that there was no contract signed by the Contractor.

- (2.) Road from Nundle to Hanging Rock :—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of the road from Nundle to the Hanging Rock ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders will be invited immediately on the receipt in my office of the necessary specifications, for which instructions were issued to the road overseer, on the 3rd instant.

*Mr. Leary not asking the Question standing in his name, it dropped.*

2. Gold Fields :—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners residing on the Rocky River, setting forth that in the year 1861 Petitioners became the purchasers of the right, title, and interest of certain authorized persons in and to a Water Race on the Rocky River Gold Field ; that in the year 1863 the Government sold to one Bernard Rooney two acres of land crossing the line of said Water Race ; that Petitioners were subjected to much annoyance by the said Bernard Rooney, and in the year 1869 became the defendants in an action brought by Rooney for trespass, and thereby incurred great pecuniary loss, notwithstanding a verdict was given in their favour ;—and praying inquiry into the circumstances, with a view to such relief being afforded as the justice of the case may demand.

And the same having being read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.

3. Papers :—Mr. Forster 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 1st November, 1869, to 15th February, 1870.

(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 period from 1st November, 1869, to 15th February, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England for the Diocese of Sydney, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that this Bill may not be passed.  
Petition received.

5. George Swinnerton Yarnton :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from George Swinnerton Yarnton, of Sydney, Solicitor, representing that in the month of February, 1859, he accepted the office of Registrar of the Metropolitan District Court; that in the month of January, 1869, he was removed from this office, provision for his salary having ceased; that he has made repeated applications for compensation for loss of office, but without success; and praying a favourable consideration of his case, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
6. Unitarian Church Land Bill :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Isaac Aaron, of Sydney, Surgeon, one of the Trustees of the Unitarian Chapel or School Land on Church Hill, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Land, being the site for a Unitarian Church or School, on Church Hill, Sydney, to dispose of and convey the same, and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned, and for other purposes.  
And Mr. Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette* and *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing notices, for four consecutive weeks, in the month of January, 1870, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
7. Matrimonial Causes Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.
8. Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway (“*Formal*” *Motions*):—  
(1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition of Mr. Alexander Walker Scott, presented by him on 17th February, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
(1.) That the Petition of Mr. Alexander Walker Scott, presented by him on 17th February, be 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. Campbell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of last Session, together with the Evidence on this subject, be referred to such Committee.  
Question put and passed.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*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.
10. Superannuation Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Samuel having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate Pensions and Retiring Allowances for Officers in the Public Service*,”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 9th March.
11. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Wednesday next.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee 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 Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Phelps, Mr. M. C. Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before 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, 22 FEBRUARY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. CHURCH *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What provision the Government intend making for the performance of the Bench duties at the Court-house, Tambaroora, as there has been no Police Magistrate there since the 13th ultimo, and a prisoner has been confined in the Lock-up for more than four weeks, waiting for a Police Magistrate or two unpaid Justices to deal with the case?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. NEALE *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. RYAN *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. 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.
5. 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 without delay.  
(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. WISDOM *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th February, from certain Miners on the Rocky River Gold Fields, be printed.
7. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th February, from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England for the Diocese of Sydney, against the passing of the Bill to regulate Cemeteries, be printed.
8. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th February, from Mr. George Swinnerton Yarnton, be printed.
9. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land, being the site for a Unitarian Church or School, on Church Hill, Sydney, to dispose of and convey the same, and to apply the proceeds of the same in manner therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY.

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all official Correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylum, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease.
  - (2.) Copies of all official complaints forwarded by the Board of the Destitute Asylum to the Managers of the Sydney Infirmary, respecting the general carelessness of the Infirmary Medical Officers, in misdescribing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums.
  - (3.) Copies of all reports from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary.
  - (4.) Copies of all complaints respecting the verminous condition in which the other patients, forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution to establishments under Government control, have been received.
  - (5.) Report of proceedings and depositions taken at an inquest held during the month of November last, affecting the death of an infant that died in the Sydney Infirmary of neglect, and in which the jury severely censured the medical officers for their want of humanity and inattention.
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best mode of eradicating the Bathurst-burr, certain Thistle-plants, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Dight, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the progress report, evidence, &c., of the Select Committee appointed last Session, be referred to such Committee.

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TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.

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FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had received a letter from John Robertson, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney; which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—  
 “ To The Honorable  
     “ The Speaker of the  
         “ Legislative Assembly.  
 “ Sir,  
     “ I hereby resign my Seat in the Legislative Assembly as Member for West Sydney.  
         “ I have the honor to be,  
             “ Sir,  
             “ Your obdt. servant,  
                 “ JOHN ROBERTSON.”  
 Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of John Robertson, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Robertson, Esquire.  
 Question put and passed.
2. Member Sworn:—Patrick Alfred Jennings, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Murray,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
3. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
 Administration of Justice at Tambaroora:—Mr. Church asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What provision the Government intend making for the performance of the Bench duties at the Court-house, Tambaroora, as there has been no Police Magistrate there since the 13th ultimo, and a prisoner has been confined in the Lock-up for more than four weeks, waiting for a Police Magistrate or two unpaid Justices to deal with the case?  
 Mr. Cowper answered,—That the duties should be regularly performed at Tambaroora, it has been arranged that the local Magistrates, when unable to form a Bench, shall inform the Police Magistrate at Sofala, who will then give his attendance. That Police Magistrate, however, obtained leave of absence from 17th January to 16th February, having arranged for Mr. Henry Hinton, J.P., of Sofala, and Mr. Wm. Campbell, J.P., of Wattle Flat, to perform the duties of his office during his absence. The representation of a prisoner having been detained in the lock-up will be inquired into.
4. Joseph Nathaniel Cooke:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, Gold Miner of Nerrigundah, setting forth that on the 23rd of August, 1869, Petitioner and another were registered as the owners of a “Tail Race” on the Nerrigundah Gold Field; that on the 28th of the same month certain persons trespassed upon the rights of petitioners, who instituted the necessary proceedings to protect their interests, but, through the remissness of W. S. Caswell, Esq., Police Magistrate of Moruya, were deprived of the opportunity of resorting to a Court of Appeal, under the provisions of the Gold Fields Act, and were thus deprived of their rights;—and praying for a favorable consideration of their case.  
 Petition received.
5. Postmaster at Bega:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the District of Bega, complaining of the removal of the Postmaster at that place, with a view to combining the offices of Postmaster and Telegraphic Operator; and praying that the subject may be inquired into.  
 Petition received.

6. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Forster (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2), which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
7. Proposed Standing Orders:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up, from the Standing Orders Committee, a Report, with the Standing Orders prepared by that Committee, pursuant to an instruction referred to them on the 15th February instant.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Frederick Dunbar:—Mr. Fraser presented a Petition from Frederick Dunbar, late Captain in H.M. 39th Regiment, and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, New England, alleging that in the year 1853 he was wrongfully deprived, through misrepresentation, of his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove; and praying a favorable consideration of his case, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
9. Goulburn School Trust Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from William Chatfield, of Sydney, Esquire, one of the surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Robert Waugh, William Chatfield, Philip Dignam, and Charles Hamilton Walsh, surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School, to dispose of by sale, and to convey the said Goulburn School, Land, and Premises, and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the "Goulburn School Fund," their representatives or assigns.  
And Mr. Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette* and *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Goulburn Herald*, newspapers, containing notices for four consecutive weeks, in the months of January and February, 1870, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
10. Gold Fields ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by Mr. Wisdom on the 18th February, from certain Miners on the Rocky River Gold Fields, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th February, from the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England for the Diocese of Sydney, against the passing of the Bill to regulate Cemeteries, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. George Swinnerton Yarnton ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th February, from Mr. George Swinnerton Yarnton, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Unitarian Church Land Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain land, being the site for a Unitarian Church or School, on Church Hill, Sydney, to dispose of and convey the same, and to apply the proceeds of the same in manner therein mentioned, and for other purposes.  
Question put and passed.
14. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Neale moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.  
Debate continued  
Question put and passed.
15. Postponements:—Mr. Ryan postponed the Motions Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
16. Limitation of Business Hours:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, 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 and negatived.
17. Immigration:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
(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 without delay.  
(3.) That an Address embodying the foregoing Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Cowper 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 "a Select Committee be appointed " to inquire into and report upon the best means of promoting a sound and comprehensive " system of Immigration, with a view to the taking immediate steps for its revival.  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Brookes, Mr. Flood " Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jennings, Mr. King, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speer, and " the Mover."

Debate

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	Commander Onslow,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dight,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bell,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. King,	
Mr. Fraser,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Farnell.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the Ayes, and declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

And Mr. Webb requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best means of promoting a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration, with a view to the taking immediate steps for its revival,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. King,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Brookes,	
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Dight,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Weaver,	
Commander Onslow,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Buchanan,	

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Clerk having reported the names of twelve Members instead of ten, in consequence of an equality of votes for the six Members having the least number of votes, the Speaker decided which of the six should serve on the Committee, by taking the names as they stand on the alphabetical roll of Members, and declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Brookes, Mr. King, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and Mr. Neale.

18. Unitarian Church Land Bill:—Mr. Parkes 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 enable the Trustees of certain Land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned and for other purposes.*”—read a first time.

19. Vote of Credit:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 12.*

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 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.

*Government House,*  
*Sydney, 22nd February, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at Twenty-one minutes after 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.

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is Mr. Mann at the head of the department on Cockatoo Island; if not, what position does he occupy in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If Mr. Mann is still in charge of Cockatoo Island, how many prisoners has he under his charge; if none, what are his duties?
  - (3.) What is the amount of Mr. Mann's salary?
  - (4.) How many prisoners has Mr. Read, the Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol, under his charge?
  - (5.) What is the amount of Mr. Read's salary?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How much money has been expended in the erection of a new Court House in the small town of Bundarah?
  - (2.) Was the sum expended for the above purpose voted by this House?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is there any such officer in existence as the Solicitor General; if so, who is he?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the proposed Standing Orders brought up by him from the Standing Orders Committee, and ordered to be printed on 22nd February, be considered in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply certain sums 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, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1870," passing through all its stages in one day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
8. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CLARKE to move, That the Petition from the residents of Bega, with reference to the Amalgamation of the Post Office and Telegraph Departments, presented by him on the 22nd February, be printed.
2. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, be printed.
3. MR. FRASER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from Frederick Dunbar, late Captain in H.M. 39th Regiment, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That the Unitarian Church Land Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Church, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all official Correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylum, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease.
  - (2.) Copies of all official complaints forwarded by the Board of the Destitute Asylum to the Managers of the Sydney Infirmary, respecting the general carelessness of the Infirmary Medical Officers, in misdescribing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums.
  - (3.) Copies of all reports from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary.

(4.)

(4.) Copies of all complaints respecting the verminous condition in which the other patients, forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution to establishments under Government control, have been received.

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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 best mode of eradicating the Bathurst-burr, certain Thistle-plants, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Dight, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.

(3.) That the progress report, evidence, &c., of the Select Committee appointed last Session, be referred to such Committee.

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TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.

2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—

(1.) The names, number, and prime cost of the dredging machines and other vessels employed in removing silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson; their dimensions, capacity, and power of performing the several kinds of work for which they were constructed.

(2.) The particulars of the working expenses and cost of repairs of the above, the sites of their operations, the quantity of silt removed weekly,—distinguishing the quantity used in each reclamation from the quantity carried out to sea,—from 1st January, 1869, to 21st February, 1870, inclusive.

(3.) The cube yards of filling-in originally required in the several reclamations in hand, the quantity of silt used in each, and the cost of the same per yard for landing.

(4.) A copy of the last specification and contract for landing silt at each reclamation respectively.

3. MR. CHURCH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.

4. MR. RYAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.

(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

5. MR. RYAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

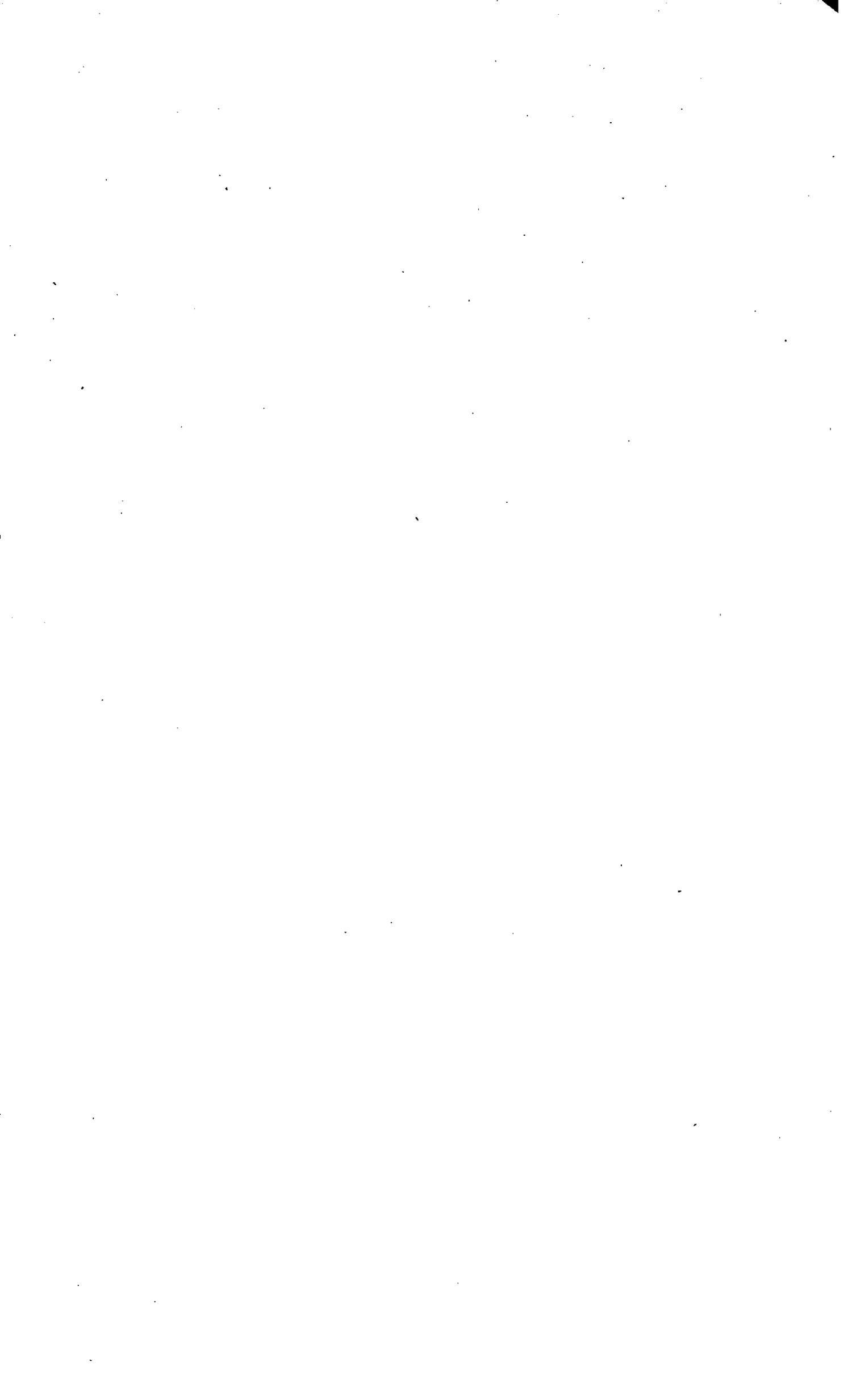
1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1870.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bell, Mr. Brookes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dight, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Commander Onslow, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Webb,—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, 24 FEBRUARY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is Mr. Mann at the head of the department on Cockatoo Island; if not, what position does he occupy in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If Mr. Mann is still in charge of Cockatoo Island, how many prisoners has he under his charge; if none, what are his duties?
  - (3.) What is the amount of Mr. Mann's salary?
  - (4.) How many prisoners has Mr. Read, the Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol, under his charge?
  - (5.) What is the amount of Mr. Read's salary?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How much money has been expended in the erection of a new Court House in the small town of Bundarah?
  - (2.) Was the sum expended for the above purpose voted by this House?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is there any such officer in existence as the Solicitor General; if so, who is he?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the proposed Standing Orders brought up by him from the Standing Orders Committee, and ordered to be printed on 22nd February, be considered in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply certain sums 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, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1870," passing through all its stages in one day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
8. Public Roads 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 22nd February, from certain inhabitants of Bega, with reference to combining the offices of Postmaster and Telegraphic Operator at that place, be printed.
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3. MR. FRASER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from Frederick Dunbar, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move,—
  - (1.) That the Unitarian Church Land Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Church, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.

## FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all official Correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylum, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease.
  - (2.) Copies of all official complaints forwarded by the Board of the Destitute Asylum to the Managers of the Sydney Infirmary, respecting the general carelessness of the Infirmary Medical Officers, in misdescribing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums.
  - (3.) Copies of all reports from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary.
  - (4.) Copies of all complaints respecting the verminous condition in which the other patients, forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution to establishments under Government control, have been received.
  - (5.) Report of proceedings and depositions taken at an inquest held during the month of November last, affecting the death of an infant that died in the Sydney Infirmary of neglect, and in which the jury severely censured the medical officers for their want of humanity and inattention.
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best mode of eradicating the Bathurst-burr, certain Thistle-plants, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Dight, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the progress report, evidence, &c., of the Select Committee appointed last Session, be referred to such Committee.

TUESDAY.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The names, number, and prime cost of the dredging machines and other vessels employed in removing silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson; their dimensions, capacity, and power of performing the several kinds of work for which they were constructed.
  - (2.) The particulars of the working expenses and cost of repairs of the above, the sites of their operations, the quantity of silt removed weekly,—distinguishing the quantity used in each reclamation from the quantity carried out to sea,—from 1st January, 1869, to 21st February, 1870, inclusive.
  - (3.) The cube yards of filling-in originally required in the several reclamations in hand, the quantity of silt used in each, and the cost of the same per yard for landing.
  - (4.) A copy of the last specification and contract for landing silt at each reclamation respectively.
3. MR. CHURCH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.
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  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

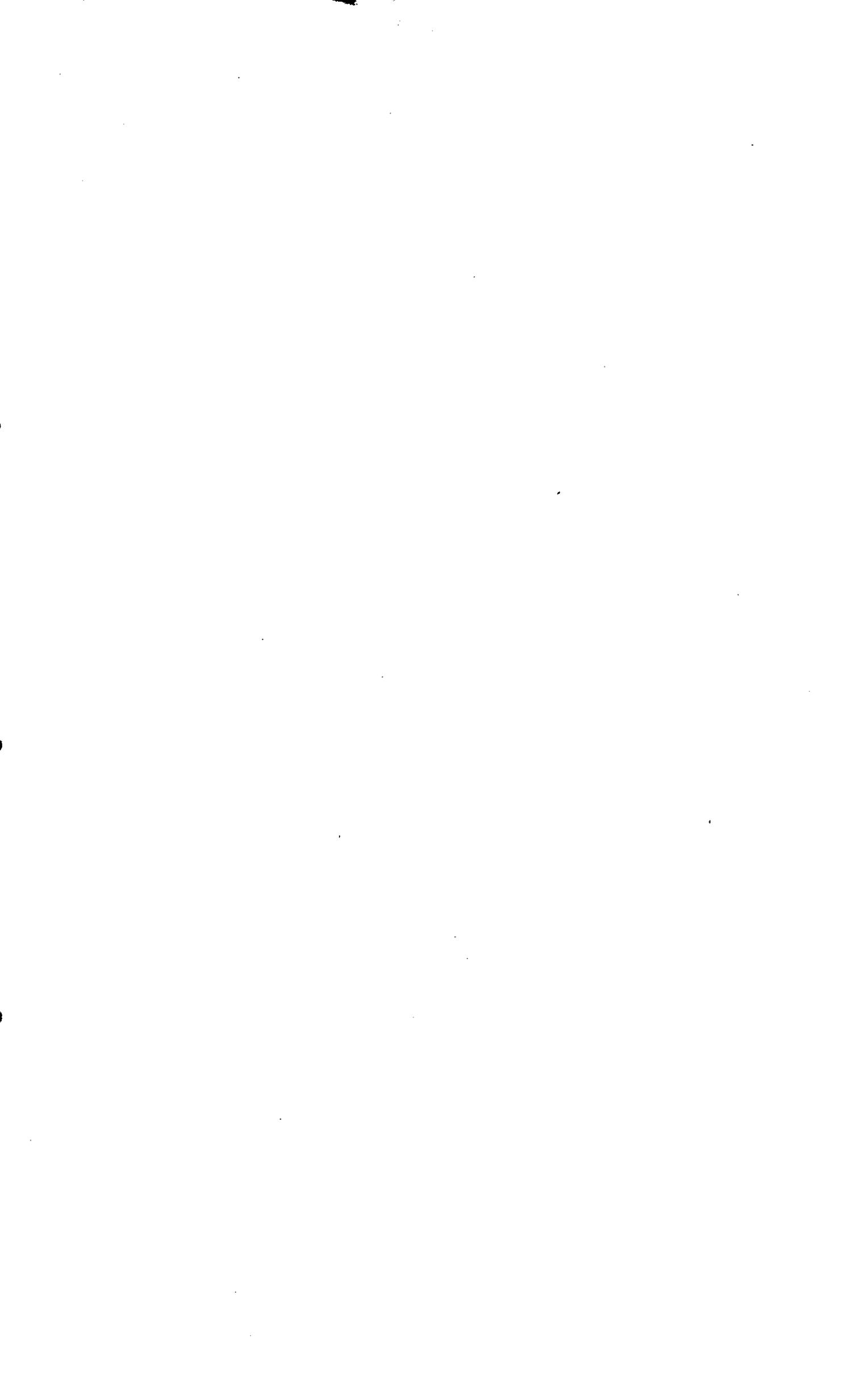
1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 17.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Mann, Superintendent of Cockatoo Island.—Mr. Read, Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol:—  
Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is Mr. Mann at the head of the department on Cockatoo Island; if not, what position does he occupy in the Public Service?

(2.) If Mr. Mann is still in charge of Cockatoo Island, how many prisoners has he under his charge; if none, what are his duties?

(3.) What is the amount of Mr. Mann's salary?

(4.) How many prisoners has Mr. Read, the Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol, under his charge?

(5.) What is the amount of Mr. Read's salary?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Mr. Mann is still retained in charge of the Fitz Roy Dock.

(2.) There are no prisoners there. They have been only recently removed, and, as yet, no alteration has been made in Mr. Mann's position.

(3.) £700 has been paid to him to this time, in his double capacity of Superintendent and Chief Engineer.

(4.) The number of prisoners at Darlinghurst Gaol is 637.

(5.) Mr. Read is at present in the receipt of £350 a-year, and there is a recommendation on the Supplementary Estimates that his salary should be increased to £400.

- (2.) Court House, Bundarah:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) How much money has been expended in the erection of a new Court House in the small town of Bundarah?

(2.) Was the sum expended for the above purpose voted by this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Contract price for Court and Watch House—£870. The work is in progress, and £600 has been advanced on account.

(2.) Yes, from the General Vote for Gaols, Court Houses and Lock-ups.

- (3.) Solicitor General:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is there any such officer in existence as the Solicitor General; if so, who is he?

Mr. Cowper answered,—There is a Solicitor General, and his name is Mr. Julian Emanuel Salamons.

2. Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 15th February, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of East Sydney, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the election of the Honorable John Bowie Wilson to serve as such Member.

3. Election Petition:—Mr. Cowper, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, 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 grounds 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 that he held an office of profit under the Crown; 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*, on motion of Mr. Cowper, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

4. Member Sworn :—The Honorable John Bowie Wilson, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
5. Proposed Standing Orders (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), That the proposed Standing Orders brought up by him from the Standing Orders Committee, and ordered to be printed on 22nd February, be considered in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.  
Question put and passed.
6. Suspension of Standing Orders (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Government Business*), That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled " A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1870," passing through all its stages in one day.  
Question put and passed.
7. Postmaster at Bega (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from certain inhabitants of Bega, with reference to combining the offices of Postmaster and Telegraphic Operator at that place, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Joseph Nathaniel Cooke (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from Joseph Nathaniel Cooke, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Frederick Dunbar (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Fraser moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd February, from Frederick Dunbar, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Unitarian Church Land Bill (" *Formal* " *Motion* ) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4 (*Other Business*),—  
(1.) That the Unitarian Church Land Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neale, Mr. Church, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
11. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Samuel not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named :—  
No. 1. By Mr. Forster, to follow after No. 8.  
Nos. 2 and 3. By Mr. Samuel, to follow after No. 1, *as postponed*.  
No. 4. By Mr. Samuel, to follow after No. 6.  
No. 5. By Mr. Samuel, to follow after No. 3, *as postponed*.
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 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 :—  
(No. 3) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £124,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
14. 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 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, that the said Resolution be now received.  
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
(No. 2) *Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1870, the sum of £124,000 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, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
15. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2) :—  
(1.) Mr. Samuel moved for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill, intituled " A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870,"—read a first time.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and read a second time this day.  
(3.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time.  
(4.) Mr. Samuel then moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.  
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted that Report, and, on motion of Mr. Samuel, ordered the Bill as so reported to be read a third time this day.

(5.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a third time, and passed.

(6.) 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 1870.*"

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 1870,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th February, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*See Entry 14 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

17. Member Sworn:—James Thomas Fallon, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hume,—the Clerk producing the Writ.

18. Consolidated Revenue Fund 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1870,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th February, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

19. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*See Entry 16 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 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 is not in order to allow an amendment, on a motion to cover a vote in Committee of Supply, to be put, unless such amendment relates to the amount of the vote proposed to be covered.

The Speaker said, that an amendment in Committee of Ways and Means must be strictly relevant to the resolution proposed, and that in the present instance the proposed amendment would be excluded by the application of that rule.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Committee resumed.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at fourteen 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, 25 FEBRUARY.

Questions:—

- MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is Mr. Mann, at present in charge of Cockatoo Island, an Engineer by profession?
- MR. FARNELL to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Were instructions issued in November or December last for the amalgamation of the Post Office and Telegraph Office at Bombala, as has been the case in other districts?
  - (2.) In pursuance of any such instructions, did the Telegraph Master at Bombala make the necessary arrangements to enter upon his double duties on the 1st January last?
  - (3.) After a visit from Mr. Garrett at Nimitybelle, on the 21st December last, was an order sent to the Telegraph Master, signed "D. Egan," to restore the Post Office to the former Postmaster?

3. **MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—What decision has been arrived at in respect to the application of Mr. John Kidd, late Landing Waiter, for pension or retiring allowance?
4. **MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Is it true that James O'Sullivan, Assistant Teacher in the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, whose appointment by the Government was notified in the *Government Gazette*, No. 160, 23rd July, 1869, has been suspended from duty by the Very Rev. S. J. A. Sheehy?
  - (2.) If this is the case, by what authority did Mr. Sheehy act in suspending an officer of the Government, and what was the alleged ground of his suspension?
5. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) The number of children who have died within the last year in the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta?
  - (2.) Did the Colonial Secretary, a short time ago, receive any complaints from the Teacher of the above school, concerning the treatment of the children there?
  - (3.) Would the Colonial Secretary state, in detail, what those complaints were?
  - (4.) Is it the case that the only attendants upon those children are people who go by the name of Sisters of Charity?
  - (5.) Do the said Sisters of Charity receive any payment from the Government for this service; and if so, how much?
  - (6.) Has the Government any means of knowing whether or not the said Sisters of Charity perform their duties efficiently?
  - (7.) Is it true that the Teacher who made the complaints above referred to has been suspended or dismissed from his situation by the gentleman who is called Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Church?
6. **MR. LEARY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—
  - (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received a Petition presented by Mr. Shorter, and purporting to be signed by a large number of the legal profession, and others, praying the removal of the Stamp Office to a more central and convenient position?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend to accede to the prayer of the Petitioners?

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  - (3.) That the progress report, evidence, &c., of the Select Committee appointed last Session, be referred to such Committee.
3. **MR. PARKES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Robert Waugh, William Chatfield, Philip Dignam, and Charles Hamilton Walsh, surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School, to dispose of by sale, and to convey the said Goulburn School, land, and premises, and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the "Goulburn School Fund," their representatives or assigns.**

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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6. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Mr. John Aaron Parfitt, who was convicted of perjury and sentenced to two years imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, in the month of February, 1868, was discharged from custody after he had served only ten months of his sentence?
  - (2.) Was the residue of Parfitt's sentence remitted as an act of clemency on the part of the Crown, or from its being believed by the Government that he was unjustly convicted?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmity, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmity a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The names, number, and prime cost of the dredging machines and other vessels employed in removing silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson; their dimensions, capacity, and power of performing the several kinds of work for which they were constructed.
  - (2.) The particulars of the working expenses and cost of repairs of the above, the sites of their operations, the quantity of silt removed weekly,—distinguishing the quantity used in each reclamation from the quantity carried out to sea,—from 1st January, 1869, to 21st February, 1870, inclusive.
  - (3.) The cube yards of filling-in originally required in the several reclamations in hand, the quantity of silt used in each, and the cost of the same per yard for landing.
  - (4.) A copy of the last specification and contract for landing silt at each reclamation respectively.
3. MR. CHURCH to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.
4. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Minutes and Correspondence relating to the claim of Bartholomew Connolly, late Government Coxswain, for a Pension or Superannuation allowance.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Proposed 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 February.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The maximum load the Engines in use can draw, in average weather, on the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.
  - (2.) The maximum load Engines in use can draw, in average weather, from Bowenfells to Penrith.
  - (3.) Cost of the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle, exclusive of Stations, but inclusive of sidings on wharf.
  - (4.) Cost of Cranes, and of the wharf frontage available for the Cranes.
  - (5.) Amount of gross receipts on the Great Northern Railway from the Coal Companies for 1869.
  - (6.) Estimated actual cost to the Government of the carriage of coal on the Great Northern Railway for 1869, exclusive of interest on line, but inclusive of all fair charges for wear and tear.
  - (7.) The estimated durability of the present permanent way, on the Great Northern Railway, between Wallsend Junction and Newcastle.
  - (8.) The estimated durability of the present permanent way, on the Great Western Railway, from Penrith to Bowenfells.
  - (9.) The estimated difference between the durability of an Engine hauling full loads of coal from Bowenfells to Penrith, and that of an Engine hauling full loads from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.
  - (10.) Estimated annual cost of repairs to each such Engine, as aforesaid.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Mann, Superintendent of Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is Mr. Mann, at present in charge of Cockatoo Island, an Engineer by profession?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Yes.

- (2.) Post Office, Bombala:—Mr. Farnell asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Were instructions issued in November or December last for the amalgamation of the Post Office and Telegraph Office, Bombala, as has been the case in other districts?

(2.) In pursuance of any such instructions, did the Telegraph Master at Bombala make the necessary arrangements to enter upon his double duties on the 1st January last?

(3.) After a visit from Mr. Garrett at Nimitybelle, on the 21st December last, was an order sent to the Telegraph Master, signed "D. Egan," to restore the Post Office to the former Postmaster?

Mr. Egan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I have heard he did.

(3.) I presume the 31st is meant, as Mr. Garrett and myself were in Sydney on the 21st. Mr. Garrett left me on the 29th, and did not return to Nimitybelle. I neither saw nor had communication with him until the election was over at Cooma. I may add that the amalgamation at Bombala was deferred, as the Telegraph Master—being Line Inspector also—could not undertake the double duty without an assistant, and the assistant previously appointed had been strongly objected to by the Bench of Magistrates. The amalgamation has consequently not yet taken place at Bombala.

*Mr. Parkes not asking the Questions Nos. 3 and 4, they dropped.*

- (3.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) The number of children who have died within the last year in the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta?

(2.) Did the Colonial Secretary, a short time ago, receive any complaints from the Teacher of the above school, concerning the treatment of the children there?

(3.) Would the Colonial Secretary state, in detail, what those complaints were?

(4.) Is it the case that the only attendants upon those children are people who go by the name of Sisters of Charity?

(5.) Do the said Sisters of Charity receive any payment from the Government for this service; and if so, how much?

(6.) Has the Government any means of knowing whether or not the said Sisters of Charity perform their duties efficiently?

(7.) Is it true that the Teacher who made the complaints above referred to has been suspended or dismissed from his situation by the gentleman who is called Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Church?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) The number of children who have died during the last year in the Roman Catholic Orphan School, at Parramatta, is eleven.

(2.) The complaints, with the Report of the Vicar-General, shall be laid on the Table as soon as these documents can be copied.

(3, 4, and 5.) The attendants are not known by the designation of Sisters of Charity, but the wages vary from £20 to £60 a-year, with quarters and rations.

(6.) It is true that the teacher who made the complaints above referred to has been suspended by my authority. The grounds of his suspension are, making unfounded charges against the general management, and insubordinate conduct, as well as cruelly punishing two boys, by excessive severity in flogging them.

(4.)

- (4.) Stamp Office :—Mr. Leary asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
 (1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received a Petition presented by Mr. Shorter, and purporting to be signed by a large number of the legal profession, and others, praying the removal of the Stamp Office to a more central and convenient position?  
 (2.) If so, do the Government intend to accede to the prayer of the Petitioners?  
 Mr. Cowper answered,—  
 (1.) The Colonial Treasurer has received such a Petition.  
 (2.) No decision has yet been arrived at by the Government.
2. Commons Regulation Bill :—Mr. Moses presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and commoners of Pitt Town, praying that this Bill may be passed.  
 Petition received.
3. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 :—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned."  
 And Sir James Martin having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing notices, for four consecutive weeks, in the month of February, 1870, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
 Petition received.
4. Bathurst-burr and Thistle-plants ("Formal" Motion) :—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best mode of eradicating the Bathurst-burr, certain Thistle-plants, and other noxious weeds, in the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tuks, Mr. Dight, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the progress report, evidence, &c., of the Select Committee appointed last Session, be referred to such Committee.  
 Question put and passed.
5. Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all official Correspondence from the Board of the Destitute Asylum, complaining of the inhumanity of the Sydney Infirmary authorities, in refusing admission to persons suffering from severe disease.  
 (2.) Copies of all official complaints forwarded by the Board of the Destitute Asylum to the Managers of the Sydney Infirmary, respecting the general carelessness of the Infirmary Medical Officers, in misdescribing diseases of inmates forwarded from that institution for admission into the Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums.  
 (3.) Copies of all reports from the late Inspector of Charities, bringing under notice of the Government the verminous condition in which certain boys belonging to the Industrial Training Ship "Vernon" were returned to that vessel, after being in-patients in the Sydney Infirmary.  
 (4.) Copies of all complaints respecting the verminous condition in which the other patients, forwarded from the Sydney Infirmary, after being inmates of that institution, to establishments under Government control, have been received.  
 (5.) Report of proceedings and depositions taken at an inquest held during the month of November last, affecting the death of an infant that died in the Sydney Infirmary of neglect, and in which the jury severely censured the medical officers, for their want of humanity, and inattention.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
6. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Parkes not making the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—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 Amendments.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Forster, That the adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. Public 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,—  
 Mr. Forster moved, "That" this report be now adopted.  
 Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to insert the following words,—“the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 26.”  
 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 this Bill be now recommitted, for the reconsideration of clause 26,—put and passed.  
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee for the reconsideration of clause 26.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill with further Amendments.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Forster, That the adoption of this Report (2<sup>d</sup>) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Forster, at five minutes before Seven 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 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it true that Mr. John Aaron Parfitt, who was convicted of perjury and sentenced to two years imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, in the month of February, 1868, was discharged from custody after he had served only ten months of his sentence?  
(2.) Was the residue of Parfitt's sentence remitted as an act of clemency on the part of the Crown, or from its being believed by the Government that he was unjustly convicted?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.
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(1.) The names, number, and prime cost of the dredging machines and other vessels employed in removing silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson; their dimensions, capacity, and power of performing the several kinds of work for which they were constructed.  
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(3.) The cube yards of filling-in originally required in the several reclamations in hand, the quantity of silt used in each, and the cost of the same per yard for landing.  
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3. MR. CHURCH *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.
4. MR. RYAN *to move*,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
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(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. PARKES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Minutes and Correspondence relating to the claim of Bartholomew Connolly, late Government Coxswain, for a Pension or Superannuation allowance.
7. 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 copy of the Depositions in the case of Andrew Hume, at present a prisoner in Parramatta Gaol, who was tried, convicted, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment for the crime of bushranging, sometime about the month of April, in the year 1866.
8. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned."
9. MR. FARNELL *to move*,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, presented to this House on the 18th February, 1870.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Tunks, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. King, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Allen, Mr. Neale, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Baker, and the Mover.
10. MR. MOSES *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 25th February, from certain inhabitants and commoners of Pitt Town, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proposed 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 February.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) Reported; adoption of Report.
3. Public Roads Bill Reported (2<sup>o</sup>); adoption of Report.
4. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
7. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The maximum load the Engines in use can draw, in average weather, on the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.
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  - (4.) Cost of Cranes, and of the wharf frontage available for the Cranes.
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  - (6.) Estimated actual cost to the Government of the carriage of coal on the Great Northern Railway for 1869, exclusive of interest on line, but inclusive of all fair charges for wear and tear.
  - (7.) The estimated durability of the present permanent way, on the Great Northern Railway, between Wallsend Junction and Newcastle.
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  - (9.) The estimated difference between the durability of an Engine hauling full loads of coal from Bowenfells to Penrith, and that of an Engine hauling full loads from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.
  - (10.) Estimated annual cost of repairs to each such Engine, as aforesaid.

## TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1870.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

John Aaron Parfitt:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. John Aaron Parfitt, who was convicted of perjury, and sentenced to two years imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court, Darlinghurst, in the month of February, 1868, was discharged from custody after he had served only ten months of his sentence?

(2.) Was the residue of Parfitt's sentence remitted as an act of clemency on the part of the Crown, or from its being believed by the Government that he was unjustly convicted?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Parfitt was pardoned, and on the ground that the Government believed he was unjustly convicted.

2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta. (*See Answer to Question No. 3 in Votes and Proceedings No. 18.*)  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Production of Writ for Eden, at Bega Quarter Sessions:—The Speaker,—having informed the House that the Clerk had received a letter from the Clerk of the Peace, informing him that it will be necessary to produce the Writ for Eden, used at the late General Election, in a case to be tried at the Bega Quarter Sessions on the 7th instant, and requesting that the necessary steps may be taken for its production.—

Put a question,—That the Clerk have leave to hand over the said Writ to the Clerk of the Peace, for the purpose stated, with the condition that the same be carefully and faithfully returned, with the least possible delay,—which passed in the affirmative.

4. Electorates of The Lower Hunter and Gold Fields North:—The Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from Robert Wisdom, Esquire, returned as Member for the Electoral District of The Lower Hunter, and also as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North:—

“Morpeth,  
“26th Feby., 1870.

“Sir,

“I have the honor to inform you that having been returned to serve in this Parliament for the Electoral District of The Lower Hunter, and also for the Electoral District of the Gold Fields North, I elect to sit for the Electorate of The Lower Hunter, and hereby resign my Seat for the Electorate of the Gold Fields North.

“I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“ROBERT WISDOM.

“The Hon. W. M. Arnold, Esq.,  
“Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

5. Gold Fields ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Church moved, pursuant to amended 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 appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new Laws and Regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.  
Question put and passed.
6. Bartholomew Connolly ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 6, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Minutes and Correspondence relating to the claim of Bartholomew Connolly, Government Coxswain, for a Pension or Superannuation allowance.  
Question put and passed.
7. Andrew Hume ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan 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, a copy of the Depositions in the case of Andrew Hume, at present a prisoner in Parramatta Gaol, who was tried, convicted, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment for the crime of bushranging, sometime about the month of April, in the year 1866.  
Question put and passed.
8. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Sir James Martin, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled, An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned."  
Question put and passed.
9. George Swinnerton Yarnton ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, presented to this House on the 18th February, 1870.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Tunks, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. King, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Allen, Mr. Neale, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Baker, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
10. Commons Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Moses moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That the Petition presented by him on 25th February, from certain inhabitants and commoners of Pitt Town, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. S. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, "That" having considered the papers relating to the Sydney Infirmary, ordered on the 13th October, 1868, and 19th January, 1869, to be printed, this House is of opinion that the Government should at once cause to be issued to the Trustees of such Infirmary a grant of the land situate in Macquarie-street, Sydney, referred to in such papers.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Parkes 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 "a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of granting the land in Macquarie-street, on which the Sydney Infirmary at present stands, to Trustees, for the purposes of the said Infirmary."  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. King, Mr. Webb, 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.  
Question then,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of granting the land in Macquarie-street, on which the Sydney Infirmary at present stands, to Trustees, for the purposes of the said Infirmary.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. King, Mr. Webb, and the Mover,—put and passed.
12. Dredging Machines:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—  
(1.) The names, number, and prime cost of the Dredging Machines and other vessels employed in removing silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson; their dimensions, capacity, and power of performing the several kinds of work for which they were constructed.  
(2.) The particulars of the working expenses and cost of repairs of the above, the sites of their operations, the quantity of silt removed weekly,—distinguishing the quantity used in each reclamation from the quantity carried out to sea,—from 1st January, 1869, to 21st February, 1870, inclusive.  
(3.) The cube yards of filling-in originally required in the several reclamations in hand, the quantity of silt used in each, and the cost of the same per yard for landing.  
(4.) A copy of the last specification and contract for landing silt at each reclamation respectively.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870:—Sir James Martin 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 amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned,'"—read a first time.
14. Postponements:—Mr. Ryan postponed the Motions standing in his name Nos. 4 and 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

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*Mr. Henry Parkes*
15. Proposed Standing Orders:—On motion of ~~Mr. Cowper~~, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the proposed Standing Orders.
- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Proposed Standing Orders without amendment,—
- Mr. Cowper moved, That the Standing Orders, reported as so agreed to in Committee of the Whole, be now adopted as the Standing Orders of this House.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the Standing Orders adopted by this House be presented by the Speaker for approval to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at nine 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, 2 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many Students are at present in attendance at St. John's Affiliated College?
  - (2.) How much is paid in salaries to the Principal and Professors?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the present Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) To state the reasons why M'Lean-street, Woolloomooloo Bay, has not been opened according to the Government Plan?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to open M'Lean-street immediately?
4. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The date of Captain Mayne's resignation of the office of Agent for the Colony in London?
  - (2.) Have any steps been taken; and if so, what steps to fill up the office?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move*, That this House will, on Thursday next, 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. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) Reported; adoption of Report.
3. Public Roads Bill Reported (2°); adoption of Report.
4. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
7. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of Council 8 Wm. IV, No. 5, intituled, "An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales."
2. MR. WILSON *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Boundaries of the City of Sydney.
3. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Robert Waugh, William Chatfield, Philip Dignam, and Charles Hamilton Walsh, surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School, to dispose of by sale, and to convey the said Goulburn School, land, and premises, and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the "Goulburn School Fund," their representatives or assigns.
4. SIR JAMES MARTIN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned," be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Speer, Mr. Butler, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Hill, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.

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1. MR. G. A. J. LLOYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The maximum load the Engines in use can draw, in average weather, on the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.
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  - (10.) Estimated annual cost of repairs to each such Engine, as aforesaid.

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TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
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  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 20.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Buchanan not asking Questions Nos. 1, 2, and 3, they dropped.*

- (1.) Captain Mayne, Colonial Agent in London:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) The date of Captain Mayne's resignation of the office of Agent for the Colony in London?
  - (2.) Have any steps been taken; and if so, what steps to fill up the office?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) Captain Mayne tendered the resignation of his office in a letter dated the 11th August last; that letter was acknowledged in one dated the 28th October; and as Captain Mayne, in the letter tendering his resignation, stated that the duties of the agency demanded the continuance of his "best exertions and most anxious care," in accepting the offer of his resignation, my predecessor requested him to continue to hold office for the present.
  - (2.) No steps have as yet been taken with reference to the appointment of a successor.
2. Paper:—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Return to Order in reference to "Road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Driver, on 27th October, 1869.
3. Member Sworn:—Gerald Spring, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Wellington,—the Clerk producing the Writ.
4. Commons Regulation Bill:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Commoners of the Wilberforce Common, objecting to certain provisions in this Bill; and praying that the Bill may not be passed, or, if passed, that it may be modified so as to meet the objections of Petitioners. Petition received.
5. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Order in Council.—Alteration in scale of Fees mentioned in Schedule to District Courts Act, 22 Vic. No. 18.
  - (2.) Further Despatch, &c., relative to alleged abuses in connection with Polynesian Immigration. Ordered to be printed.
6. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Boundaries of the City of Sydney. Question put and passed.
7. Goulburn School Trust Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Robert Waugh, William Chatfield, Philip Dignam, and Charles Hamilton Walsh, surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School, to dispose of by sale, and to convey the said Goulburn School, land, and premises, and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the "Goulburn School Fund," their representatives or assigns. Question put and passed.
8. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Motion):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned," be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Speer, Mr. Butler, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Hill, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover. Question put and passed.

9. Goulburn School Trust Bill:—Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Robert Waugh William Chatfield Philip Dignam and Charles Hamilton Walsh surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School to dispose of by sale and to convey the said Goulburn School Land and Premises and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the 'Goulburn School Fund' their representatives or assigns,*"—read a first time.
10. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill:—Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Boundaries of the City of Sydney,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.
11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice No 1, That this House will, on Thursday next, 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.
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. 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 five 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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THURSDAY, 3 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. LEE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Bill to amend the Act 11 Vic. No. 30, to admit of the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years?
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Have the Government purchased any condemned Railway Sleepers during the year 1869-70; if so, how many?  
(2.) Who from, and what is the price paid for them?  
(3.) Have any of such Sleepers been used for re-laying between Sydney and Parramatta?

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. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) Reported; adoption of Report.
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8. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from certain Commoners of the Wilberforce Common, against the Bill to regulate Commons, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—  
(1.) That the Goulburn School Trust Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of Council 8 Wm. IV, No. 5, intituled, "An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales."

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.

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TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

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“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.



## New South Wales.

## No. 21.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Indecent Assaults better Punishment Bill:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a Bill to amend the Act 11 Vic. No. 30, to admit of the more effectual punishment of persons convicted of indecent assaults upon female children under the age of twelve years?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Government have not yet arrived at any such determination.

(2.) Railway Sleepers:—Commander Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased any condemned Railway Sleepers during the year 1869-70; if so, how many?

(2.) From whom, and what is the price paid for them?

(3.) Have any of such Sleepers been used for re-laying between Sydney and Parramatta?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes, 9,589.

(2.) Names of parties from whom purchased, and prices paid, shewn on enclosed list, viz.:—

Archibald William	...	...	...	70 at 1/6 each	...	...	...	70
Bissling J.	...	...	...	934 at 1/6	438 at 1/9	444 at 1/8 each	...	1,816
Badgery F.	...	...	...	500 at 1/-	365 at -/6 each	...	...	865
Bell J.	...	...	...	40 at 2/-	72 at 2/6	...	...	112
Champion C.	...	...	...	407 at 2/4	79 at 1/9	...	...	486
Chalker J.	...	...	...	40 at 1/6	400 at 1/9	...	...	440
Clarke H.	...	...	...	39 at 1/6	50 at 2/-	...	...	89
Clarke M.	...	...	...	150 at 1/9	...	...	...	150
Croll and M'Phee	...	...	...	50 at 2/-	140 at 1/9	116 at 1/-	...	306
Creighton	...	...	...	22 at 1/3	...	...	...	22
Chalker J.	...	...	...	40 at 1/6	...	...	...	40
Garner W.	...	...	...	128 at 1/6	92 at 1/9	134 at 2/-	...	354
Korff F.	...	...	...	276 at 1/6	...	...	...	276
Langford J.	...	...	...	147 at -/6	80 at -/3	...	...	227
Larkin & Wakeford	...	...	...	700 at 2/-	...	...	...	700
Meldrum	...	...	...	7 at 1/3	8 at 1/3	142 at 2/-	...	157
Oxenbridge E.	...	...	...	113 at 2/6	...	...	...	113
Plows R.	...	...	...	43 at 2/-	...	...	...	40
Pollock Sam.	...	...	...	199 at 2/-	...	...	...	199
Shadforth	...	...	...	190 at 1/	...	...	...	190
Steel R.	...	...	...	4 at 1/3	...	...	...	4
Scanlan P.	...	...	...	128 at 2/-	...	...	...	128
Tattersal R.	...	...	...	150 at -/10½	...	...	...	150
Whitfield W.	...	...	...	43 at 1/-	78 at 2/-	...	...	121
Morgan W.	...	...	...	1911 at 1/-	516 at -/6	...	...	2,427
Napier J.	...	...	...	107 at 1/-	...	...	...	107

Total ... .. 9,589

(3.)

- (3.) Yes. What is meant by condemned sleepers is, that the specification for the extension of lines required larger sleepers than those employed on the lines between this and Picton and Campbelltown. The sleepers referred to are large enough for the latter lines, and have, therefore, been employed for them.
2. Commons Regulation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd March, from certain Commoners of the Wilberforce Common, against the Bill to regulate Commons, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  3. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) That the Goulburn School Trust Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Leary, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
  4. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of Council 8 Wm. IV, No. 5, intituled, "An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales."  
Question put and passed.
  5. Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 22nd February, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of West Sydney, in room of John Robertson, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the election of John Robertson, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
  6. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill:—Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal the Act of Council 8 Wm. IV, No. 5, intituled 'An Act to regulate the temporal affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales,'"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 11th March.
  7. Postponement:—On motion of Mr. Samuel, the Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, to follow after 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 this day.
  9. Member Sworn:—John Robertson, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.
  10. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*See Entry 8 above*) 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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And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH, 1870, A.M.,—

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:—

(No. 3) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1870, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £1,530.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-four 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, 4 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether in the proposed Law Reform which the Government have said is under consideration, any revision of the Jury System is contemplated?
2. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the fact that a great deal of valuable timber is being needlessly destroyed, owing to the clause compelling persons holding timber licenses to fell trees before they can strip the bark?
  - (2.) Do the Government intend proclaiming any timber reserves, seeing that the price of Railway Sleepers is increasing, and the difficulty of obtaining them becoming greater?

*OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—*

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
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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 Minutes, Documents, Reports, and Correspondence, relative to the dismissal of Mr. R. H. Wright, late Telegraph Line Inspector at Tenterfield, from the Public Service.
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4. 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 the report of Dr. Campbell on the state of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek at the time of his retiring from the superintendence thereof.
5. MR. DEAN to move,—
  - (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.

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7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. 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."

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH.

Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What have been the takings or receipts from the Nepean Bridge during the present year, viz., January and February inclusive?
2. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Narrabri; and when?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint two new District Court Judges; and if so, is one for the District of Gwydir?
3. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether this Government, and that of Victoria, have yet agreed upon a site for the bridge over the Murray, at Moama, towards the erection of which sums of money have been voted by this House?
  - (2.) Are there any funds available at present for the erection of such bridge?
  - (3.) Has any design been adopted for the structure?
  - (4.) Is it intended to construct the bridge, when erected, so that it could be used also for a railway bridge, if required?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
  2. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Commander Onslow withdrew the Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Destruction of Timber by persons stripping Bark :—Commander Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the fact that a great deal of valuable timber is being needlessly destroyed, owing to the clause compelling persons holding timber licenses to fell trees before they can strip the bark?

(2.) Do the Government intend proclaiming any timber reserves, seeing that the price of Railway Sleepers is increasing, and the difficulty of obtaining them becoming greater?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) It is not known that the clause has had the effect stated. It was intended to have the opposite effect of preventing the great and needless destruction of timber by bark stripping; and is believed to have been instrumental in doing so to some extent.

(2.) No such measure has as yet been under consideration.

2. Unitarian Church Land Bill :—Mr. Parkes, 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 24th February, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

3. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Thirtieth Annual Report of the proceedings of the Municipal Council of Sydney under the Water and Sewerage Acts, pursuant to the Act 20 Vic., No. 36, sec. 75.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Railway Statistics ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—

(1.) The maximum load the Engines in use can draw, in average weather, on the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.

(2.) The maximum load Engines in use can draw, in average weather, from Bowenfells to Penrith.

(3.) Cost of the Great Northern Railway, from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle, exclusive of Stations, but inclusive of sidings on wharf.

(4.) Cost of Cranes, and of the wharf frontage available for the Cranes.

(5.) Amount of gross receipts on the Great Northern Railway from the Coal Companies for 1869.

(6.) Estimated actual cost to the Government of the carriage of coal on the Great Northern Railway for 1869, exclusive of interest on line, but inclusive of all fair charges for wear and tear.

(7.) The estimated durability of the present permanent way, on the Great Northern Railway, between Wallsend Junction and Newcastle.

(8.) The estimated durability of the present permanent way, on the Great Western Railway, from Penrith to Bowenfells.

(9.) The estimated difference between the durability of an Engine hauling full loads of coal from Bowenfells to Penrith, and that of an Engine hauling full loads from Wallsend Junction to Newcastle.

(10.) Estimated annual cost of repairs to each such Engine, as aforesaid.

Question put and passed.

5. Mr. R. H. Wright, late Telegraph Line Inspector at Tenterfield (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson 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 all Minutes, Documents, Reports, and Correspondence, relative to the dismissal of Mr. R. H. Wright, late Telegraph Line Inspector at Tenterfield, from the Public Service.  
Question put and passed.
6. Appointment of Clerk of the Bench at Tumut to the Magistracy (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson 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 of the letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from certain Magistrates of the Tumut District, as to the appointment of the Clerk of that Bench to the Magistracy.  
Question put and passed.
7. Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson 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, a Copy of the Report of Dr. Campbell on the state of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek at the time of his retiring from the superintendence thereof.  
Question put and passed.
8. Papers:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers,—  
(1.) Return to Order in reference to "Railways and Rolling Stock—Report of Commission," made by the Legislative Assembly on motion of Mr. Lyons, on 22nd October, 1869.  
(2.) Return to Address in reference to "Railway Rolling Stock," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lucas, on 26th October, 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Bell,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Church,	Mr. Fallon,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Allen,		
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. King,	Mr. Driver.	

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 to consider the Bill.

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

10. Gold Fields:—On motion of Mr. Church 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 appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.

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

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission for the purpose of making every possible inquiry into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations, and to report upon the same, with such suggestions as they think will be desirable for the framing of new laws and regulations for the Gold Fields of New South Wales.

Mr. Church moved, "That" this Resolution be now adopted.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That" with a view to insert the following words,—“a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Baker, Mr. Church, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Farnell, “Mr. Forster, Mr. Robertson, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 11.
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Eckford,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Spring,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Jennings,	<i>Tellers.</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fallon,		Mr. Webb,
Mr. King,	Mr. Dean,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bawden.	

Question then,—That the Resolution as reported be now adopted,—put and passed.

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11. Oyster Fisheries :—Mr. Dean moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Debate on this Question was adjourned until this day week.
12. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—On the Order of the Day, No. 1 of Government Business, being read,—Mr. Forster moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
- Mr. S. Brown moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“this Bill be now recommitted, for the purpose of reconsidering clauses 6, 12, and 30, and considering a proposed new clause to stand clause 31 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 reconsidering clauses 6, 12, and 30, and considering a proposed new clause to stand clause 31 of the Bill,—put and passed.
- Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the House adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported 2<sup>o</sup>, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at seven minutes after 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, 8 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. RYAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What have been the takings or receipts from the Nepean Bridge during the present year, viz., January and February inclusive?
2. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Narrabri; and when?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint two new District Court Judges; and if so, is one for the District of Gwydir?
3. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether this Government, and that of Victoria, have yet agreed upon a site for the bridge over the Murray, at Moama, towards the erection of which sums of money have been voted by this House?
  - (2.) Are there any funds available at present for the erection of such bridge?
  - (3.) Has any design been adopted for the structure?
  - (4.) Is it intended to construct the bridge so that it could be, when erected, used also for a railway bridge, if required?
4. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did Thomas Lee, Senior Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol, obtain twelve months leave of absence on full pay; and if so, when, and for what cause?
  - (2.) Has he since then obtained a further leave of absence of four months on half pay?
  - (3.) Was he engaged in discharging the duties of his office when he received the injury which is stated to have been the cause of his obtaining leave of absence?
  - (4.) Did he meet with any accident within the Gaol, or when off duty?
  - (5.) Does he bear a good character for sobriety?
5. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the bushranger Vane been released from Darlinghurst Gaol?
  - (2.) When was he imprisoned, and what were the sentences under which he was imprisoned?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BROOKES to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2); third reading.
2. Public Roads Bill Reported (2<sup>o</sup>); adoption of Report.
3. Commons Regulation Bill; Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”
4. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
6. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the “Stamp Duties Act of 1865.”

## WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
3. Unitarian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Oyster Fisheries; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dean,—
 

“ (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.”

## New South Wales.

## No. 23.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Nepean Bridge:—Mr. Ryan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
What have been the takings or receipts from the Nepean Bridge during the present year, viz.,  
January and February inclusive?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—January, £33 11s. 8d.; February, £32 2s. 4d.
- (2.) District Court, Narrabri.—District Court Judges:—Mr. Dodds asked the Colonial Secretary,  
pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a District Court at Narrabri;  
and when?  
(2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint two new District Court Judges; and  
if so, is one for the District of Gwydir?  
Mr. Cowper answered,—  
(1.) The subject of District Courts is under the consideration of the Government, but no  
determination has been arrived at with reference to the establishment of a District Court at  
Narrabri.  
(2.) It is not the intention of the Government to appoint any more District Court Judges.
- (3.) Bridge over the Murray at Moama:—Mr. Jennings asked the Secretary for Public Works,  
pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
(1.) Whether this Government, and that of Victoria, have yet agreed upon a site for the bridge  
over the Murray, at Moama, towards the erection of which sums of money have been voted by this  
House?  
(2.) Are there any funds available at present for the erection of such bridge?  
(3.) Has any design been adopted for the structure?  
(4.) Is it intended to construct the bridge so that it could be, when erected, used also for a rail-  
way bridge, if required?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—  
(1.) Yes.  
(2.) Yes. £16,000 voted on loans for a bridge at Echuca and Moama.  
(3.) A drawing has been prepared, but the design to be adopted is to be made by the Chief Engineer  
for Railways, Victoria, by whom the bridge is to be constructed—this Colony paying half the  
expense.  
4. Yes.
- (4.) Thomas Lee, Senior Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary,  
pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) Did Thomas Lee, Senior Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol, obtain twelve months leave of absence  
on full pay; and if so, when, and for what cause?  
(2.) Has he since then obtained a further leave of absence of four months on half pay?  
(3.) Was he engaged in discharging the duties of his office when he received the injury which is  
stated to have been the cause of his obtaining leave of absence?  
(4.) Did he meet with any accident within the Gaol, or when off duty?  
(5.) Does he bear a good character for sobriety?  
Mr. Cowper answered,—I find, from papers in my office, that Mr. Thomas Lee did obtain six, and  
not twelve months leave of absence, after a period of eighteen years of service; that the accident  
on account of which leave was given did not occur to him when on, but when off, duty; and that  
he obtained an additional four months leave of absence,—the whole of the circumstances being  
brought under the notice of the Government by the Sheriff, who does not suggest anything  
whatever adverse to the character of Lee, which is, I believe, unimpeachable.

(5.)

- (5.) Bushranger Vane:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—
- (1.) Has the bushranger Vane been released from Darlinghurst Gaol?
  - (2.) When was he imprisoned, and what were the sentences under which he was imprisoned?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—The bushranger Vane has been released on the recommendation of His Honor the Chief Justice. His sentence was for fifteen years, and his imprisonment has been from the 12th April, 1864. The Chief Justice states:—"I shall be glad to hear of the prisoner's being set at liberty, being entirely of opinion, with the petitioners, that the young man will, in all probability, never return again to crime."
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Letter from Captain Mein, Superintendent and Commander of the Nautical School Ship "Vernon," relative to the future management of that Ship.
  - (2.) Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, respecting an Annual International Exhibition of Specimens of Arts and Industry—the first to be held in London in 1871.
  - (3.) Letter from the Secretary of the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, forwarding copy of a preliminary notice of an Exhibition to be held in August next, and soliciting aid from the Government.
  - (4.) Return to an Address in reference to "Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 4th March, 1870.
  - (5.) Return to an Address in reference to "Appointment of Clerk of the Bench at Tumut to the Magistracy," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 4th March, 1870.
  - (6.) Letter from the Colonial Secretary, Tasmania, on the subject of a Conference of the Australian Colonies, to be held in Melbourne in May next, relative to an Australian Commercial Federation, on the basis of a Customs Union, with a common Tariff.
- Ordered to be printed.
3. Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway:—
- (1.) Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Alexander Walker Scott, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, praying that he may be heard, either in person or by his Counsel or Solicitor, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Petition of Mr. Alexander Walker Scott.  
Petition received.
  - (2.) Mr. Farnell then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Petition of "Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway."  
Question put and passed.
4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
5. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, alleging that Petitioners have now, and for some years past have had, the management of certain works for the supply of Water to the City of Sydney, and expended large sums of money in connection therewith; that they have observed that by a motion now before this House it is intended to take the management of the said Waterworks out of their hands; and praying that the subject may be referred for the consideration of a Select Committee, and that they may be heard before such Committee.  
Petition received.
6. Postponements:—Mr. Ryan postponed the Motions standing in his name Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
7. Cemeteries Regulation Bill (No. 2) ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Forster, read a third time and passed.  
Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate Cemeteries.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Forster 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 Cemeteries,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 8th March, 1870.* Speaker.
8. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill for the abolition of Capital Punishment.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.
- | Ayes, 20.        |                 | Noes, 15.         |                 |
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| Mr. Cowper,      | Mr. Jennings,   | Sir James Martin, | Mr. Cummings,   |
| Mr. Samuel,      | Mr. Dean,       | Mr. Forster,      | Mr. Lackey,     |
| Mr. Egan,        | Mr. Fallon,     | Mr. Ryan,         | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Sutherland,  | Mr. Moses,      | Mr. Byrnes,       | Mr. E. Brown,   |
| Mr. Webb,        | Mr. Wilson,     | Mr. Weaver,       | Mr. Farnell.    |
| Mr. Parkes,      | Mr. Baker,      | Mr. Dodds,        |                 |
| Mr. King,        | Mr. Bawden,     | Mr. Spring,       |                 |
| Mr. Hoskins,     | <i>Tellers.</i> | Mr. Hill,         |                 |
| Mr. Windeyer,    |                 | Mr. Clarke,       |                 |
| Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Buchanan,   | Mr. Wearne,       |                 |
| Mr. Bell,        | Mr. Brookes.    | Mr. Speer,        |                 |
- (2.) Mr. Brookes having presented this 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 this day fortnight.

9. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject was postponed until this day fortnight.
10. Public Roads Bill:—On the Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business being read,—Mr. Forster moved, "That" the Report (2<sup>o</sup>) from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.  
Mr. Egan 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, 5, and 6, and Schedule A."  
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, 5, and 6, and Schedule A,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, 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. Forster, That the adoption of this Report (3<sup>o</sup>) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Commons Regulation Bill:—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Forster "That this Bill be now read a second time."  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 30.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. King,	
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Jennings,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Phelps.

## Noes, 7.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Speer,
Mr. Luckey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Piddington.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Samuel, at a quarter 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, 9 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Was a person named Tattersall refused permission to build a store on the railway land at Bowenfells Station?
  - (2.) Has permission since been granted to Messrs. Woods, Heaton, and Co., or Messrs. Heaton Brothers, to erect a store on the railway land at the same place?
  - (3.) Has the railway fence been moved and placed at the back of the store now being built by Messrs. Woods, Heaton, and Co.?
  - (4.) Have any other persons applied to build stores on the railway land at Bowenfells; if so, what are their names, and what answers have been given to their applications?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the charges of having cruelly beaten two boys, preferred against Mr. O'Sullivan, Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, and for which he was suspended from his office, have been investigated separately by the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta, and both cases dismissed?
  - (2.) If this is the case, is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to reinstate Mr. O'Sullivan in his office without delay?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was there a man named Isaac Clarke convicted for horse-stealing at the Windsor Quarter Sessions, in March, 1868, and sentenced to five years hard labour?
  - (2.) Has the said Isaac Clarke been liberated; if so, how much of his sentence of five years has been carried into execution?

4. MR. WINDEYER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the fact that three men who were convicted of violent assaults on the Balmain Election day, and sentenced to imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, were released before the expiration of their sentences?
5. MR. WINDEYER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the amendment of the Friendly Societies Act?
6. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government will be prepared to introduce the measure, announced in His Excellency's Speech, to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony?
7. MR. BUTLER to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether any answer has been given to the Petition of a number of residents at Windellama, praying for a post to be established twice a week between that place and Goulburn?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of Government to grant the prayer of that Petition?

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*

1. MR. PARKES to move (*Contingent on the Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply*),—That John M'Leerie, Esq., Inspector-General of Police, and Edmund Fosbery, Esq., Secretary to the Police Department, be summoned to the Bar of this House, to give evidence on the recent changes in the organization of the Police Force.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Public Roads Bill Reported (3<sup>o</sup>); adoption of Report.
4. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
7. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865."

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 introducing a Bill "to limit in certain districts the number of Licensed Public-houses, and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862."
2. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 8th March from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Sydney, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the subject of the Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs, be printed.

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THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the Sheriff received any letter or letters from the Stone-cutters' Overseer of the Parramatta Gaol, complaining of a prisoner having threatened to assault him, and that the prisoner was not punished, although a charge was preferred against him for such threat?
  - (2.) If so, has the Sheriff inquired into the matter; if he has not, is it his intention to do so?
2. MR. FARNELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was Mr. Fredrick John Shepherd, of Canterbury, convicted at the Central Police Court, on the 3rd December last, of having in his possession light weights and false balances?
  - (2.) Was a conviction drawn up under the 21st section of the Act 16 Vic. No. 34, forfeiting the said weights and balances?
  - (3.) Did the late Colonial Secretary authorize the return of the said weights and balances to Mr. Shepherd?
  - (4.) What Act of Parliament empowers the Colonial Secretary to exercise such authority?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What steps are now being taken for the construction of the Wells on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia, where water has been found, by boring, last winter ?
  - (2.) What amount was expended on said borings ?
  - (3.) Will the Minister endeavour to purchase two tanks already made by private parties on said road, which, it is said, can be purchased ?
  - (4.) Is the Minister for Lands aware that the coming eight months is the time of year most desirable for construction of wells and tanks on this road ; and is it his intention to have these works—so long left in abeyance—carried on vigorously this coming winter, the season to this time being most favorable, and likely to continue so ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
3. Unitarian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Oyster Fisheries ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dean,—
  - “ (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - “ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.”

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers viz., Specification, Accepted Tender, and all other Papers, except Plans, of New Goods Shed erected at Redfern Station. Also an Account of actual cost of double-headed Rails, Chairs, Sleepers, and re-laying of the Parramatta line of Railway, particularizing the expenditure of £20,000, which appears on the loan account for 1860.

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TUESDAY, 15 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. James Young, of St. Mary's, South Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace ?
  - (2.) Upon whose recommendation was William M'Intyre, of Wagga Wagga, appointed to the same ?
  - (3.) Was he ever a constable in the City of Sydney ; if so, when ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Store on Railway Land at Bowenfells:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Was a person named Tattersall refused permission to build a store on the railway land at Bowenfells Station?

(2.) Has permission since been granted to Messrs. Woods, Heaton, and Co., or Messrs. Heaton Brothers, to erect a store on the railway land at the same place?

(3.) Has the railway fence been moved and placed at the back of the store now being built by Messrs. Woods, Heaton, and Co.?

(4.) Have any other persons applied to build stores on the railway land at Bowenfells; if so, what are their names, and what answers have been given to their applications?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Tattersall's application, dated 12th April, 1869, to erect an accommodation house, was refused, because it was feared that it would become a place for "sly grog" selling; he however, erected a house without authority, and in July last it was ordered to be removed, when it was found that he was using it as a "sly grog" shop.

(2.) Messrs. Heaton Brothers, on the 2nd February last, obtained permission to erect a hay and corn store, in compliance with their application of 26th August, 1869.

(3.) I know of no such company as Woods, Heaton and Co. The fence has been removed and placed at the back of Heaton Brothers' store.

(4.) Applications, dated respectively the 4th and 5th instant, have been received from Mr. John Garsed, and Mr. Joseph Cooke; no reply has been given; they are now under consideration.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan, Assistant Teacher at Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the charges of having cruelly beaten two boys, preferred against Mr. O'Sullivan, Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, and for which he was suspended from his office, have been investigated separately by the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta, and both cases dismissed?

(2.) If this is the case, is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to reinstate Mr. O'Sullivan in his office without delay?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I am not officially informed upon this subject; but, so far as I have read the account of the Parramatta Police Office cases in the newspaper, it does not appear to me that this person was improperly dismissed.

(3.) Isaac Clarke:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Was there a man named Isaac Clarke convicted for horse-stealing at the Windsor Quarter Sessions, in March, 1868, and sentenced to five years hard labour?

(2.) Has the said Isaac Clarke been liberated; if so, how much of his sentence of five years has been carried into execution?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Clarke was liberated on the 16th November, 1869, after one year and eight months imprisonment. He was released on the report of the Visiting Surgeon that he was suffering from an incurable disease of the hip joint,—was a perfect cripple, and incapable of working. The Judge, under these circumstances, saw no reason why he should not receive merciful consideration.

(4.) Assaults committed at Balmain Election:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the fact that three men who were convicted of violent assaults on the Balmain Election day, and sentenced to imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, were released before the expiration of their sentences?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—Four men were convicted of this offence. In each case, with one exception, a sentence of two months imprisonment was imposed; in the fourth case the sentence was for six weeks. His Excellency remitted, on a particular day, the last few remaining days of the sentence. In one case, seven, in another eight, and in two others, ten days.

- (5.) Friendly Societies Act:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the amendment of the Friendly Societies Act?

Mr. Cowper answered,—My honorable colleague, Mr. Sutherland, will re-introduce, at an early day, the measure he introduced to the last Parliament.

- (6.) Military Defence of the Colony:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When the Government will be prepared to introduce the measure, announced in His Excellency's Speech, to make better provision for the Military Defence of the Colony?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I do not think I can answer the honorable gentleman in more appropriate language than in that of the Opening Speech of His Excellency,—that it will be “introduced as soon as it can be properly matured.”

- (7.) Postal Communication between Windellama and Goulburn:—Mr. Butler asked the Postmaster-General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Whether any answer has been given to the Petition of a number of residents at Windellama, praying for a post to be established twice a week between that place and Goulburn?

(2.) Whether it is the intention of Government to grant the prayer of that Petition?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Mr. Dignam presented a Petition on the 23rd November last for a bi-weekly (in lieu of a weekly) mail between Bungonia and Windellama, and was informed in reply that the matter would not be decided until the Inspector had visited the district.

(2.) The number of letters posted at Windellama is found to be under twenty per week; but should the Inspector report favourably upon the application, tenders will be invited for the service.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Remington v. Fitzpatrick*:—Mr. Piddington, 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, together with Appendix, relative to the Petition of Arthur Remington against the return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains, which was referred to the said Committee on the 9th 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 9th February, 1870, a Petition from Arthur Remington against the return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains, have determined and do hereby accordingly declare:—

“(1.) That the said Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, did not at the time of his election hold an office of profit under the Crown; that there was not a Poll duly demanded at the said Election; and that therefore the said Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for Yass Plains.

“(2.) That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

“(3.) That the costs and expenses of the sitting Member and his witnesses be paid to him by the Petitioner.

“W. R. PIDDINGTON,  
“Chairman.”

“No. 2 Committee Room,  
“Legislative Assembly,  
“Sydney, 9 March, 1870.”—

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Piddington (after Debate), That the said Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

4. Goulburn School Trust Bill:—Mr. Parkes, 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 3rd March, 1870.

*Ordered* to be printed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.

5. John Hunt Grogan:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, presented a Petition from John Hunt Grogan, Licensed Surveyor, setting forth that in the month of June, 1855, he was engaged and appointed, in London, by the Agent-General for the Colonies, as a Surveyor for New South Wales, to survey by contract, for a period of three years from the date of his arrival in the colony; that on arriving in Sydney he, at the request of the Government, accepted an appointment as Assistant Railway Surveyor, at a salary of £400 per annum, for three years, which arrangement the Government failed to carry out, thereby subjecting Petitioner to pecuniary loss;—and praying a favourable consideration of his case, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from His Grace Archbishop Polding, praying that this Bill may not be passed.

Petition received.

7. Governor's Salary Bill (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor.

Question put and passed.

8. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill "to limit in certain districts the number of Licensed Public-houses, and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862." Question put and passed.
9. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Sir James Martin, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Other Business*), That the Petition presented by Sir James Martin on 8th March, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Sydney, praying for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the subject of the Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
10. Governor's Salary Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to fix the Salary of the Governor*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.
11. Postponements:—  
 (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the Motions standing in his name Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.  
 (2.) The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named:—  
 No. 1, to follow after No. 9. By Mr. Samuel.  
 No. 2, until to-morrow. By Mr. Samuel.  
 Nos. 3 and 4, to follow after No. 1 (*as postponed*). By Mr. Forster.  
 No. 5, to follow after No. 4 (*as postponed*). By Mr. Samuel.  
 Nos. 6 and 7, until to-morrow. By Mr. Samuel.
12. 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. Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved (*in lieu of the Contingent Notice standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day*), That the Question be amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "and that it be an instruction to the Committee of Supply, before proceeding with the Police Estimates, to summon to the Bar any person or persons whose attendance may be considered desirable, to give evidence on the recent changes in the organization of the Police Force, and to have such evidence taken down by the Short-hand Writer." Debate ensued. Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed. Question then,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that it be an instruction to the Committee of Supply, before proceeding with the Police Estimates, to summon to the Bar any person or persons whose attendance may be considered desirable, to give evidence on the recent changes in the organization of the Police Force, and to have such evidence taken down by the Short-hand Writer,—put and passed. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, 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 Mr. Cowper, at twenty-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.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has the Sheriff received any letter or letters from the Stone-cutters' Overseer of the Parramatta Gaol, complaining of a prisoner having threatened to assault him, and that the prisoner was not punished, although a charge was preferred against him for such threat?  
 (2.) If so, has the Sheriff inquired into the matter; if he has not, is it his intention to do so?
2. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Was Mr. Frederick John Shepherd, of Canterbury, convicted at the Central Police Court, on the 3rd December last, of having in his possession light weights and false balances?  
 (2.) Was a conviction drawn up under the 21st section of the Act 16 Vic. No. 34, forfeiting the said weights and balances?  
 (3.) Did the late Colonial Secretary authorize the return of the said weights and balances to Mr. Shepherd?  
 (4.) What Act of Parliament empowers the Colonial Secretary to exercise such authority?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) In the Estimates laid before the House, there are sums of money mentioned as being appropriated for the use of Public Charities;—would the Treasurer state specifically what those charities are, mentioning particularly each Institution, and the amount intended for it?

4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) What sum is deducted from the members of the Police Force on account of the Superannuation Fund?  
 (2.) Are the members of the Police Force, when ill, supposed to pay for medical attendance and medicines?  
 (3.) Is there a medical officer paid by Government to attend upon members of the Police Force when ill?  
 (4.) Is it true that three shillings a day is stopped from members of the Police Force when ill?
5. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the nature and amount of the security furnished by the Contractor who undertook the formation, ballasting, and laying the permanent way on the Great Northern Railway from Muscleebrook to Scone?
6. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has he any objection to lay on the Table of the House the correspondence between the Government and Mr. Richard Lloyd on the subject of Tank Engines?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *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.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 2nd June, 1869, on the subject of Police, and all papers connected with such Minute.  
 (2.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 16th July, 1869, on the disposal of Cockatoo Island, and changed arrangements with regard to Gaols; and all papers connected with such Minute.
2. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That the Petition presented by Mr. Driver on his behalf on 9th March, from John Hunt Grogan, be printed.
3. MR. BUTLER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 9th March, from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

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FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

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1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) What steps are now being taken for the construction of the Wells on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia, where water has been found, by boring, last winter?  
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2. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) What amount has been raised by loan for the construction of works at the Clarence River Heads?  
 (2.) What amount has been expended upon the works in question?  
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the North Breakwater; and if so, when?

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2. MR. WEBB to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The amount of money raised by loan for the supply of Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869.  
 (2.) The amount of money raised by loan actually expended on Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869, and the number of first and second-class carriages, trucks, and engines, with their collective horse-power, provided by such expenditure.  
 (3.) The number of first and second-class carriages, trucks, and engines, with their collective horse-power, on hand on the 31st December, 1869, distinguishing those that are not in working order.  
 (4.) The net value of all Railway Rolling Stock, on hand on the 31st December, 1869.

## TUESDAY, 15 MARCH.

## Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. James Young, of St. Mary's, South Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace ?  
 (2.) Upon whose recommendation was William M'Intyre, of Wagga Wagga, appointed to the same ?  
 (3.) Was he ever a constable in the City of Sydney ; if so, when ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) When will the plans and specifications be ready for the new Post Office and Custom House at Newcastle, for which the funds were voted last Session ?  
 (2.) What rent is the Government paying for the building now used as a Custom House ?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is the Government aware that hundreds of tons of sand are annually drifting into the harbour of Newcastle ?  
 (2.) Are any steps contemplated to arrest this very serious evil ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
 (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
 “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Parramatta Gaol:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Sheriff received any letter or letters from the Stone-cutters' Overseer of the Parramatta Gaol, complaining of a prisoner having threatened to assault him, and that the prisoner was not punished, although a charge was preferred against him for such threat?

(2.) If so, has the Sheriff inquired into the matter; if he has not, is it his intention to do so?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) The Sheriff has received two letters from the Stone-cutters' Overseer.

(2.) In the case referred to, he has not deemed it necessary to make any inquiry, the Overseer himself having written to him that the case was adjudicated upon by the Visiting Justice and by another Magistrate. The Sheriff, in furnishing me with this statement, adds—"It is in direct contravention of the Gaol Regulations that the information contained in this question should have been communicated by an officer of the Gaol to any person beyond the prison. Any officer in the Gaol having to prefer a complaint can do so, by letter, addressed either to the Sheriff, or, through the Sheriff, to the Colonial Secretary."

- (2.) Frederick John Shepherd:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was Mr. Frederick John Shepherd, of Canterbury, convicted at the Central Police Court, on the 3rd December last, of having in his possession light weights and false balances?

(2.) Was a conviction drawn up under the 21st section of the Act 16 Vic. No. 34, forfeiting the said weights and balances?

(3.) Did the late Colonial Secretary authorize the return of the said weights and balances to Mr. Shepherd?

(4.) What Act of Parliament empowers the Colonial Secretary to exercise such authority?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Frederick John Shepherd, of Canterbury, was convicted of having in his possession light weights and false balances. The late Colonial Secretary did authorize the return of the said weights and balances. He did so under the recommendation of the Magistrates who convicted him. There is no law, that I can find out, that prevents such a course being taken; and on a former occasion Sir William Manning gave an opinion that it could be done.

- (3.) Public Charities:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

In the Estimates laid before the House, there are sums of money mentioned as being appropriated for the use of Public Charities;—would the Treasurer state specifically what those charities are, mentioning particularly each Institution, and the amount intended for it?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I think, if the honorable member looks, he will find all the information he asks for in the Estimates.

- (4.) Police Force:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What sum is deducted from the members of the Police Force on account of the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Are the members of the Police Force, when ill, supposed to pay for medical attendance and medicines?

(3.) Is there a medical officer paid by Government to attend upon members of the Police Force when ill?

(4.) Is it true that three shillings a day is stopped from members of the Police Force when ill?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—

- (1.) A deduction of two per cent. on the amount of pay received by members of the Police Force is made under the authority of the 19th section of the 25th Victoria No. 16, towards the Police Superannuation Fund, which contribution has been increased to three per cent. by the voluntary consent of all members of the force, as the revenue of the fund was not found equal to the expenditure.
- (2.) Members of the force are expected to pay for their own medical attendance, unless when suffering from illness incurred in the performance of duty.
- (3.) There is a medical officer in Sydney paid by Government to attend upon members of the Police Force when ill.
- (4.) The subjoined extract from the Police Regulations contains the rule of the force as to pay allowed to men when sick:—"Half-pay only will be allowed to members of the force in hospital; but should they be suffering from the effects of their own misconduct, the whole of their pay will be stopped. Where no hospital or medical accommodation is afforded, they will have to provide themselves with medical attendance and medicines; but in cases where their illness has arisen from wounds or injuries received in the performance of their duty, a special report of the circumstances will be made to the Inspector General."
- (5.) Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What is the nature and amount of the security furnished by the Contractor who undertook the formation, ballasting, and laying the permanent way on the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Scone?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—Cash security for £3,000.
- (6.) Tank Engines:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Has he any objection to lay on the Table of the House the correspondence between the Government and Mr. Richard Lloyd on the subject of Tank Engines?  
Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no objection to lay these papers on the Table of the House.
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Police Rules, dated 16th July, 1869.
  - (2.) Minutes of the Executive Council on the subject of Police, and the disposal of Cockatoo Island.
  - (3.) Report, for the year 1869, on the Hospital for the Insane, Gladsville.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Byrnes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. Gold Fields Management Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.  
Question put and passed.
5. Impounding Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That this House shall, next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.  
Question put and passed.
6. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by Mr. Samuel:—
  - Nos. 1 and 2, until Wednesday next.
  - No. 3, until To-morrow.
  - No. 4, until Wednesday next.
7. 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.
8. Gunpowder Export Regulation 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 regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores*," 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 March, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

GUNPOWDER EXPORT REGULATION BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 10th March, 1870.*

FOR R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments,  
JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk Assistant.

Page 1, clause 1. Omit clause 1.

" clause 2, lines 14 to 17. Omit "for any port in the Colony of New Zealand or other place which shall have been declared by proclamation as aforesaid to be under the operation of this Act."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered,

*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 Wednesday next.  
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.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH.

### Questions :—

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What steps are now being taken for the construction of the Wells on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia, where water has been found, by boring, last winter?
  - (2.) What amount was expended on said borings?
  - (3.) Will the Minister endeavour to purchase two tanks already made by private parties on said road, which, it is said, can be purchased?
  - (4.) Is the Minister for Lands aware that the coming eight months is the time of year most desirable for construction of wells and tanks on this road; and is it his intention to have these works—so long left in abeyance—carried on vigorously this coming winter?
2. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been raised by loan for the construction of works at the Clarence River Heads?
  - (2.) What amount has been expended upon the works in question?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the North Breakwater; and if so, when?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has the iron-work for the superstructure of the Bridge proposed to be erected over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway, arrived in the Colony?
  - (2.) If so, when do the Government intend to call for tenders for the conveyance of the same to Aberdeen?

### OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
3. Unitarian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Oyster Fisheries; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dean,—
  - (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover."
6. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill "to limit in certain districts the number of Licensed Public-houses, and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862."

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BYRNES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers viz., Specification, Accepted Tender, and all other Papers, except Plans, of New Goods Shed erected at Redfern Station. Also an Account of actual cost of double-headed Rails, Chairs, Sleepers, and re-laying of the Parramatta line of Railway, particularizing the expenditure of £20,000, which appears on the loan account for 1860.
2. MR. WEBB *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
  - (1.) The amount of money raised by loan for the supply of Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The amount of money raised by loan actually expended on Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869, and the number of first and second-class carriages, trucks, and engines, with their collective horse-power, provided by such expenditure.
  - (3.) The number of first and second-class carriages, trucks, and engines, with their collective horse-power, on hand on the 31st December, 1869, distinguishing those that are not in working order.
  - (4.) The net value of all Railway Rolling Stock, on hand on the 31st December, 1869.
3. MR. BYRNES *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act, 10 Vic. No. 10.

4. MR. ROBERTSON 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.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 2nd June, 1869, on the subject of Police, and all papers connected with such Minute.
  - (2.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 16th July, 1869, on the disposal of Cockatoo Island, and changed arrangements with regard to Gaols; and all papers connected with such Minute.
5. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Driver on his behalf on 9th March, from John Hunt Grogan, be printed.
6. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th March, from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the receipt, custody, and issue of the Public Moneys, and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.
2. Impounding Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865."
5. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Public Roads Bill Reported (3<sup>d</sup>); adoption of Report.
7. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.

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TUESDAY, 15 MARCH.

Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. James Young, of St. Mary's, South Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace?
  - (2.) Upon whose recommendation was William M'Intyre, of Wagga Wagga, appointed to the same?
  - (3.) Was he ever a constable in the City of Sydney; if so, when?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When will the plans and specifications be ready for the new Post Office and Custom House at Newcastle, for which the funds were voted last Session?
  - (2.) What rent is the Government paying for the building now used as a Custom House?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that hundreds of tons of sand are annually drifting into the harbour of Newcastle?
  - (2.) Are any steps contemplated to arrest this very serious evil?
4. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have any Returns been received of the number of deaths that have taken place on the dry country and road between Booligal and Wilcannia, during 1868 and 1869, from want of water, or of persons supposed to have been lost on same road?
  - (2.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary call for such returns?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.
  - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all the correspondence and documents that have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to a conditional purchase made by William James Arthur, in the Parish of St. Julian, County of Durham, and which has been declared forfeited.

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WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
  2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
  3. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
  5. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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## FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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## TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
  2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
    - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
    - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
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## WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Wells on Road between Booligal and Wilcannia:—Mr. Phelps asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What steps are now being taken for the construction of the Wells on the road between Booligal and Wilcannia, where water has been found, by boring, last winter?

(2.) What amount was expended on said borings?

(3.) Will the Minister endeavour to purchase two tanks already made by private parties on said road, which, it is said, can be purchased?

(4.) Is the Minister for Lands aware that the coming eight months is the time of year most desirable for construction of wells and tanks on this road; and is it his intention to have these works—so long left in abeyance—carried on vigorously this coming winter?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) Tenders are about to be invited for the construction of the necessary works. The Commissioner for Roads, under whom the works are being carried out, is *en route* to Hay to complete arrangements.

(2.) £1,045; a large proportion of which will be repaid by the sale or transfer of horses and plant purchased.

(3.) No application has been made for the purchase of tanks, but if suitable tanks can be purchased for less than they can be constructed for, the matter will be taken into consideration.

(4.) The Government will do their best, but the weather was not very favourable when the party left off boring.

- (2.) Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What amount has been raised by loan for the construction of works at the Clarence River Heads?

(2.) What amount has been expended upon the works in question?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the North Breakwater; and if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £50,000.

(2.) £21,887 7s. 2d.

(3.) The subject is under the consideration of the Government, whether they will proceed with the work or not.

- (3.) Bridge over the Hunter at Aberdeen:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the iron-work for the superstructure of the Bridge proposed to be erected over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, on the extension of the Great Northern Railway, arrived in the Colony?

(2.) If so, when do the Government intend to call for tenders for the conveyance of the same to Aberdeen?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is not intended to call for tenders for the conveyance of the iron-work to Aberdeen, but tenders will at once be invited for the construction of the superstructure of the Bridge.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1, *Government Business*, on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act, 10 Vic. No. 10.

Question put and passed.

4. John Hunt Grogan (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. S. Brown*, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented on 9th March, from John Hunt Grogan, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
5. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Driver* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*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,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
6. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill:—*Mr. Driver* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remove disqualifications of Judges Chairmen of Quarter Sessions and Justices of the Peace in certain cases,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
7. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Byrnes* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act 10 Vic. No. 10,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
8. Sydney Boundaries Amendment 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, to consider the Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
9. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed, to follow next after Order No. 4. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

<i>Mr. Cowper,</i>	<i>Mr. Flood,</i>
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>	<i>Mr. Moses,</i>
<i>Mr. Egan,</i>	<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Wilson,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>
<i>Mr. Brookes,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Windeyer,</i>	
<i>Mr. Clarke,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. Webb,</i>	<i>Mr. Dillon.</i>
<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>	

Noes, 13.

<i>Mr. Byrnes,</i>	<i>Mr. Bawden,</i>
<i>Mr. Speer,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Dodds,</i>	
<i>Mr. Morrice,</i>	<i>Commander Onslow,</i>
<i>Mr. King,</i>	<i>Mr. Farnell.</i>
<i>Mr. Cummings,</i>	
<i>Mr. Osborne,</i>	
<i>Mr. Driver,</i>	
<i>Mr. Weaver,</i>	
<i>Mr. M. C. Stephen,</i>	

10. Unitarian Church Land Bill:—*Mr. Parkes* 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. Parkes* the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
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 this Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
12. Church of England Temporalities Act Repeal Bill (*Postponed Order of the Day No. 2*):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time. *Mr. Cowper* 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 ensued. Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>
<i>Mr. Buchanan.</i>

Noes, 31.

<i>Mr. Cowper,</i>	<i>Mr. Weaver,</i>
<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Spring,</i>
<i>Mr. Watson,</i>	<i>Mr. Neale,</i>
<i>Mr. Wearne,</i>	<i>Mr. Driver,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Moses,</i>
<i>Mr. Jennings,</i>	<i>Mr. Brookes,</i>
<i>Commander Onslow,</i>	<i>Mr. Bawden,</i>
<i>Mr. Fallon,</i>	<i>Mr. Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. M. C. Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Dillon,</i>
<i>Mr. M. H. Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. Cummings,</i>	<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Allen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>	<i>Mr. Webb,</i>
<i>Mr. King,</i>	<i>Mr. Dodds.</i>
<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

Whereupon Question,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.

13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
14. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill :—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill “to limit in certain districts the number of Licensed Public-houses, and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862,” 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 introduce a Bill to limit in certain Districts the number of Licensed Public-houses, and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862.  
 Mr. Wilson then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
 Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, intituled “*A Bill to limit in certain Districts the number of Licensed Public-houses and to amend in other respects the Licensing Act of 1862*,”—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.
15. Postponement :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Byrnes, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Byrnes, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
16. Railway Rolling Stock :—*Mr. Webb* moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—  
 (1.) The amount of money raised by loan for the supply of Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869.  
 (2.) The amount of money raised by loan actually expended on Railway Rolling Stock, up to 31st December, 1869, and the number of first and second-class carriages and trucks ; also, the number of engines, with their collective horse-power, provided by such expenditure.  
 (3.) The number of first and second-class carriages and trucks ; also, the number of engines, with their collective horse-power, on hand on the 31st December, 1869, distinguishing those that are not in working order.  
 (4.) The net value of all Railway Rolling Stock, on hand.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five 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, 15 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. James Young, of St. Mary's, South Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace ?  
 (2.) Upon whose recommendation was William M'Intyre, of Wagga Wagga, appointed to the same ?  
 (3.) Was he ever a constable in the City of Sydney ; if so, when ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) When will the plans and specifications be ready for the new Post Office and Custom House at Newcastle, for which the funds were voted last Session ?  
 (2.) What rent is the Government paying for the building now used as a Custom House ?
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Is the Government aware that hundreds of tons of sand are annually drifting into the harbour of Newcastle ?  
 (2.) Are any steps contemplated to arrest this very serious evil ?
4. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Have any Returns been received of the number of deaths that have taken place on the dry country and road between Booligal and Wilcannia, during 1868 and 1869, from want of water, or of persons supposed to have been lost on same road ?  
 (2.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary call for such returns ?
5. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Did the gentleman who occupied the position of Teacher in the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, immediately before Mr. O'Sullivan was appointed, make the same or similar complaints as to its misgovernment which were made by the late Teacher, Mr. O'Sullivan ?
6. MR. FARNELL to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Is the Telegraph Line to be extended to Shoalhaven ?  
 (2.) If so, when is the Station to be opened ?
7. MR. FARNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has a base line been laid down for the purposes of Triangulation in any part of the Colony other than at Lake George ?
8. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the great necessity that exists for the want of a Court House and Lock-up at Oberon, in the police district of Bathurst ?  
 (2.) Is the Government aware that the Court of Petty Sessions has to be holden in the kitchen of the policeman's hut ?  
 (3.) Will the Government cause the necessary buildings to be erected if this statement is true ?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all the correspondence and documents that have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to a conditional purchase made by William James Arthur, in the Parish of St. Julian, County of Durham, and which has been declared forfeited.
4. MR. BROOKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and other documents in relation to the proposed establishment of a General Cemetery for the Borough and District of Newcastle at Waratah.
5. MR. FARNELL 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 Petition presented to His Excellency the Governor on the 23rd July last, by Mr. Percy Simpson.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That Mr. Montagu Consett Stephen be appointed a Member of the Select Committee on the Sydney Infirmary, in place of Mr. Stephen Brown.
7. MR. BYRNES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers—viz., Specification, Accepted Tender, and all other Papers, except Plans, of New Goods Shed erected at Redfern Station. Also an Account of actual cost of double-headed Rails, Chairs, Sleepers, and re-laying of the Parramatta line of Railway, particularizing the expenditure of £20,000, which appears on the loan account for 1860.
8. MR. ROBERTSON 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.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 2nd June, 1869, on the subject of Police, and all papers connected with such Minute.  
(2.) The Minute of the Executive Council of the 16th July, 1869, on the disposal of Cockatoo Island, and changed arrangements with regard to Gaols; and all papers connected with such Minute.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Unitarian Church Land Bill; third reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill Reported; adoption of Report.
3. Oyster Fisheries; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dean,—  
“ (1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.
2. Impounding Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the “ Stamp Duties Act of 1865.”
5. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Public Roads Bill Reported (3<sup>d</sup>); adoption of Report.
7. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.

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WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH.

## Question :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the construction of the Wharf at Bomaderry Ferry, Shoalhaven River, be commenced?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COVERER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the receipt, custody, and issue of the Public Moneys, and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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 FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill ; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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 TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

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 WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Appointment of Mr. James Young and Mr. William M'Intyre to the Commission of the Peace:—

Mr. Ryan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. James Young, of St. Mary's, South Creek, appointed to the Commission of the Peace?

(2.) Upon whose recommendation was Mr. William M'Intyre, of Wagga Wagga, appointed to the same?

(3.) Was he ever a constable in the City of Sydney; if so, when?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) Mr. James Young was appointed upon the recommendation of one of the most eminent men in the country—the Rev. Dr. Lang.

(2.) Mr. William M'Intyre was appointed upon the recommendation of Mr. William Macleay; and Mr. Forsyth also repeatedly recommended his appointment.

(3.) This is, I think, a very improper question, and is one that I shall not answer.

- (2.) Post Office and Custom House at Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) When will the plans and specifications be ready for the new Post Office and Custom House at Newcastle, for which the funds were voted last Session?

(2.) What rent is the Government paying for the building now used as a Custom House?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) The plans and specifications are being prepared, and will be completed in a week.

(2.) £350 per annum.

- (3.) Harbour of Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that hundreds of tons of sand are annually drifting into the harbour of Newcastle?

(2.) Are any steps contemplated to arrest this very serious evil?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) Government is aware that much sand drifts into the harbour of Newcastle from the sand hills. The matter was brought under the notice of the former, as well as of the present Government, by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, and a negotiation was entered into with the Corporation of Newcastle and the owners of the allotments on the sand hills, to the effect that each should contribute one-third towards the cost of planting the hills with grass, estimated at £1,000. Government accordingly obtained a vote from Parliament of £334, which has been expended with the most beneficial results in levelling and grassing the Government portion of the sand hills. The Corporation, however, although frequently applied to, to fix the levels and form the streets, have failed to move in the matter.

(2.) Under these circumstances, the Government, having performed their part of the agreement, are employing the dredges in removing any sand which is blown into the harbour.

- (4.) Deaths on Road between Booligal and Wilcannia:—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have any Returns been received of the number of deaths that have taken place on the dry country and road between Booligal and Wilcannia, during 1868 and 1869, from want of water, or of persons supposed to have been lost on same road?

(2.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary call for such returns?

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Mr. Cowper answered,—The Inspector General of Police states that he has only returns of five deaths from want of water :—

- One on the 26th January, 1868 ;
- Ditto 6th August, 1868 ;
- Ditto 1st December, 1868 ;
- Ditto 17th January, 1869 ;
- Ditto 24th March, 1869.

The Registrar General gives a return of five in the year 1868, and four in the year 1869, at Booligal, and eight in 1868, and four in 1869, at Wilcannia. He adds, "Two of these men were found dead in the bush, but the others died from various natural causes." He further states, "The District of Balranald, through which the road between Booligal and Wilcannia passes, is divided into five sub-registry districts, viz., Hay, Balranald, Bourke, Wentworth, and Menindie. During the years 1868 and 1869, in those districts, the deaths of thirteen persons were registered as having been found dead in the bush,—the probable cause being from want of water. The date of death could not, in some cases, be stated, the inquiry held being upon human remains."

- (5.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Did the gentleman who occupied the position of Teacher in the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, immediately before Mr. O'Sullivan was appointed, make the same or similar complaints as to its misgovernment which were made by the late Teacher, Mr. O'Sullivan?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Complaints were made as to the management of this institution by Mr. Cullen, who preceded Mr. O'Sullivan as Teacher in the Roman Catholic Orphan School. Upon this a report was made by the Inspector of Public Charities to the Colonial Secretary of the day, who makes a minute upon the report in these words :—"I do not think much attention can be paid to Mr. Cullen's complaints."

- (6.) Telegraph Line to Shoalhaven :—Mr. Farnell asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

- (1.) Is the Telegraph Line to be extended to Shoalhaven ?
- (2.) If so, when is the Station to be opened ?

Mr. Egan answered,—The work of the telegraph line to Shoalhaven has been in hand for some considerable time, and I believe is now completed. The station will, I believe, be opened in a few days, when an opportunity will be afforded for the Superintendent of Telegraphs to visit the place.

- (7.) Base Line for Triangulation of New South Wales :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Has a base line been laid down for the purposes of Triangulation in any part of the Colony other than at Lake George ?

Mr. Forster answered,—A rough base was measured near Albury in 1861, in anticipation of extensive measurements for sale of land in that locality, and rather with a view to uniformity in bearings than for triangulation.

- (8.) Court House and Lock-up at Oberon :—Mr. Cummings asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the great necessity that exists for the want of a Court House and Lock-up at Oberon, in the police district of Bathurst ?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that the Court of Petty Sessions has to be holden in the kitchen of the policeman's hut ?
- (3.) Will the Government cause the necessary buildings to be erected if this statement is true ?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I cannot find, either in my own office or in the office of the Secretary for Public Works, that any such application—or that any application—has been made for a Court House and Lock-up at Oberon, in the police district of Bathurst ; nor is there any information on the subject.

2. Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Fallon presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors of Albury and Corowa Districts, complaining of the present system of payments for Conditional Purchases of land ; and praying that the subject may receive early and favourable consideration, with a view to relief being afforded to Petitioners.

Petition received.

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

- (1.) Despatch respecting Appointment of British Vice-Consul in New Caledonia.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Proposed Silk Supply Association in London.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Standing Rules and Orders :—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by this House on the 1st instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

5. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Butler presented the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of this Bill :—

- (1.) From the Right Reverend Matthew Quinn, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst.
- (2.) From the Right Reverend James Murray, Roman Catholic Bishop of Maitland.

Petitions received.

6. Vote of Credit :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

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 March, in the year 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th March, 1870.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

7. **Informality in Petition**:—The Speaker,—drawing attention to the Petition from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, presented by Mr. Butler on the 9th instant, and recorded in Entry No. 6 of the Votes and Proceedings of that day,—stated that since the reception of that Petition, it had been discovered that the 22nd Standing Order of this House had been contravened, and that therefore the Petition was inadmissible. The Petition was accordingly returned to the Honorable Member who had presented it, and the entry alluded to discharged.
8. **Motion Withdrawn**:—Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. **Sydney Infirmary** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That Mr. Montagu Consett Stephen be appointed a Member of the Select Committee on the Sydney Infirmary, in place of Mr. Stephen Brown. Question put and passed.
10. **Unitarian Church Land Bill** (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned and for other purposes.*”  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Parkes 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 Land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in the manner therein mentioned 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, 15th March, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. **Tolls levied on Nepean Bridge**:—Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the Tolls now levied on the Bridge across the Nepean, at Penrith, is impolitic and oppressive, and should therefore be at once abolished.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Farnoll,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Ryan.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. King,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Bawden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Driver.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have passed in the negative.

12. **Motion Withdrawn**:—Mr. Ryan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. **Conditional Purchase of William James Arthur**:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all the correspondence and documents that have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to a conditional purchase made by William James Arthur, in the Parish of St. Julian, County of Durham, and which has been declared forfeited.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
14. **General Cemetery for Newcastle**:—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence and other documents in relation to the proposed establishment of a General Cemetery for the Borough and District of Newcastle at Waratah.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. **Goods Shed at Redfern Railway Station**:—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers, viz., Specification, Accepted Tender, and all other Papers, except Plans, of New Goods Shed erected at Redfern Station. Also an Account of actual cost of double-headed Rails, Chairs, Sleepers, and re-laying of the Parramatta line of Railway, particularizing the expenditure of all sums of money which appear on the Loan Account for that purpose.  
Question put and passed.

16. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 :—Sir James Martin, 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 2nd March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir James Martin then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 25th March.

Question put and passed.

17. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Robertson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

18. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—On the Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business being read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Baker 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 13."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. King,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Weaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Bell,	

Noes, 11.	
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Jennings,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Baker,	
	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Bawden.	

Report adopted.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday "next."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "next," with a view to inserting in its place the word "week."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Fraser.

Noes, 19.	
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Fallon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Bawden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Hill,	

Question then—That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next,—put and passed.

19. Oyster Fisheries :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Dean,—

"(1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of February last, from certain inhabitants of the Manning River, complaining of the present system of leasing Oyster-beds, and praying for the repeal of so much of the existing law as relates to such leasing, and the introduction in lieu thereof of provisions for licensing each person engaged in oyster fishing, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Brookes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neale, Mr. Forster, and the Mover,"—resumed and continued.

Question put and passed.

20. Gold Fields Management Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields, having been read,—On motion of Mr. 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 introduce a Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields.

Mr. Forster then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put and passed.

21. Impounding Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock, having been read,—On motion of Mr. 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 introduce a Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock.

Mr. Forster then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put and passed.

22. Gold Fields Management Bill :—Mr. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the management of the Gold Fields,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 13th April.
23. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs having been read,—On motion of Mr. 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 introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Customs.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
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 to-morrow week.
24. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the “ Stamp Duties Act of 1865,” 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 introduce a Bill to amend the “ Stamp Duties Act of 1865.”  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Samuel having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *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 to-morrow week.
25. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Superannuation Bill of 1870 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until Tuesday next.
26. Public Roads Bill :—On the Order of the Day No. 6 of Government Business being read,—Mr. Forster moved, That the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.  
Mr. Forster then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
27. Commons 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 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 Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely :—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dean, Mr. Dight, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Moses, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Spring, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Webb,—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, 16 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the construction of the Wharf at Bomaderry Ferry, Shoalhaven River, be commenced ?
2. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether he is aware that the approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station, on either side thereof, are in an almost impassable condition, and whether and when is it the intention of the Government to repair the same ?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on sufferance through private property, is no longer available ?
  - (2.) And that the road between those places, dedicated to the public by Miss Campbell, has never been fenced, made, or opened ?
  - (3.) And that the Trustees thereof cannot therefore expend in repairs the £30 given them by the Government for that specific purpose, whilst that sum is utterly inadequate to make or form such road ?
  - (4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose ?

4. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps the Government, having forbidden the Trustees of the Rocky River Road to demand further toll at the gates erected near the Cook's River Dam, on account of an informality in the Government Proclamation establishing such tolls, intend to take for keeping such road and the several roads branching therefrom, between the abolished toll-gate and Sans Souci, in reasonable repair?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will the Colonial Secretary lay on the Table of this House the Report of the Inspector of Public Charities in reference to the state of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the House how many Students have attended St. John's Affiliated College each year since its establishment, and how many Students are there at present?
  - (2.) The cost of keeping up this establishment, and the amount it has cost since its foundation?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was Mr. James J. Taylor, a clerk in the Sheriff's Department, lately suspended?
  - (2.) What was the reason of his suspension?
  - (3.) Has Mr. Taylor been restored to his office?
8. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Does anyone hold the office of District Court Judge for the Western District?
  - (2.) If so, what is the gentleman's name?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the receipt, custody, and issue of the Public Moneys, and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Public Roads Bill ; third reading.
7. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FALLON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March, from certain free-selectors of the Albury and Corowa Districts, relative to the present system of payments for conditional purchases of land, be printed.
2. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March, from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March, from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony from 1856 to 1869, inclusive, showing for each year the separate cost of each head of service and the total expenditure of each year, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population approximatively ascertained.

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THURSDAY, 17 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the length, height, and width of the Railway Tunnels at Mount Clarence and Gibraltar respectively?
  - (2.) What is the total number of cubic yards of excavation in each of above tunnels?
  - (3.) What is the total number of yards of masonry in each of above tunnels?
  - (4.) Total cost of excavation of each tunnel?
  - (5.) Total cost of masonry of each tunnel?
  - (6.) Total cost of each of above tunnels, including supervision, &c., &c.?

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FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

Question :—

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the money due by the Government to the Borough Council of Newcastle be paid?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill ; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; third reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FITZPATRICK 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 the following particulars, viz. :—
  - (1.) The average number of male and female Prisoners confined in the Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima, respectively, during the four months ending 28th February, 1870.
  - (2.) The number of officers employed in each of such Gaols during the same period (including Visiting Justices and Visiting Surgeons), and the salary and emoluments of each such officer or employé.
2. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional buildings.

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## Question :—

1. MR. KING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) In what state of progress are the Staiths at Newcastle, and when will they be available for the shipment of coal?
  - (2.) When was the work commenced?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 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.) Approaches to Ashfield Railway Station:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether he is aware that the approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station, on either side thereof, are in an almost impassable condition, and whether and when is it the intention of the Government to repair the same?

Mr. Forster answered,—A sum of £20 was granted for the repair of the road from the Parramatta Road to the Station, on June 9th last. The approach on the other side was recommended, by the Surveyor General, to the consideration of the Honorable the Minister for Works, July 29th last. By some oversight the recommendation was not forwarded. It is intended, however, to act upon it without delay, the necessity being now more apparent in consequence of the bad weather.

*Mr. M. C. Stephen withdrew the Question No. 3.*

- (2.) Toll on Rocky River Road:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What steps the Government, having forbidden the Trustees of the Rocky River Road to demand further toll at the gates erected near the Cook's River Dam, on account of an informality in the Government Proclamation establishing such tolls, intend to take for keeping such road and the several roads branching therefrom, between the abolished toll-gate and Sans Souci, in reasonable repair?

Mr. Forster answered,—I am not aware of any such prohibition having been issued by the Government; but the exaction of the toll in question having been found to be illegal, the trustees were advised to discontinue it, and therefore the question of tolls on these roads requires to be dealt with *de novo*. Any recommendation from trustees, or others interested, for an equitable settlement of the difficulty, if they do not involve a greater expenditure than that at present granted, which is as follows,—

Rocky Point Road	...	...	...	...	...	£150
Forest Road	...	...	...	...	...	200
Koggerah Road	...	...	...	...	...	60

will be duly considered.

Total ... £410,—

- (3.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Will the Colonial Secretary lay on the Table of this House the Report of the Inspector of Public Charities in reference to the state of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I will lay the document upon the Table.

- (4.) St. John's Affiliated College:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the House how many Students have attended St. John's Affiliated College each year since its establishment, and how many Students are there at present?

(2.) The cost of keeping up this establishment, and the amount it has cost since its foundation?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—

- (1.) The number of Students in 1861 was 4.  
 Do. 1862 „ 5.  
 Do. 1863 „ 3.  
 Do. 1864 „ 8.  
 Do. 1865 „ 9.  
 Do. 1866 „ 8.  
 Do. 1867 „ 8.  
 Do. 1868 „ 7.  
 Do. 1869 „ 6.

And as yet in 1870 it is 2.

Six other students attended lectures, but were not resident.

- (2.) The expense on account of the building is £19,422 7s. 2d. The Rector's salary, at £500 per annum, calculated up to 28th February, 1870, amounts to £5,750.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 7.*

- (5.) District Court Judge for Western District :—Mr. Webb asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
- (1.) Does anyone hold the office of District Court Judge for the Western District?  
 (2.) If so, what is the gentleman's name?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Yes, Mr. District Court Judge Josephson, who has at present leave of absence, Mr. Wilkinson performing the duty and receiving the salary for the time,—Mr. Josephson having leave without pay.
2. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Report of the Inspector of Public Charities on the state of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from His Grace Archbishop Polding, praying that this Bill may not be passed.  
 Petition received.
4. Civil Service Superannuation :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain persons employed in the Civil Service of the Colony, alleging that they have just grounds for dissatisfaction with the present state of the question of Superannuation, and with the Bill now before Parliament in reference thereto; and praying that the House, in dealing with the subject, will make other provision for the equitable and permanent settlement of their claims than that contained in the proposed Bill.  
 Petition received.
5. Administration of Justice :—Mr. King presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, representing that great dissatisfaction exists in the minds of the community at large on the subject either of the Criminal Law or of its administration as regards the lenity of the sentences recently passed on various grades of criminals, and the great contrast between the degree of punishment inflicted by the different Supreme Court and other Judges for offences of a like nature; and praying that the subject may be taken into consideration, with a view to obviate the recurrence or continuance of the evils complained of.  
 Petition received.
6. Hugh Maguire :—Commander Onslow presented a Petition from Hugh Maguire, at present of Sydney, shepherd, alleging that a grant of land, in the District of Liverpool, was promised to him by the Government of Sir Thomas Brisbane, and though repeatedly applied for, the grant has not yet issued; and praying that his case may receive the favourable consideration of the House.  
 Petition received.
7. Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Forster (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Lands Department “ Tabular Returns, shewing Conditional Purchases of Crown Lands made during the years 1862-3-4-5-6-7 and 8” (*in separate bundles for each year*), laid upon the Table by Mr. Wilson on 14th October, 1868.  
 Question put and passed.
8. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
 (1.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta (Depositions in the cases Skehan v. O'Sullivan, and Acred v. O'Sullivan).  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Return to Order in reference to “ Municipal Affairs, Newcastle,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Hannell, on 10th December, 1868.
9. Audit Bill of 1870 (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the receipt, custody, and issue of the Public Moneys, and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the receipt custody and issue of the Public Moneys and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts,*”—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
10. Conditional Purchases (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Fallon moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March, from certain free selectors of the Albury and Corowa Districts, relative to the present system of payments for conditional purchases of land, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motions) :—Mr. Jennings, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notices Nos. 2 and 3,—  
 (1.) That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on 15th March, from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maitland, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on 15th March, from the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
12. Annual Expenditure of the Colony (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony from 1856 to 1869, inclusive, shewing for each year the separate cost of each head of service and the total expenditure of each year, and the proportion of the total to each head of the population approximatively ascertained.  
Question put and passed.
13. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by Mr. Samuel:—  
No. 1, until Wednesday next.  
No. 2, to follow after No. 4.  
No. 3, until To-morrow.
14. 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 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:—  
(No. 4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £124,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
15. Ways and Means:—The *postponed* 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 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:—  
(No. 4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1870, the sum of £124,000 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 March, 1870, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1869.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time and agreed to.
16. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—  
(1.) Mr. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 4, to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, towards the Service of the year 1870.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Samuel 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 1870*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
17. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill:—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 disagreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that Report.
18. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Public Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-morrow.
19. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing 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.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to provide greater facilities for, and to regulate Distillation from, articles the produce of the Colony.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) 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 to-morrow week.
20. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply (*See Entry 14 above*) 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 having continued to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1870, A.M.,

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

The House adjourned at a quarter before Two 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, 17 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the length, height, and width of the Railway Tunnels at Mount Clarence and Gibraltar respectively?
  - (2.) What is the total number of cubic yards of excavation in each of above tunnels?
  - (3.) What is the total number of yards of masonry in each of above tunnels?
  - (4.) Total cost of excavation of each tunnel?
  - (5.) Total cost of masonry of each tunnel?
  - (6.) Total cost of each of above tunnels, including supervision, &c., &c.?
2. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that great necessity exists for a survey of the Clarence River, and the erection of leading marks and guide beacons from the Heads to Grafton?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have such survey made, and the requisite marks and beacons erected; and if so, when?
3. MR. E. BROWN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the Railway charges for the carriage of flour from the interior to Sydney to a rate corresponding to that charged for the carriage of wheat, or to equalize the charges?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption by the Crown of certain Land, portions of the Crown Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the "Commons Regulation Bill," which lapsed on the 15th March by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3); second reading.
4. Public Roads Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from the Civil Servants, relative to the Superannuation Bill of 1870, be printed.
2. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March, from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, relative to the Administration of Justice, be printed.
4. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from Hugh Maguire, relative to his claim to a grant of land, be printed.

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the money due by the Government to the Borough Council of Newcastle be paid?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the construction of the Wharf at Bomadeery Ferry, Shoalhaven River, be commenced?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on sufferance through private property, is no longer available?
  - (2.) And that the road between those places, dedicated to the public by Miss Campbell, has never been fenced, made, or opened?
  - (3.) And that the Trustees thereof cannot therefore expend in repairs the £30 given them by the Government for that specific purpose, whilst that sum is utterly inadequate to make or form such road?
  - (4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose?
4. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that a very serious obstruction to the navigation of the Clarence River exists at Lawrence, about midway between the Heads and Grafton?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take measures for the removal of the obstruction in question; and if so, what measures, and when will the work be commenced?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; third reading.

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1. MR. FITZPATRICK 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 the following particulars, viz. :—  
 (1.) The average number of male and female Prisoners confined in the Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima, respectively, during the four months ending 28th February, 1870.  
 (2.) The number of officers employed in each of such Gaols during the same period (including Visiting Justices and Visiting Surgeons), and the salary and emoluments of each such officer or employé.
2. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional buildings.
3. MR. WEBB 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 Minutes of the Executive Council, or of any Minister, together with copies of all correspondence relating to the retirement of Mr. District Court Judge Cary, and the appointment of the Honorable J. F. Josephson to the office so vacated.

## TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## Questions :—

1. MR. KING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) In what state of progress are the Staiths at Newcastle, and when will they be available for the shipment of coal ?  
 (2.) When was the work commenced ?
2. MR. JENNINGS to ask the POSTMASTER GENERAL,—  
 (1.) Whether a reduced scale of telegraphic rates within the Colony, and also between this Colony and Victoria, has been finally decided on ?  
 (2.) Is it proposed to assimilate the overland postage rates between this Colony and Victoria to the inland rates ?  
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 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
 “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

## WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
  2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  4. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
  5. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
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## THURSDAY, 24 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
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## FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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## WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1870.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Bell, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. King, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Neale, Commander Onslow, Mr. Phelps, 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.

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the money due by the Government to the Borough Council of Newcastle be paid?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the construction of the Wharf at Bomaderry Ferry, Shoalhaven River; be commenced?
3. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on sufferance through private property, is no longer available?
  - (2.) And that the road between those places, dedicated to the public by Miss Campbell, has never been fenced, made, or opened?
  - (3.) And that the Trustees thereof cannot therefore expend in repairs the £30 given them by the Government for that specific purpose, whilst that sum is utterly inadequate to make or form such road?
  - (4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose?
4. MR. BAWDEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that a very serious obstruction to the navigation of the Clarence River exists at Lawrence, about midway between the Heads and Grafton?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take measures for the removal of the obstruction in question; and if so, what measures, and when will the work be commenced?

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5. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) What is the length, height, and width of the Railway Tunnels at Mount Clarence and Gibraltar respectively?
  - (2.) What is the total number of cubic yards of excavation in each of above tunnels?
  - (3.) What is the total number of yards of masonry in each of above tunnels?
  - (4.) Total cost of excavation of each tunnel?
  - (5.) Total cost of masonry of each tunnel?
  - (6.) Total cost of each of above tunnels, including supervision, &c., &c.?
6. MR. BAWDEN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that great necessity exists for a survey of the Clarence River, and the erection of leading marks and guide beacons from the Heads to Grafton?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have such survey made, and the requisite marks and beacons erected; and if so, when?
7. MR. E. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the Railway charges for the carriage of flour from the interior to Sydney to a rate corresponding to that charged for the carriage of wheat, or to equalize the charges?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Goulburn School Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill; third reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FITZPATRICK 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 the following particulars, viz. :—
  - (1.) The average number of male and female Prisoners confined in the Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima, respectively, during the four months ending 28th February, 1870.
  - (2.) The number of officers employed in each of such Gaols during the same period (including Visiting Justices and Visiting Surgeons), and the salary and emoluments of each such officer or employé.
2. MR. M. H. STEPHEN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional buildings.
3. MR. WEBB 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 Minutes of the Executive Council, or of any Minister, together with copies of all correspondence relating to the retirement of Mr. District Court Judge Cary, and the appointment of the Honorable J. F. Josephson to the office so vacated.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from the Civil Servants, relative to the Superannuation Bill of 1870, be printed.
5. MR. BUTLER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
6. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March, from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, relative to the Administration of Justice, be printed.
7. COMMANDER ONSLOW to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from Hugh Maguire, relative to his claim to a grant of land, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption by the Crown of certain Land, portions of the Crown Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the "Commons Regulation Bill," which lapsed on the 15th March by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3); second reading.
4. Public Roads Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## TUESDAY, 22 MARCH.

## Questions:—

1. MR. KING to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) In what state of progress are the Staiths at Newcastle, and when will they be available for the shipment of coal?
  - (2.) When was the work commenced?
2. MR. JENNINGS to ask the POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether a reduced scale of telegraphic rates within the Colony, and also between this Colony and Victoria, has been finally decided on?
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OTHER

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(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
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1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
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 WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 30.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Borough of Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the money due by the Government to the Borough Council of Newcastle be paid?

*Mr. Samuel* answered,—The only amounts in the hands of the Government are £11 18s. 3d., endowment for the half-year ending 1st August, 1869,—and £43 3s., the proportion of fines payable to the Municipality. These will not be paid, nor any other amount, until the claim be satisfied which the Government have against the Municipality for the audit of accounts belonging to that Municipality.

(2.) Wharf at Bomaderry Ferry:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the construction of the Wharf at Bomaderry Ferry, Shoalhaven River, be commenced?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—Within a few weeks.*Mr. M. C. Stephen* withdrew the Question No. 3.

(3.) Clarence River:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a very serious obstruction to the navigation of the Clarence River exists at Lawrence, about midway between the Heads and Grafton?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take measures for the removal of the obstruction in question; and if so, what measures, and when will the work be commenced?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As soon as the Estimates are passed the Government will take the necessary measures for carrying out the work.

(4.) Railway Tunnels:—*Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) What is the length, height, and width of the Railway Tunnels at Mount Clarence and Gibraltar respectively?

(2.) What is the total number of cubic yards of excavation in each of above tunnels?

(3.) What is the total number of yards of masonry in each of above tunnels?

(4.) Total cost of excavation of each tunnel?

(5.) Total cost of masonry of each tunnel?

(6.) Total cost of each of above tunnels, including supervision, &amp;c., &amp;c.?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

(1.) Mount Clarence Tunnel:—		Gibraltar Tunnel:—	
Length	1,617 feet.		1,716 feet.
Height	19 feet 9 inches.		19 feet 9 inches.
Width	15 feet.		15 feet.
(2.)	20,101 $\frac{3}{4}$		23,623 $\frac{1}{2}$
(3.)	5,539		5,333 $\frac{3}{4}$
(4.)	£20,101 15 0		£17,422 6 7
(5.)	£23,359 5 0		£19,305 0 4
(6.)	£44,062 15 10		£37,757 1 8

The cost of supervision cannot be given, as the officers engaged at the tunnels were also employed on other works extending over the whole length of each contract.

(5.)

- (5.) Clarence River :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that great necessity exists for a survey of the Clarence River, and the erection of leading marks and guide beacons from the Heads to Grafton ?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have such survey made, and the requisite marks and beacons erected ; and if so, when ?
- Mr. Samuel answered,—The Government is aware that a complete survey of the river is necessary, and that leading marks are required. Lieutenant Gowland, the officer at present employed in completing the coast survey, will, immediately the Estimate for the service for the present year is sanctioned by Parliament, proceed to the Clarence for the purpose of surveying the river, and will cause leading marks to be erected.
- (6.) Railway Charges for Carriage of Flour :—Mr. E. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the Railway charges for the carriage of flour from the interior to Sydney to a rate corresponding to that charged for the carriage of wheat, or to equalize the charges ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—This matter, together with others affecting the rates, are now under consideration.
2. Vacant Seat (Gold Fields North) :—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Seat of Robert Wisdom, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North, hath become, and is now vacant, he having been returned to serve in this Parliament for the Electoral District of The Lower Hunter, and also for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North, and having elected to serve for the Electorate of The Lower Hunter, and resigned his Seat for the said Electorate of Gold Fields North.  
Question put and passed.
3. Paper :—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Return to Address in reference to "Contributors to Superannuation Fund," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 2nd February, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Gunpowder Export Regulation 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 10th March, 1870, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill, disagrees to the said Amendments,—  
Because they are calculated to impede the operations of trade.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th March, 1870.*
- Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
5. Papers :—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, during the period from 15th February to 14th March, 1870 :—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale, until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public purposes.
  - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale, until surveyed, as the Sites for future Villages.
  - (3.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns and Villages.
- Ordered to be printed.
6. William Cronin :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from William Cronin, of Sydney, representing that having been a digger at Lambing Flat in 1863, and being desirous of removing from thence, he offered a quantity of gold, to the value of £218, for safe custody to the local Gold Commissioners, but that those officers declined to accept it, and that he was subsequently robbed of the gold ; since which he has become almost blind and incapable of earning his livelihood ; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
7. James Twaddell :—Mr. J. Suttor presented a Petition from James Twaddell, of Droubaigie, near Forbes, in the Colony of New South Wales, setting forth that he is, and has been for the last fourteen years, the lessee of a certain Run on the Lachlan River ; that in the year 1861 gold was discovered on the said Run, and thousands of diggers located there, in consequence of which fifty square miles of his run were withdrawn from lease, to his great injury ; and praying a favourable consideration of his case.  
Petition received.
8. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Maria Charlotte Plunkett, of Sydney, widow of the late Honorable John Hubert Plunkett, representing that her late husband held the offices of Solicitor General and Attorney General of this Colony, and for a time discharged the duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court ; that at the time of his death his pecuniary affairs were in considerable embarrassment, and that she, in her declining years, is unprovided for ; and praying that in consideration of the important services rendered by her late husband to the Colony, and her own distressing position, the House will take her case into its favourable consideration.  
Petition received.
9. Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick 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 Return shewing the following particulars, viz. :—
- (1.) The average number of male and female Prisoners confined in the Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima, respectively, during the four months ending 28th February, 1870.
  - (2.) The number of officers employed in each of such Gaols during the same period (including Visiting Justices and Visiting Surgeons), and the salary and emoluments of each such officer or employé.
- Question put and passed.

10. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870 (*"Formal Motion"*):—Mr. M. H. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional buildings.  
Question put and passed.
11. District Court Judges Cary and Josephson (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Webb 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 Minutes of the Executive Council, or of any Minister, together with copies of all correspondence relating to the retirement of Mr. District Court Judge Cary, and the appointment of the Honorable J. F. Josephson to the office so vacated.  
Question put and passed.
12. Civil Service Superannuation (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from the Civil Servants, relative to the Superannuation Bill of 1870, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal Motion"*):—Mr. Jennings, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That the Petition presented by Mr. Butler on 16th March from His Grace Archbishop Polding, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
14. Administration of Justice (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March, from certain inhabitants of the Colony of New South Wales, relative to the Administration of Justice, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. Hugh Maguire (*"Formal" Motion*):—Commander Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March from Hugh Maguire, relative to his claim to a grant of land, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
16. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption by the Crown of certain Land, portions of the Crown Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle.  
Question put and passed.
17. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870:—Mr. M. H. Stephen having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional Buildings,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
18. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Leary moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
19. Goulburn School Trust Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Mr. Parkes the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
20. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named, until Tuesday next:—  
Nos. 2 and 3,—by Mr. Driver.  
No. 4,—by Mr. Byrnes.
21. Sydney Boundaries 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 of the Whole for such further consideration.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
22. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
On motion of Sir James Martin, Debate adjourned (after Debate) until this day week, then to take precedence of all other business.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-five minutes before Ten 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, 22 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. KING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) In what state of progress are the Staiths at Newcastle, and when will they be available for the shipment of coal?
  - (2.) When was the work commenced?
2. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* the POSTMASTER GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Whether a reduced scale of telegraphic rates within the Colony, and also between this Colony and Victoria, has been finally decided on?
  - (2.) Is it proposed to assimilate the overland postage rates between this Colony and Victoria to the inland rates?
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  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on sufferance through private property, is no longer available?
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  - (4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose?
4. MR. J. SUTTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government is in possession of any Returns shewing the number of Prisoners committed to Orange Quarter Sessions from Forbes and Condobolin for trial; and if so, whether such Returns would not shew that a large annual saving to the Treasury for prosecution expenses would be effected by holding Quarter Sessions in Forbes, instead of, as at present, sending prisoners for trial to Orange?
  - (2.) Whether the Government is prepared to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1870 the sum of £500, or such sum as would be sufficient to build a house of detention or Lock-up at Forbes, to the end that Quarter Sessions might in future be held in that town?
5. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps do the Government intend to take in reference to the vote of this House on the Report of the Select Committee upon the claims of Mr. William Sims Bell?
6. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How often have tenders been called for the construction of an Iron Bridge at Hay, or any portion of it?
  - (2.) Had parties tendering the option of importing it or making it in the Colony?
  - (3.) What are the names of the parties tendering, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (4.) Has any contract been signed; if so, what is the amount of the contract, and the name of the contractor?
7. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether the superstructures of the Bathurst and Yass Bridges have been delivered within the contract time?
  - (2.) If not, when did the contract time expire; and the penalty, if any, for non-fulfilment?
  - (3.) What is the amount of these two contracts, and the names of the contractors?
  - (4.) When are these bridges to be opened to the public?
8. MR. E. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have the inhabitants of Moss Vale, and others in the immediate neighbourhood of the Sutton Forest Railway Station, petitioned for police protection; if so, do the Government intend granting that protection?
  - (2.) Has the Petition been replied to, and to what effect?

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  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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3. MR. WILSON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all minutes and correspondence that have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the application of Mr. George Wood for compensation for the removal of a boundary fence erected on his conditional purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntly, but since ordered to be moved,—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.

4. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A detailed account of the expenditure of the special sum of £300 placed by the Government at the disposal of Messrs. Ford, Cummings, and Howard, as Trustees for the repairing of the road from Kelso to Tambaroora.
  - (2.) Copies of any advertisements, notices, agreements, or contracts, published or made by said Trustees with any person in reference to the above road.
  - (3.) A statement of the balance remaining in hand of such sum of £300; of the bank, if any, at which such money is deposited; and the names of the persons to whose credit it is placed.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle.
6. MR. DRIVER to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Mrs. Mary Fogg, presented to this House on the 5th day of March, 1869.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the evidence taken before the Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.
7. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March from William Cronin, relative to his alleged loss of gold at Lambing Flat, through the refusal of the Commissioner to receive it, be printed.
8. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March from James Twaddell, be printed.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March from Maria Charlotte Plunkett, relative to her late husband's services, be printed.
10. MR. RYAN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present system of Tolls on the Government bridges throughout the Colony, and the expediency of maintaining the same.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
3. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870; second reading.
4. Goulburn School Trust Bill; third reading.
5. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
7. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; third reading.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*contingent on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee, before voting any further sums for the working expenses of the Railways, or for completing the re-laying of the line from Sydney to Parramatta, to examine, at the Bar of the House, Mr. Ashdown, the Accountant to the Railway Department, in reference to the details of the expenditure under the above heads since the end of 1859, and in reference to the proposed votes for these purposes in the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates under the consideration of the Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths.

MR. FORSTER to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the “ Commons Regulation Bill,” which lapsed on the 15th March by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3); second reading.
5. Public Roads Bill; third reading.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
  2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
  3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
  4. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
  5. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) The number of committals made by the several Courts of Petty Sessions at Wentworth, Hay, Wilcannia, Menindee, Balranald, and other Courts of Petty Sessions, to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Court at Deniliquin, since such Courts have been established at Deniliquin ?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that many serious criminal cases fall through in these regions, owing to the reluctant manner in which witnesses give evidence, fearing the cost and loss by absence from employment and business, in consequence of the enormous distance, and the great expense in time and money if bound over to prosecute ?

(3.) Has the Colonial Secretary the means of informing the House how many such cases are believed or supposed to have occurred since the date aforesaid ; and if not, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of affording such information to the House ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan "That this Bill be now read a third time."
  2. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  3. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 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. King asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) In what state of progress are the Staiths at Newcastle, and when will they be available for the shipment of coal?

(2.) When was the work commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The work may be said to be almost completed, with the exception of part of the approach, which cannot be finished until arrangements shall have been completed with the A. A. Company and the executors of the late Dr. Mitchell to allow the Government to close the level crossing, and obtain some additional land which will be required.

(2.) The foundations were commenced in November, 1866.

(2.) Telegraphic and Postage Rates:—Mr. Jennings asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether a reduced scale of telegraphic rates within the Colony, and also between this Colony and Victoria, has been finally decided on?

(2.) Is it proposed to assimilate the overland postage rates between this Colony and Victoria to the inland rates?

(3.) If a reduction take place in the overland postal rates, is it proposed to lower the charge for conveying sea-borne letters between the two Colonies?

Mr. Egan answered,—

(1.) The question is now under the consideration of the Government.

(2.) The existing rates can only be reduced by arrangement between the two Colonies. A proposal to assimilate them to the overland rates has been made to the Government of Victoria.

(3.) This Government is in communication with the Government of Victoria on this question also.

*Mr. M. C. Stephen withdrew the Question No. 3.*

(3.) Quarter Sessions at Forbes:—Mr. J. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Whether the Government is in possession of any Returns shewing the number of Prisoners committed to Orange Quarter Sessions from Forbes and Condobolin for trial; and if so, whether such Returns would not shew that a large annual saving to the Treasury for prosecution expenses would be effected by holding Quarter Sessions in Forbes, instead of, as at present, sending prisoners for trial to Orange?

(2.) Whether the Government is prepared to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1870 the sum of £500, or such sum as would be sufficient to build a house of detention or Lock-up at Forbes, to the end that Quarter Sessions might in future be held in that town?

Mr. Cowper answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member, I beg to state that the short notice he has given me to enable me to prepare for an answer prevents my having had time to look into the question so thoroughly as I should wish. I find, however, that some representation upon the subject was made by Mr. Church, the Member for the Gold Fields West, and that my predecessor, in concert with the Attorney General, considered it desirable, upon the whole, that a Court of Quarter

Quarter Sessions should be established at Forbes, but that the Lock-up at Forbes is not sufficient for temporary confinement or short sentences. The whole subject, however, will be brought under the consideration of the Government. A plan for increased gaol accommodation has been prepared, and, as soon as I can give the attention to the subject which it deserves, a decision shall be arrived at by the Government upon the subject.

*Mr. S. Brown withdrew Question No. 5.*

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew Questions Nos. 6 and 7.*

(4.) Police Protection at Moss Vale :—Mr. E. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Have the inhabitants of Moss Vale, and others in the immediate neighbourhood of the Sutton Forest Railway Station, petitioned for police protection ; if so, do the Government intend granting that protection ?

(2.) Has the Petition been replied to, and to what effect ?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) I find that an application was made for police protection, but, in view of the scheme of retrenchment in the Police which is now being carried out, it could not be granted.

(2.) The Petition was replied to, and Mr. Morrice and the other parties were so informed on the 18th.

2. Public Houses :—Mr. M. C. Stephen presented a Petition from certain Delegates of Suburban and other Municipal Boroughs, met in conference, deprecating the evils arising from the indiscriminate licensing of houses for public entertainment and amusement, and suggesting that the inhabitants residing within any municipality ought to have some voice in the licensing of such houses ; and praying that steps may be taken to carry out their views.

Petition received.

3. Member of Legislative Council as Witness :—Mr. Cowper moved, *without previous notice*, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee “to inquire into and report upon the best means of promoting a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration with a view to the taking immediate steps for its revival,”—and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable John Hay, Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd March, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Further Despatches respecting Expenditure of Public Money.

(2.) Despatch respecting Forms of Oaths of Allegiance, &c.

(3.) Return to Address in reference to “Andrew Hume,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 1st March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Cattle Sale Yards Bill (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 5, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle.

Question put and passed.

6. Mrs. Mary Fogg (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice 6,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Mrs. Mary Fogg, presented to this House on the 5th day of March, 1869.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Buchanan, and the Mover.

(3.) That the evidence taken before the Committee of last Session be referred to this Committee.

Question put and passed.

7. William Cronin (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March from William Cronin, relative to his alleged loss of gold at Lambing Flat, through the refusal of the Commissioner to receive it, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. James Twaddell (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. J. Sutter moved, pursuant to Notice No. 8, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March from James Twaddell, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That the Petition presented by Mr. Parkes on 18th March from Maria Charlotte Plunkett, relative to her late husband’s services, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

10. Tolls on Government Bridges (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present system of Tolls on the Government Bridges throughout the Colony, and the expediency of maintaining the same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

11. Goulburn School Trust Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Robert Waugh William Chatfield Philip Dignam and Charles Hamilton Walsh surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School to dispose of by sale and to convey the said Goulburn School land and premises and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the 'Goulburn School Fund' their representatives or assigns.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes 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 Robert Waugh William Chatfield Philip Dignam and Charles Hamilton Walsh surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School to dispose of by sale and to convey the said Goulburn School land and premises and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the 'Goulburn School Fund' their representatives or assigns,*"—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 March, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Sydney Boundaries 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 Boundaries of the City of Sydney.*"

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 Boundaries of the City of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd March, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Promissory Oaths Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths.

Question put and passed.

14. Commons Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 (*Government Business*), That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the "*Commons Regulation Bill,*" which lapsed on the 15th March by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

15. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption by the Crown of certain Land portions of the Crown Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company at Newcastle,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 30th March.

16. Paper:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Report on proposed Tank Engine for working the Mountain Line, Great Western Railway. (*See Answer to Question No. 6 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 25.*)

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "*Railway Extension.*"

17. Postponement:—Mr. Ryan postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to day, until this day week.
18. Mr. John Wood:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence and minutes relative to the application of Mr. John Wood for compensation for loss sustained 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 "*allowed*" and surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntly, 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 £22 10s.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "*allowed,*" in the 5th line, with a view to inserting in its place the word "*recommended.*"

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Samuel,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Weaver,		Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Egan,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Bawden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	Mr. King,	Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Leary,		Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Driver.

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

Whereupon

Whereupon Question,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all correspondence and minutes relative to the application of Mr. John Wood for compensation for loss sustained 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 Huntly, 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 £22 10s.—put and passed.

19. Mr. George Wood :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all minutes and correspondence that have passed between the Government and any person or persons, relative to the application of Mr. George Wood for compensation for the removal of a boundary fence erected on his conditional purchase of 320 acres, in accordance with the measurement of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Huntly, but since ordered to be moved,—the original survey having been declared wrong by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Binsted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. Road from Kelso to Tambaroora :—Mr. J. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A detailed account of the expenditure of the special sum of £300 placed by the Government at the disposal of Messrs. Ford, Cummings, and Howard, as Trustees for the repairing of the road from Kelso to Tambaroora.

(2.) Copies of any advertisements, notices, agreements, or contracts, published or made by said Trustees with any person in reference to the above road.

(3.) A statement of the balance remaining in hand of such sum of £300; of the bank, if any, at which such money is deposited; and the names of the persons to whose credit it is placed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Leary, until this day fortnight.

22. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs :—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—

“ (1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor,”—resumed and continued.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words of the first Resolution after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “this House having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its suburbs.”

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Flood moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Aycs, 22.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Spoer,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Dight,	
Mr. Fallon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Jennings.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. King,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Neale.
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Spring,	

23. Assent to Consolidate Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 14.*

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 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, 22nd March, 1870.*

24. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870 :—Mr. M. H. Stephen 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. M. H. Stephen the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

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The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. M. H. Stephen, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

25. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver 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. Driver the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

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. Alexander, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Neale, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty 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, 23 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the Road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on sufferance through private property, is no longer available?
  - (2.) And that the road between those places, dedicated to the public by Miss Campbell, has never been fenced, made, or opened?
  - (3.) And that the Trustees thereof cannot therefore expend in repairs the £30 given them by the Government for that specific purpose, whilst that sum is utterly inadequate to make or form such road?
  - (4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose?
2. MR. WILSON to ask the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The names of the stations to which Meteorological Instruments have been supplied in accordance with the request of the Agricultural Society?
  - (2.) What instruments have been supplied to each station, and when will the Government begin to publish the results?

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*

1. SIR JAMES MARTIN to move (*contingent on the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply*), That it be an instruction to the Committee, before voting any further sums for the working expenses of the Railways, or for completing the re-laying of the line from Sydney to Parramatta, to examine, at the Bar of the House, Mr. Ashdown, the Accountant to the Railway Department, in reference to the details of the expenditure under the above heads since the end of 1859, and in reference to the proposed votes for these purposes in the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates under the consideration of the Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
6. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
8. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
10. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3); second reading.
11. Public Roads Bill; third reading.
12. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd March from certain Delegates of Municipal Boroughs, relative to the licensing of Public Houses, be printed.
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 propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the sale of Cattle.
2. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870; third reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## THURSDAY, 24 MARCH.

## Questions:—

1. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps do the Government intend to take in reference to the vote of this House on the Report of the Select Committee upon the claims of Mr. William Sims Bell?
2. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the contract price for the erection of Station-house and Goods Shed at Rydal; and when are they to be completed?
  - (2.) If not completed within the specified time, is it the intention of the Government to enforce the terms of the contract?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

## Questions:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The number of committals made by the several Courts of Petty Sessions at Wentworth, Hay, Wilcannia, Menindee, Balranald, and other Courts of Petty Sessions, to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Court at Deniliquin, since such Courts have been established at Deniliquin?
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TUESDAY, 29 MARCH.

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FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

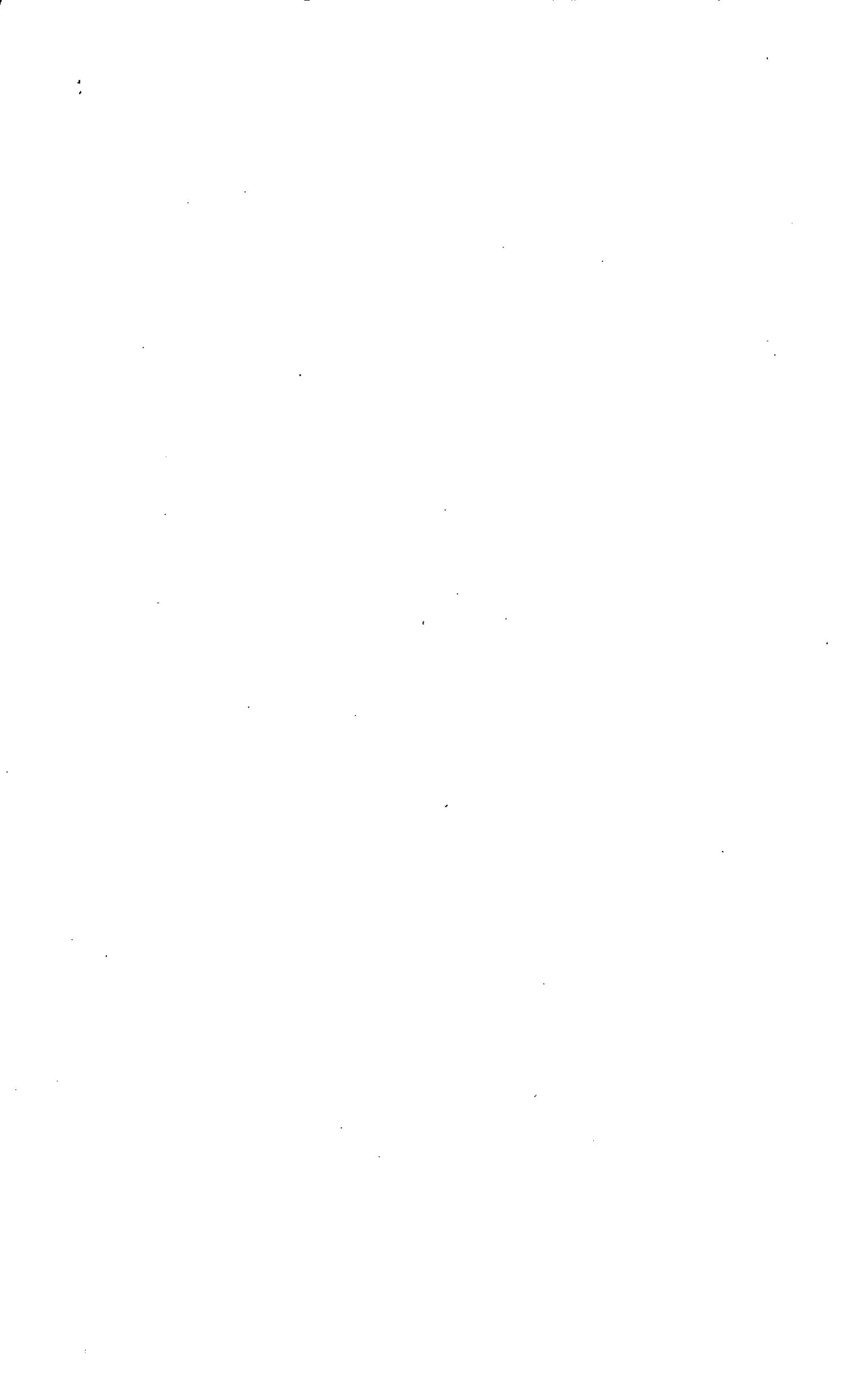
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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road between Ashfield and Canterbury:—Mr. M. C. Stephen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the Road between Ashfield and Canterbury, heretofore used by the public on suffrance through private property, is no longer available?

(2.) And that the road between those places, dedicated to the public by Miss Campbell, has never been fenced, made, or opened?

(3.) And that the Trustees thereof cannot therefore expend in repairs the £30 given them by the Government for that specific purpose, whilst that sum is utterly inadequate to make or form such road?

(4.) Whether the Government intend to open, make, and fence such road, or to place in the hands of such Trustees such additional sum as with the said £30 will be sufficient for the purpose?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) The Government have no information to that effect.

(2.) It is not the practice of the Government to fence, or formally open, roads dedicated to the public in the sale of private property.

(3.) The Government are not aware that any obstacle exists to the expenditure of the £30, which was the estimated cost of making the road available, and all that the Government considered necessary for the purpose at the time the money was granted.

(4.) The Government have no such intention at present.

- (2.) Meteorological Instruments:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The names of the stations to which Meteorological Instruments have been supplied in accordance with the request of the Agricultural Society?

(2.) What instruments have been supplied to each station, and when will the Government begin to publish the results?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table.

2. Papers:—

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

1. Return respecting Meteorological Instruments. (*See answer to Question No. 2 above.*)

2. Despatch respecting discharge of Soldiers in Colonies for service in the Police, &c.

Ordered to be printed.

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

1. Reports from Commissioners in charge of Gold Fields, respecting Auriferous Lands under lease.

2. Return to Order in reference to "Gold Fields—Leases of Auriferous Lands," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. M. H. Stephen, on 11th February, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. George Swinnerton Yarnton:—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 the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton was referred on 1st March, 1870, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Public Houses (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. M. C. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd March from certain Delegates of Municipal Boroughs, relative to the licensing of Public Houses, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. M. C. Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. M. C. Stephen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain Lands and to apply the proceeds in an towards the erection of additional Buildings.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. M. C. Stephen 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 the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain Lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional Buildings,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd March, 1870.*

Speaker.

- Question put and passed.
7. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 12.
8. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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 to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report.  
Mr. Samuel then moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the third reading of this Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.  
Question put and passed.
9. Public Roads Bill:—Mr. Forster 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 12."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Alexander,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Webb,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Neale,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Cummings,	
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Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Spring.	
Mr. Tunks,		

Question then,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed,—  
And Bill read a third time.

Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for and regulate Roads.*"

Question put and passed.

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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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Question put and passed.

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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
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Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. 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.

Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the following instruction,—“and that it be an instruction to the Committee, before voting any further sums for the working expenses of the Railways, or for completing the re-laying of the line from Sydney to Parramatta, to examine, at the Bar of the House, Mr. Whitton, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and Mr. Ashdown, the Accountant to the Railway Department, in reference to the details of the expenditure under the above heads since the end of 1859, and in reference to the proposed votes for these purposes in the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates under the consideration of the Committee, and that such evidence be taken down by the Short-hand Writer.”

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

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Ayes, 22.

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Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lackey,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Clarke.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jennings,
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. King,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Driver.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, 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, 24 MARCH, 1870, A.M.,—

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

12. Member of Legislative Council as Witness:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 22nd March, 1870, requesting leave for the Honorable John Hay, Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed “to inquire into and report upon the best means of promoting a sound and comprehensive system of Immigration, with a view to the taking immediate steps for its revival,” the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 23rd March, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twelve minutes after Two o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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7. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
8. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That the consideration in Committee of the "Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill," which lapsed by reason of this House being counted out on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the sale of Cattle.
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 (3.) Have the Government determined upon refusing to sanction such selection?

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 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the petition presented to this House from Messrs. James Reid Maxwell, William Chisholm, John Cummins, and Edward Shorter, respecting losses sustained by them through the insecure state of the Post Office at Sofala, in the year 1862.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Egan, Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Bell, and the Mover.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution:—  
 (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.  
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*Mr. Forster* answered,—The case has not yet been finally dealt with. Inquiries are pending as to the value, at the time of surrender, of the land alleged to have been surrendered by Mr. Bell.

(2.) Station-house and Goods Shed at Rydal:—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the contract price for the erection of Station-house and Goods Shed at Rydal; and when are they to be completed?

(2.) If not completed within the specified time, is it the intention of the Government to enforce the terms of the contract?

*Mr. Sutherland* answered,—

Passenger station, platform, and carriage dock .....	£3,264 12 6
Goods warehouse .....	1,500 0 0
	£4,764 12 6

The original time for completion of this contract was the 30th September, 1869. The time was extended to 15th November last. Subsequent applications for extensions were refused; but on the 1st February the following letter was sent to contractor, which will sufficiently explain itself:—

“ Department of Public Works,  
“ Railway Office,  
“ Sydney, 1st February, 1870.

“ Sir,

“ In reference to my letter of the 24th December last, declining to comply with your request to be allowed an extension of time for the completion of your contract for Railway Station at Rydal, I have the honor to inform you that it is the intention of the Government to open the railway to Rydal within two months from this date, and that in consideration of your being prepared to hand over to the Department the Station House, &c., by that time, duly completed, any application you may make for a remission of a portion of the penalties you have incurred for non-completion within the prescribed time will be favorably entertained.

“ This is without prejudice.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,

“ JOHN SUTHERLAND,

“ Commissioner for Railways.

“ Mr. R. M'Intosh,  
“ Rydal.

“ This concession is, however, made with the distinct stipulation that not only must the work be completed by the time stated, but that its progress towards completion must be such as to satisfy the Engineer-in-Chief that it will be completed; otherwise he has instructions to enter upon the contract at any time, and to take steps for its being finished by the Government.”

(3.)

- (3.) Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) How many pupils are there at the Sydney Grammar School?
  - (2.) What is the income of the Institution?
  - (3.) The number of Masters, and the amount of their salaries; also the amount they receive in capitation fees?
  - (4.) Is there any Master employed to teach the French or German language?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—
- (1.) The Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1869 states that the number of pupils, for the quarter ending in December, was 215.
  - (2.) The amount of income, £2,624 15s. 6d.
  - (3.) There are seven Masters engaged for their whole time; and four engaged for particular lessons the total amount of salaries is £2,433 8s. 4d.; Capitation fees, £1,079.
  - (4.) There is a German Master.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Report of the Sydney Grammar School for 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 11.
4. 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.
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 service of the year 1870,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 24th March, 1870.
- T. A. MURRAY,  
President.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at eight 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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FRIDAY, 25 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) The number of committals made by the several Courts of Petty Sessions at Wentworth, Hay Wilcannia, Menindee, Balranald, and other Courts of Petty Sessions, to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Court at Deniliquin, since such Courts have been established at Deniliquin?
  - (2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that many serious criminal cases fall through in these regions, owing to the reluctant manner in which witnesses give evidence, fearing the cost and loss by absence from employment and business, in consequence of the enormous distance, and the great expense in time and money if bound over to prosecute?
  - (3.) Has the Colonial Secretary the means of informing the House how many such cases are believed or supposed to have occurred since the date aforesaid; and if not, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of affording such information to the House?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How often have tenders been called for the construction of an Iron Bridge at Hay, or any portion of it?
  - (2.) Had parties tendering the option of importing it or making it in the Colony?
  - (3.) What are the names of the parties tendering, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (4.) Has any contract been signed; if so, what is the amount of the contract, and the name of the contractor?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether the superstructures of the Bathurst and Yass Bridges have been delivered within the contract time?
  - (2.) If not, when did the contract time expire; and the penalty, if any, for non-fulfilment?
  - (3.) What is the amount of these two contracts, and the names of the contractors?
  - (4.) When are these bridges to be opened to the public?

4. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Are the Government aware that Mr. Alexander Berry has preferred a claim for a Deed of Grant for examination by the Court of Claims for 590 acres of land, situate at the entrance of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, known as Comerong Island?  
 (2.) Is not the said land still in possession of the Crown?  
 (3.) Do the Government intend to enter a caveat against Mr. Berry's claim for such land?
5. MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) Have any petitions or letters been received by the Secretary for Lands from Mr. Thomas Hyde, of Coota Creek, Wood's Flat, near Cowra, with reference to a free selection of land made by him; if so, when?  
 (2.) Have either of such petitions or letters been replied to?  
 (3.) Have the Government determined upon refusing to sanction such selection?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan "That this Bill be now read a third time."
2. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the sale of Cattle.
5. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
6. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all cases of arbitration upon imports subject to *ad valorem* duty, since 1st January, 1867, shewing, respectively, the name of importer, name of ship, and where from, names of sworn appraisers, names of the officers who challenged the value, with the result and cost of each arbitration.  
 (2.) A Return, shewing the number of post entries for additional duty, issued and obtained since 1st January, 1867, the name of importer, name of ship, where from, and the names of the officers challenging, the dates of their appointments, and the amount of salary attached to their office.  
 (3.) A Return, shewing all seizures made by the landing-waiters, since 1st January, 1867, on account of misdescription, illegal landing, or any other cause; shewing also the names of the seizing officers, the cause of seizure, the amount of duty paid on such seizures, and the seizures given up on payment of duty; also by whose authority the seizures were given up, whether by Collector or Colonial Treasurer.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the petition presented to this House from Messrs. James Reid Maxwell, William Chisholm, John Cummins, and Edward Shorter, respecting losses sustained by them through the insecure state of the Post Office at Sofala, in the year 1862.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Egan, Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Bell, and the Mover.
3. MR. G. A. LLOYD to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution:—  
 (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That the consideration in Committee of the "Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill," which lapsed by reason of this House being counted out on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
6. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
8. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
10. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, 29 MARCH.

## Question:—

1. MR. JENNINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) How many runs were declared forfeited in 1868 and 1869?  
 (2.) What number of runs are there altogether vacant, and lying open for occupation?  
 (3.) What is the approximate area of the unoccupied runs within the Colony?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr Neale,—
  - “ (1.) ‘ That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “ That,” with a view to insert the following words, “ this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”

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 WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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 TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

## Question:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?

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 WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Committals by Courts of Petty Sessions at Wentworth, Hay, &c.:—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The number of committals made by the several Courts of Petty Sessions at Wentworth, Hay, Wilcannia, Menindee, Balranald, and other Courts of Petty Sessions, to the Court of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Court at Deniliquin, since such Courts have been established at Deniliquin?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that many serious criminal cases fall through in these regions, owing to the reluctant manner in which witnesses give evidence, fearing the cost and loss by absence from employment and business, in consequence of the enormous distance, and the great expense in time and money if bound over to prosecute?

(3.) Has the Colonial Secretary the means of informing the House how many such cases are believed or supposed to have occurred since the date aforesaid; and if not, will he cause inquiry to be made, with a view of affording such information to the House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I find that since the establishment of a Circuit Court at Deniliquin 67 cases have been tried there, namely:—

In 1866—January .....	13	In 1868—July .....	1
1866—July .....	3	1869—April .....	7
1867—January .....	9	1869—October .....	13
1867—July .....	3		
1868—January .....	18	Total .....	67

Committals from the places as under:—

Deniliquin .....	37	Buston .....	2
Hay .....	19	Balranald .....	1
Wentworth .....	4	Uranna .....	1
Moama .....	2	Jereelderie .....	1

Committals from these towns in no way affect the Wagga Wagga circuit. I believe the Honorable Member has already moved for some information upon this subject, and I will presently lay upon the Table of this House a Return to the Order, giving that information. 16th March, 1869, I believe is the date of the return, and it contains all that can be stated up to the present moment.

*Mr. Buchanan withdrew Questions Nos. 2 and 3.*

- (2.) Mr. Alexander Berry—Claim for Deed of Grant of Land at Shoalhaven:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that Mr. Alexander Berry has preferred a claim for a Deed of Grant for examination by the Court of Claims for 590 acres of land, situate at the entrance of the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven Rivers, known as Comerong Island?

(2.)

- (2.) Is not the said land still in possession of the Crown ?  
 (3.) Do the Government intend to enter a caveat against Mr. Berry's claim for such land ?  
 Mr. Forster answered,—  
 (1.) The claim of Mr. Berry has been remitted by the Government to the Court of Claims for investigation.  
 (2.) It is alleged that the land has been in possession of Mr. Berry since 1823.  
 (3.) No caveat has been lodged, but the Crown Solicitor has been requested to watch the proceedings.
- (3.) Conditional Purchase of Mr. Thomas Hyde :—Mr. Driver asked the the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
 (1.) Have any petitions or letters been received by the Secretary for Lands from Mr. Thomas Hyde, of Coota Creek, Wood's Flat, near Cowra, with reference to a free selection of land made by him ; if so, when ?  
 (2.) Have either of such petitions or letters been replied to ?  
 (3.) Have the Government determined upon refusing to sanction such selection ?  
 Mr. Forster answered,—  
 (1.) Two letters have been received from Thomas Hyde, on 21st December, and 17th February last, respectively ; also one from Mr. Driver on 15th instant.  
 (2.) Thomas Hyde's letters were replied to on the 11th instant.  
 (3.) The Government have decided to reverse the forfeiture, which took place in consequence of Hyde not residing on the portion actually applied for, provided he proves residence on the portion which it is alleged he intended to select, and pays the extra deposit due on 6 acres 3 roods.
2. Clerk of Petty Sessions, Liverpool :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from certain Magistrates of the Liverpool Bench, complaining of the removal of their Clerk of Petty Sessions, and the substitution of the Senior Constable to act in that capacity ; and praying that this House will protect the Bench and the public against interference with the Liverpool Court.  
 Petition received.
3. Railway Extension :—Mr. Macleay, 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 2nd February, 1870, together with Appendix.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Papers :—  
 (1.) Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Classification and proposed Distribution of Subordinate Roads of New South Wales for 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
 (1.) Return (*in part*) to Order in reference to "Trials and Committals in the Riverine District—Administration of Justice," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Phelps, on 16th March, 1869.  
 (2.) Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for the year 1869.  
 Ordered to be printed.
5. John Busby :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from John Busby, of Sydney, alleging that he emigrated to this Colony from the Mother Country in the year 1824, with his father, the late John Busby, under a promise from the Imperial Government that any of the sons of the late Mr. Busby who so emigrated should receive grants of land ; that, though Petitioner fulfilled certain conditions of settlement, he has been unable to obtain such a grant ; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration, with a view to justice being done in the premises.  
 Petition received.
6. Customs Statistics ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) Copies of all cases of arbitration upon imports subject to *ad valorem* duty, since 1st January, 1867, shewing, respectively, the name of importer, name of ship, and where from, names of sworn appraisers, names of the officers who challenged the value, with the result and cost of each arbitration.  
 (2.) A Return, shewing the number of post entries for additional duty, issued and obtained since 1st January, 1867, the name of importer, name of ship, where from, and the names of the officers challenging, the dates of their appointments, and the amount of salary attached to their office.  
 (3.) A Return, shewing all seizures made by the landing-waiters, or other officers, since 1st January, 1867, on account of misdescription, illegal landing, or any other cause ; shewing also the names of the seizing officers, the cause of seizure, the amount of duty paid on such seizures, and the seizures given up on payment of duty ; also by whose authority the seizures were given up, whether by Collector or Colonial Treasurer.  
 Question put and passed.
7. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the consideration in Committee of the "Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill," which lapsed by reason of this House being counted out on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.  
 Question put and passed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time"—resumed and continued.  
 Mr. Brookes moved, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. M. C. Stephen,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Jennings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. J. Suttor,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Bell,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Loe,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Nowlan,	

9. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named, until this day week :—  
 No. 2,—by Mr. Wilson.  
 No. 3,—by Sir James Martin.
10. Cattle Sale Yards Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the sale of Cattle, 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 introduce a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the sale of Cattle.  
 Mr. Driver then moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
 Question put and passed.
11. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by the Members named, until this day week :—  
 No. 5,—by Mr. Driver.  
 No. 6,—by Mr. Wilson.
12. Alleged Losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala :—Mr. J. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2 :—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition presented to this House from Messrs. James Reid Maxwell, William Chisholm, John Cummins, and Edward Shorter, respecting losses sustained by them through the insecure state of the Post Office at Sofala, in the year 1862.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Piddington, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Egan, Mr. Church, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Bell, and the Mover.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
13. Sale of Field of Mars Common and construction of Bridges :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself in a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution :—  
 (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove ; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at two minutes before Twelve 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 MARCH.

*Questions :—*

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  - (3.) What is the amount of these two contracts, and the names of the contractors?
  - (4.) When are these bridges to be opened to the public?
4. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When does the contract time for completing the Railway Works in Section VIII, on the Western Line, expire?
  - (2.) Does the Minister for Works consider that, at the present rate of progress, the contractor will complete the works within the contract time?
  - (3.) If the works are not completed within the contract time, is it the intention of the Government to enforce the penalty?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the case that bookbinding, to considerable extent, is carried on in Darlinghurst Gaol entirely by prison labour?
  - (2.) Does this labour come into competition with the trade of bookbinding in the Colony?
  - (3.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary give the matter his attention, with a view to the protection of the regular trader?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RYAN *to move*,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. LACKEY *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March, from the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, be printed.
3. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March, from Mr. John Busby, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Matrimonial Causes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan "That this Bill be now read a third time."
2. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - (1.) 'That,' in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
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10. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.

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 WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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 FRIDAY, 1 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill ; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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 TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines ; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

## Question:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7 ?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case ?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced ?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted ?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case ?

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 TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

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 WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Runs :—Mr. Jennings asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) How many runs were declared forfeited in 1868 and 1869 ?
  - (2.) What number of runs are there altogether vacant, and lying open for occupation ?
  - (3.) What is the approximate area of the unoccupied runs within the Colony ?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) 234.
- (2.) 279.
- (3.) 14,600,000 acres.

*Mr. Buchanan not asking the Questions Nos. 2 and 3, they dropped.*

- (2.) Railway Works, Western Line :—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) When does the contract time for completing the Railway Works in Section VIII, on the Western Line, expire ?
- (2.) Does the Minister for Works consider that, at the present rate of progress, the contractor will complete the works within the contract time ?
- (3.) If the works are not completed within the contract time, is it the intention of the Government to enforce the penalty ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 31st December, 1870.
- (2.) No ; the Engineer-in-Chief has reported that, unless much greater progress be made, the contract will not be completed within the prescribed time.
- (3.) It is the intention of the Government to enforce the penalty, unless a satisfactory reason be given for the delay.

- (3.) Bookbinding in Darlinghurst Gaol :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) Is it the case that bookbinding, to considerable extent, is carried on in Darlinghurst Gaol entirely by prison labour ?
- (2.) Does this labour come into competition with the trade of bookbinding in the Colony ?
- (3.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary give the matter his attention, with a view to the protection of the regular trader ?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Bookbinding is carried on at Darlinghurst Gaol by prison labour. The value of the bookbinding performed for the Government in 1868 was ... £46 7 9

For the public ... ..	54 14 0
Total ... ..	£101 1 9

The value for 1869 for the Government was ...	39 7 6
For the public ... ..	42 5 6

Total ... ..	£81 13 0
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With regard to the second question, I apprehend that bookbinding, as well as every other trade carried on by prison labour, must, more or less, come into competition with free labour ; but I do not know on that account that Government could be induced to make the labour of the prisoners unavailable for their support while in prison.

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

(1.) Treasury Bills.

BELMORE,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

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 1869," the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,  
Sydney, 29th March, 1870.

(2.) Deficiency Loans Funding.

BELMORE,

Governor.

Message No. 16.

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, 29th March, 1870.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Ways and Means.

3. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. King presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers of the City of Sydney and its environs, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
4. Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—Land taken by Hunter River Railway:—Mr. Lee, 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 February, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Bill:—Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
6. Paper:—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Reports from Commissioners in charge of the several Gold Districts, on the prospects and condition of the Gold Fields, for the year 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Ryan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Clerk of Petty Sessions, Liverpool ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March, from the Bench of Magistrates at Liverpool, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. John Busby ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March, from Mr. John Busby, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. John Murray Bate:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from John Murray Bate, representing that he was appointed a Clerk in the Harbours and Rivers Branch of the Public Works Department in May, 1867, and has recently received intimation that he is removed from the Public Service, for carelessness and neglect, without sufficient opportunity being afforded him of defending himself; and praying the House to inquire into his case, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a third time," resumed and continued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. Phelps,	Tellers.
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Garrett,	

Bill read a third time.

Noes, 14.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Fallon,
Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Spring,
Tellers.
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Jennings.

Mr.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and 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, 29th March, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Sir James Martin, until Friday week.

13. Sydney Sewerage 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 of the Whole for such further consideration.

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, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 4 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Friday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five 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, 30 MARCH.

*Question:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that a large sum has been taken from the Police Superannuation Fund to pay rewards, during the last five or six years, for apprehending bushrangers?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
8. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
12. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. KING to move, That the Petition presented by him on 29th March, from certain Licensed Victuallers, relative to the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on 29th March, from Mr. John Murray Bate, relative to his dismissal from the public service, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH.

## Questions:—

1. MR. OSBORNE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has the bridge, named in the Supplementary Estimates as the Mullet Creek Bridge, been completed?
  - (2.) If so, has it been paid for?
2. MR. WATSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government received a communication from the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, complaining of the state of the building called a Court House there; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action in the matter, with a view to having a proper Court House erected at Grenfell?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be an additional sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on that day.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. 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 Return shewing the number of committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Young, to the Court of Quarter Sessions at Yass, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of convictions obtained from such committals.
  - (3.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amounts paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (4.) The amount paid for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Young to Yass, together with the constable or constables accompanying them, during the same period.
  - (5.) The number of prisoners who escaped, or attempted to escape, whilst being conveyed from Young to Yass, during same period.
2. 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 Return shewing the amount of revenue collected within the Police District of Young, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869, under the following heads, viz.:—rent and assessment on runs, miners rights, mining leases, publicans licenses, wine and spirit merchants licenses, and miscellaneous items not otherwise enumerated.
  - (2.) A Return showing the quantity of land purchased and free selected or applied for under the improvement clauses in the Crown Lands Alienation Act, with the amount paid for same, within the said district during same period.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of money expended on roads and bridges, or other public works, within the said district, during the same period.
  - (4.) A Return shewing the quantity of gold conveyed by escort from the Burrangong Gold Fields, from their opening to 31st December, 1869.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; second reading.
6. Sale of Field of Mars Common and construction of Bridges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution:—
  - (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. RYAN to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

Question :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7 ?  
 (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case ?  
 (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced ?  
 (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted ?  
 (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
 “ (1.) ‘ That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
 “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”  
 Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “ That,” with a view to insert the following words, “ this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Mr. Buchanan not asking the Question standing in his name, it dropped.*
2. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 29th March, from certain Licensed Victuallers, relative to the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. John Murray Bate ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 29th March, from Mr. John Murray Bate, relative to his dismissal from the Public Service, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Sydney Sewerage Act Amendment 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 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.  
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 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,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th March, 1870.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
5. Member of Legislative Council as Witness:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, moved, *without previous notice*, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee "to consider and report upon the expediency of granting the land in Macquarie-street, on which the Sydney Infirmary at present stands, to Trustees, for the purposes of the said Infirmary," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable George Allen, Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th March, 1870.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
6. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Documents respecting the Act of the Imperial Parliament 20 and 21 Vict. cap. 85, "To amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England."  
Ordered to be printed.

7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
8. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, by Mr. Samuel:—  
No. 1, until To-morrow.  
No. 2, to follow after No. 11.  
Nos. 3 to 10, inclusive, to follow after No. 2, *as postponed*.
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 Chairman also reported from the Committee certain Resolutions, which (*with the concurrence of the House*) were received, and read a first time, as follows:—  
(5.) *Resolved*,—That to enable the Government to pay off certain Treasury Bills, issued under the Treasury Bills Act of 1869, which fall due in the month of April next, 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.  
(6.) *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.  
(7.) *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.  
(8.) *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.  
(9.) *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.  
(10.) *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.  
(11.) *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.  
(12.) *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.  
(13.) *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 (*with the concurrence of the House*), read a second time and agreed to.
10. Treasury Bills Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolutions of Ways and Means, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8), 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.
11. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13), Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize and provide for the funding of a Loan not exceeding six hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred pounds*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.
12. Assent to Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker:—  
BELMORE, *Message No. 17.*  
*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 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, 30th March, 1870.*
13. 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, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1870, A.M.,—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.  
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

*Ordered,*

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

The Chairman further reported certain Evidence taken at the Bar, respecting Railways.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Evidence be printed.

14. Member of Legislative Council as Witness:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 30th March, 1870, requesting leave for the Honorable George Allen, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, on the "Sydney Infirmary," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 30th March, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

15. Intercolonial Exhibition of 1870—London Exhibition of 1871:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 18.*

The Governor recommends to Parliament the appropriation of a sum of Four Thousand Pounds, to meet the necessary expenses of carrying out the arrangements for the Intercolonial Exhibition proposed to be held in Sydney in August next, and also of receiving and forwarding Exhibits to the London Exhibition of 1871.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 30th March, 1870.*

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at half-past 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, 31 MARCH.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. OSBORNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Has the bridge named in the Supplementary Estimates as the Mullet Creek Bridge been completed?  
(2.) If so, has it been paid for?
2. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government received a communication from the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, complaining of the state of the building called a Court House there; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action in the matter, with a view to having a proper Court House erected at Grenfell?
3. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Is he aware that the Bridge over Ironbark Creek, on the main road between Newcastle and Maitland, is in a dangerous state of disrepair?  
(2.) If so, do the Government intend to repair the present structure, or to build a new bridge?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Who is the Coroner for the District of Wagga Wagga?  
(2.) Is it true that the said Coroner refused to go to Mittagong to hold an inquest on the body of a Mrs. Rush, who died suddenly there, but sent a trooper with an order to Rush (the husband) to bring the body to Wagga Wagga, a distance of 35 miles, so that an inquest might be held?  
(3.) Did Rush bring or send the dead body of his wife to Wagga Wagga?  
(4.) What action has the Government taken in reference to this case?
5. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony, from 1856 to 1869, ordered to be laid upon the Table on the 16th of March, will be prepared?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be an additional sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on that day.

ORDEES

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Treasury Bills Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply ; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
6. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
7. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
10. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
11. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
12. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
13. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
14. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. 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 Return shewing the number of committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Young, to the Court of Quarter Sessions at Yass, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of convictions obtained from such committals.
  - (3.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amounts paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (4.) The amount paid for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Young to Yass, together with the expense of the constable or constables accompanying them, during the same period.
  - (5.) The number of prisoners who escaped, or attempted to escape, whilst being conveyed from Young to Yass, during same period.
2. 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 Return shewing the amount of revenue collected within the Police District of Young, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869, under the following heads, viz.—rent and assessment on runs, miners rights, mining leases, publicans licenses, wine and spirit merchants licenses, and miscellaneous items not otherwise enumerated.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the quantity of land purchased and free selected or applied for under the improvement clauses in the Crown Lands Alienation Act, with the amount paid for same, within the said district during same period.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of money expended on roads and bridges, or other public works, within the said district, during the same period.
  - (4.) A Return shewing the quantity of gold conveyed by escort from the Burrangong Gold Fields, from their opening to 31st December, 1869.

## FRIDAY, 1 APRIL.

## Question :—

1. Mr. BAKER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps, during the present Session, to induce Parliament to abolish the Gold Duty?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill ; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Bill ; second reading.
6. Sale of Field of Mars Common and construction of Bridges ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution :—
  - (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove ; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines ; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering all the circumstances in connection with the case of Mr. O'Sullivan, and his dismissal from the position of Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, this House is of opinion that the Government should either reinstate him in his former position, or grant him reasonable compensation for the loss of his office.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 ; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

*Question:—*

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7 ?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case ?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced ?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted ?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “That,” with a view to insert the following words, “this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mullet Creek Bridge:—Mr. Osborne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Bridge named in the Supplementary Estimates as the Mullet Creek Bridge been completed?

(2.) If so, has it been paid for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No such bridge has been built by the Public Works Department.

- (2.) Court House at Grenfell:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Has the Government received a communication from the Bench of Magistrates at Grenfell, complaining of the state of the building called a Court House there; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action in the matter, with a view to having a proper Court House erected at Grenfell?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The subject of providing a Court House at Grenfell has been under the consideration of the Government; steps will be taken at the earliest moment to comply with the representation that has been made.

- (3.) Bridge over Ironbark Creek:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bridge over Ironbark Creek, on the main road between Newcastle and Maitland, is in a dangerous state of disrepair?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend to repair the present structure, or to build a new bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I have no official information on the subject; but a Petition from certain inhabitants at Newcastle was received by me yesterday, stating that Tighe's Bridge, on the road between Newcastle and Ironbark Bridge, was in a dangerous state.

(2.) The Government are not in a position to give a decided answer until they shall have obtained a full report from the proper officer on the subject.

- (4.) Coroner for Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Who is the Coroner for the District of Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Is it true that the said Coroner refused to go to Mittagong to hold an inquest on the body of a Mrs. Rush, who died suddenly there, but sent a trooper with an order to Rush (the husband) to bring the body to Wagga Wagga, a distance of 35 miles, so that an inquest might be held?

(3.) Did Rush bring or send the dead body of his wife to Wagga Wagga?

(4.) What action has the Government taken in reference to this case?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Coroner for the district of Wagga Wagga is Mr. Robert Clark Robinson. I have looked through the proceedings and cannot find whether any application was made to the Coroner to go to Mittagong, and therefore there is no record of his having refused to go there. The inquest appears to have been held in the hospital at Wagga Wagga, and the verdict of the jury is "Accidental Death." I have no knowledge, therefore, which will enable me to give an answer to the third question. The Government has caused inquiry to be made into the facts with reference to this case, and when they are exactly informed, will take such steps as may then appear to be necessary.

*Mr. Piddington withdrew the Question No. 5.*

Mr. Cowper said,—With reference to the answer I have just given to the Honorable Member for East Sydney, Mr. Buchanan, I beg to state that I have just received the following telegram through the Inspector General of Police, from Sub-inspector Meares, at Wagga Wagga:—"Mrs. Rush died suddenly at Mittagong, thirty-five miles from here—Coroner would not go so far to hold inquest—No Magistrate in the neighbourhood—Body was brought into Wagga Wagga in a cart by Rush, at request of Coroner—Rush sent to gaol for a week; suffering from *delirium tremens*; full report by "first mail." Mr. Gilman, owner of the station, wrote the order for Rush to bring in the body—I sent constable with the letter, at the request of the Coroner."

2. Committals from Police Office at Young (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Watson 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 shewing the number of committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Young, to the Court of Quarter Sessions at Yass, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of convictions obtained from such committals.
  - (3.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amounts paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (4.) The amount paid for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Young to Yass, together with the expense of the constable or constables accompanying them, during the same period.
  - (5.) The number of prisoners who escaped, or attempted to escape, whilst being conveyed from Young to Yass, during same period.
 Question put and passed.
3. Revenue Collected within the Police District of Young (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Watson 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,—
  - (1.) A Return shewing the amount of revenue collected within the Police District of Young, from the 1st January, 1863, to 31st December, 1869, under the following heads, viz.:—rent and assessment on runs, miners rights, mining leases, publicans licenses, wine and spirit merchants licenses, and miscellaneous items not otherwise enumerated.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the quantity of land purchased and free selected or applied for under the improvement clauses in the Crown Lands Alienation Act, with the amount paid for same, within the said district during same period.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of money expended on roads and bridges, or other public works, within the said district, during the same period.
  - (4.) A Return shewing the quantity of gold conveyed by escort from the Burrangong Gold Fields, from their opening to 31st December, 1869.
 Question put and passed.
4. Precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, *Government Business (as amended with the concurrence of the House)*, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence of all other business on "Tuesdays."
 

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "Tuesdays," with a view to inserting in its place the word "Fridays."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. King,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Leary,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tunks,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Wisdom.

Question then put,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence of all other business on Tuesdays.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Webb,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. King,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. M. C. Stephen,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. Leary,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tunks,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wisdom.

5. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
 (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. (Dated 10th and 18th November, 1869, and 9th March, 1870.)  
 (2.) Return to Address in reference to "Gaols at Albury, Yass, and Berrima," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, on 18th March, 1870.  
 Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 14.
7. Treasury Bills Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 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 to consider the Bill.  
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, adopted that report.  
 Mr. Samuel then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill do now pass.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Mr. Samuel then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bills.*"  
 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 authorize the Issue of Treasury Bills,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 31st March, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1870, A.M.—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.  
 The Chairman also reported certain Evidence taken at the Bar, respecting recent changes in the organization of the Police Force.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Evidence be printed.

9. Treasury Bills 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 authorize the Issue of Treasury Bills,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,* T. A. MURRAY,  
*Sydney, 31st March, 1870.* President.
10. Supply :—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1869 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1864.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6 10s. 6d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover Payments made on account of 1864, after the Balances of Appropriations for such were written off.

Services

## Services of 1865.

## UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22 12s. 9d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover Payments made on account of 1865, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off.

## Services of 1866.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray supplementary charge for Railways—Compensation to Mr. J. Powell for non-delivery of a case of goods.

## No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,467 17s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain, *via* Panama, from 15th to 30th June.

## UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,550 6s. 4d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover Payments made on account of 1866, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off.

## Services of 1867.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Roman Catholic Orphan School, Funeral Expenses, further sum.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3 9s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Darlinghurst.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £391 7s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £316 7s. 6d. for Expenses in London and Paris in connection with the representation of the Colony at the Universal Exhibition held in Paris in 1867, further sum; and £75 for compensation to A. G. De Gyulay, as Secretary to the Exhibition held in Melbourne in 1866 and 1867.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation, being for Steam Dredge "Pluto," Contingencies, further sum.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125 13s., to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings, being for Repairs, Roman Catholic Orphan School, further sum.

## UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275 2s. 11d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover payments made on account of 1867, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off.

## Services of 1868.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Increase of Salary to Chief Clerk, First Clerk in charge of Long Room, and Second Clerk in charge of Records, at the rate of £50 per annum each, from 1st August—granted in consequence of re-arrangement of the office, by which a large saving was effected.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800, to defray supplementary charge for Police; being for Forage, Rent of Premises, Remount Horses, Conveyance of Prisoners, and Incidental Expenses, further sum.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Albury.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Goulburn.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67, to defray supplementary charge for Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek; being £32 for Superintendent's Salary—difference between £650 and £800 per annum, from 16th October; and £35 for Boat for use of Asylum.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55, to defray supplementary charge for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School, Newcastle.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Grant in aid of the Inverell School of Arts, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,890 14s. 6d., to defray supplementary charges for Charitable Allowances; being £989 17s. for the support of Paupers

Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals, further sum; £40 5s. in aid of the Queanbeyan Hospital, on condition of an equal sum being raised by private contributions; £300 in aid of the Cooma Hospital, on condition of an equal sum being raised by private contributions; £300 towards the repair of the Maitland Hospital, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; and £260 12s. 6d. for support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick, further sum.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £543 8s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being for further Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Salary of the 3rd Clerk in the Supreme Court, for January.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Coroners' Inquests.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33 0s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Salary of Mr. A. Black, Acting Locker, from 1st January to 31st March.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,172 14s., to defray supplementary charges for Stores and Stationery; being £50 for Conveyance of Stores, further sum; £4,100 for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; and £22 14s. for expenses in connection with the Colonial Military Stores, further sum.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £38 17s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £196 14s. 10d., to defray supplementary charges for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department; being £183 14s. 10d. for Boatmen, Bellenger River, four at £96 per annum, from 23rd July to 31st December; and £13 for Telegraph Station, Port Stephens—Junior Operator at £26 per annum, from 1st July to 31st December.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,176 16s. 10d., for Miscellaneous Services; being amount of Murray River Collections paid to the Government of Victoria, under the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses of the Agreement of 12th January, 1867.

#### NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,377, to defray supplementary charge for Survey of Lands—fees to Licensed Surveyors, further sum.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceed £900, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £490, to defray supplementary charges for Occupation of Lands; being £25 for Allowance to Commissioners in lieu of Quarters, further sum; and £465 for Appraisalment of Runs, further sum.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £483, to defray supplementary charge for Roads other than Main Roads; being £283 for Rent of the Windsor Ferry, 1868, refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep in order the Approaches and Works in connection therewith; and £200 for Rent of the Mudbank and Bunnerong Tolls, from 19th September, 1867, to 18th December, 1868, refunded to the Trustees to enable them to keep the Roads in repair.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being Rent of the Mooki Run, refunded to the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society.

#### NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,993 16s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways; being for Existing Lines, Working Expenses, Traffic Expenses, Maintenance of Way and Works, Wages to Workmen, Stores, and Incidental Expenses, further sum.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,177 5s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation; being £22 13s. for Steam Dredge "Hercules"—Repairs to Boiler, &c.; £700 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"—Silt Punts, further sum; £400 for Steam Dredge "Sampson"—Repairs, Stores, &c., further sum; and £54 12s. 4d., for Steam Dredge "Vulcan"—Repairs, Stores, &c., further sum.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31 11s., to defray supplementary charge for Colonial Architect—Travelling Expenses, &c., further sum.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £613 6s. 3d., to defray supplementary charges for Public Works and Buildings—being £306 2s. 6d. for ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally, further sum; £135 6s. 0d. for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £71 6s. 7d. for Repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings, further sum; £17 4s. 6d. for putting up and taking down Tents on the occasion of the opening of the Railway to Marulan; and £83 6s. 8d. for erection of Lamp Pillars, Woolloomooloo Bay.

#### UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £351 6s. 6d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover payments on account of 1868, after the balance of appropriations available for such were written off.

## Services of 1869.

## No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30 18s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Supplement to Schedule B—Pensions; being £23 3s. 8d. for George Smyth, late Courtkeeper, Supreme Court, at £78 per annum, from September; and £7 14s. 7d. for Mrs. Smyth, late Assistant Courtkeeper, Supreme Court, at £26 per annum, from 14th September.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray supplementary charge for Colonial Secretary—Increase of Salary to Chief Clerk, First Clerk in the Long Room, and Second Clerk in charge of Records, at the rate of £50 per annum each, from 1st January.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers—Formation of a Rifle Corps at Jamberoo.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £291, to defray supplementary charges for Police; being £250 for Additional Expense occasioned by the temporary employment of Police, instead of the ordinary Military Guard, at Cockatoo Island, and £41 for Boat for Water Police.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Bourke—Acting Gaoler, at £20 per annum, from 1st April.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,381 9s. 4d., to defray supplementary charges for Lunatic Asylum, Tarban; being £150 for Superintendent's Salary—difference between £650 and £800 per annum; £45 9s. 4d. for one Male Attendant at £66, from 23rd April; £66 for one Male Attendant at £66, from 1st January; £44 for one Male Attendant at £66, from 1st May; £46 for one Female Attendant at £46, from 1st January; £30 for one Housemaid at £30, from same; £650 for extra cost of maintenance of 25 female pauper patients removed from Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, to the Licensed House for Lunatics at Cook's River; and £1,350 for Provisions, &c., further sum.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray supplementary charge for Public Instruction, being towards the erection of Public School Buildings in such localities as raise by private contributions one-third of the whole cost of the buildings.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray supplementary charges for Colonial Agent; being £200 for Clerical Assistance, Rent, &c., further sum; and £150 for Furniture and Fittings for new Office.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,238 3s. 9d., to defray supplementary charges for Grants in aid of the undermentioned Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£200 for Araluen Mechanics' Institute; £300 for Braidwood Literary Institute; £75 for Bega School of Arts; £186 4s. 9d. for Forbes School of Arts, for 1867, 1868, and 1869; £100 for Grenfell School of Arts; £100 for Inverell School of Arts; £150 for Shoalhaven School of Arts; also, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the undermentioned Institutions, on condition of equal amounts being raised by private contributions, viz.:—£150 for Bega School of Arts; £300 for Braidwood Literary Institute; £100 for Fredericton School of Arts; £56 19s. for Grenfell School of Arts; £350 for Hinton School of Arts; £120 for Lambton Mechanics' and Miners' Institute; £100 for Monaro School of Arts; £250 for Milton (Ulladulla) Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £300 for Ryde School of Arts; £100 for Shoalhaven School of Arts, further sum; and £300 for Yass Mechanics' Institute, further sum.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,720 17s., to defray supplementary charges for Charitable Allowances; being £376 10s. 9d. in support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children, Randwick, further sum; £794 6s. 3d. in support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals, further sum; also in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on condition of equal amounts being raised by private contributions, viz.:—£150 for Araluen, £300 for Cooma, £50 for Mudgee, and £50 for Narrabri (outfit).

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £470 11s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for the Free Public Library; being £100 for Librarian at £400, from 1st October; £82 10s. for two Assistant Librarians at £150, from 22nd September; £28 12s. for one Attendant at £104, from 22nd September; £47 10s. 6d. for two Attendants at £104, from 9th October; £20 19s. 4d. for one Attendant, at £104, from 19th October; £10 2s. 3d. for Housekeeper at £40, from 30th September; £5 6s. 8d. for one Extra Assistant at 6s. 8d. per diem, from 30th September to 18th October; £2 for one Extra Assistant at 6s. 8d. per diem, from 1st to 6th November; and £173 10s. 11d. for Printing, Stamps, and Incidental Expenses.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray supplementary charge for Roman Catholic Orphan School.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray supplementary charge for Industrial School, Newcastle—Provisions, &c., further sum.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £305, to defray supplementary charge, for Reformatory for Girls, Newcastle; being £65 for one Superintendent; £120 for one Matron; £15 for School Books, Stationery, &c.; £100 for Clothing, Rations, Medical Comforts, Medicines, Stores, &c.; and £5 for Incidental Expenses.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,324 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charges for Miscellaneous Services; being £2,265 11s. 9d. for Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs, further sum; £750 for Expenses attendant upon the late visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh (Resolution of the Assembly); £150 for Boats for the Volunteer Water Brigade at Windsor; £125 for Rent of House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station, further sum; £109 13s. 9d. for Expenses incurred on the occasion of the recent Floods on the Nepean  
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and Hawkesbury Rivers; £74 5s. for Allowance to the Commissioner appointed to investigate the dissensions, &c., existing among the several Members of the Bench of Magistrates at Molong; £104 2s. 10d. for Allowance to Mr. H. A. Maynard for performing the duties of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Forbes, from 13th November, 1868, to 19th April, 1869, during the suspension of the Clerk of Petty Sessions; £100 towards meeting the Expenses incurred by Dr. Badham whilst travelling through the interior for the purpose of furthering his plan for promoting Education; £3,000 for Expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts, further sum; £50, for Extra Expenses incurred in the Astronomer's Department, at the instance of the Agricultural Society; £295 10s. for Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the Floods in the Hunter River District; and £300 towards the erection of a Statue to Captain Cook, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.

NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Law Officers of the Crown; being for Fees to Prosecuting Barristers, travelling expenses, &c., further sum.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray supplementary charge for Quarter Sessions, being for Allowances to Witnesses and Jurors, travelling expenses and incidental expenses, further sum.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,730 15s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £166 18s. 10d. for Expenses in connection with the Claim preferred against the Government by Mr. George S. Yarnton, late Joint Registrar of the Sydney District Court; £297 for Law Expenses in the case of the Queen *vs.* the Oriental Bank Corporation; £175 6s. 10d. for Expense of an Action brought by Mr. Chippett; against Mr. James Thomson, Coroner at East Maitland, in his official capacity; £1,007 9s. 9d. for Verdict and taxed Costs in the case of the Queen *vs.* Lahiff, in connection with the Wollongong Harbour Works; £84 for 50 copies of Connell's New South Wales Magisterial Digest.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray supplementary charges for Customs; being for Acting Customs' Officer, Wagga Wagga, from 1st January.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £129 19s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Printing, Bookbinding, &c.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66 10s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,931 3s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery; being £62 12s. for additional Labourer at the Military Stores, at 4s. per diem, from 1st January; £2,800 for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; £378 for Ammunition for Enfield Rifles; and £3,690 11s. 1d. for Balance of Claim for Warlike Stores obtained from the Imperial Government in 1854-5.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £594 10s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department; being £36 for Fees to Shipwright Surveyor, further sum; £308 10s. 2d. for Fees to Pilots, Port Jackson, further sum; and £250 for new Boats and Repairs, and Repairs to Boat-sheds and Pilot Stations, further sum.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £180 15s., to defray supplementary charge for Glebe Island Abattoir—new Boiler.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,195 2s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £150 for Storm Signals, Sydney and Newcastle; £21,992 16s. 3d. for amount of Murray River Collections during the year 1869, payable to the Government of Victoria, under the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses of the Agreement of 12th January, 1867; £600 for expense of carrying on the Coast Surveys, further sum, being moiety of the proceeds of sale of the schooner "Edith"; £265 17s. 7d. for increased Mooring Accommodation at Tathra; £150 for Gratuity to the Widow of Charles Brunstrom, Government Boatman, who lost his life by the upsetting of a boat during a heavy squall on the 9th September; £16 9s. for Additions to Boat-house at Norah; and £20 for Winch, Rope, &c., for Boat and Boat-house at Norah.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,700, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £647, to defray supplementary charges for Survey of Lands; being £40 for amounts short voted for the Salaries of Messrs. Armstrong and Long, Draftsmen; £200 for Salary of Assistant Draftsman, Leasing Branch, from 1st January; £200 for Salary of Charting Draftsman, from 1st January; £57 for Additional Office Accommodation; and £150 for lithographing Plans, &c.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray supplementary charge for Roads other than Main Roads; being £200 for Road between Nerrigundah and Eurobodalla; £200 for Road from the Parramatta and Windsor Road to the Riverstone Railway Station; £300 for Road from Kelso to Tambaroora, *via* Kelloshiel and Lower Turon; and £200 for Road from Tumut to Sturt's Lane.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £281 14s., to defray supplementary charges for Miscellaneous Services; being £70 for purchase money of a piece of Land on the Rocky River Gold Fields, granted to Mr. Bernard Rooney, the deed of which omitted the necessary reservation of Messrs. Roberts & Company's Water-race; £7 4s. for Refund to T. Preston of amount paid by him for Lot 19, sec. 12, North Gundagai; £4 10s. for Refund to the Trustees of the Grenfell School of Arts of the price of the land bought by them for the School of Arts, Grenfell; £150 for Fees to, and Expenses incurred by, Mr. James Hoskins, as the Crown's Arbitrator in the late arbitration case of Cummings *v.* the Crown; and £50 for Salary of Clerk to assist the Land Agent at Albury.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Department of Public Works; being for Under Secretary—Restoration of Salary to former rate of £800 per annum, for 1869.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,325, to defray supplementary charge for Railways; being £150 for Audit Clerk appointed Traffic Auditor—Increase of Salary; £100 for Locomotive Foreman—Increase of Salary; £75 for Clerk, Engineer's Office—Increase of Salary; and £15,000 for Working Expenses, further sum.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,718 12s. 3d., to defray supplementary charges for Harbours and River Navigation; being £650 for special services of steamer "Thetis" in proceeding to Lord Howe's Island, and in other services in cases of Shipwreck; £1,260 for hire of steamer "Cobra" to replace "Thetis" whilst employed in Coast Survey—7 months, at £180 per month; £58 2s. 3d. for steam dredge "Vulcan," further sum; £180 5s. for steam dredge "Hercules," further sum; £60 5s. for steam dredge "Samson," further sum; £150 14s. for steam dredge "Pluto," further sum; £49 for Steam Cranes, Newcastle; and £810 6s. for preliminary Harbour Surveys, further sum.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,554 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charges for Public Works and Buildings; being £1,778 for Ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally, further sum; £170 for Repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings, further sum; £3,000 for Additions and Alterations to Parliamentary Buildings, in accordance with the recommendation of the Standing Orders Committee, £350 for Furniture for same; £700 for Pilot's Residence, Newcastle, further sum; £656 17s. 6d. for Repairs and Alterations, Sydney Mint, further sum; £2,400 for Additions, Improvements, &c., Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, further sum; £250 for Furniture for the Building recently erected in connection with the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £225 for Alterations to the Closets, &c., in the back premises of the Treasury; £523 for Additions to Post and Telegraph Stations; £250 for increased accommodation for Books, Parliamentary Library; and £252 for Iron Bedsteads for Hospital for the Insane at Gladsville.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,092 0s. 7d., to defray supplementary charges for Roads and Bridges; being £125 for Repair of Main Road through the Municipality of Morpeth; £30 0s. 7d. for Mr. Rodd's claim for money spent on the Parramatta Road whilst he was a Trustee; £782 for Tolls collected on the Western Road in excess of Estimate, to be expended where collected; £200 for Tolls collected at Grafton Punt in excess of Estimate, to be expended in maintenance and repair of same, and Approaches thereto; £450 for Tolls collected at Deniliquin Bridge, to be expended where collected; £1,505 for proportion of expense of widening the Railway Bridge over George-street South; £600 for Bridge over Hunter River at Luskintyre, or such other place as may be agreed on by the Government after survey; and £400 for Bridge over Minamurra Creek, further sum.

## No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,554 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charges for Electric Telegraphs; being £86 13s. 4d. for Junior Operator, Rydal, from 1st March, at £104 per annum; £34 13s. 4d. for Junior Operator, Goulburn, from 1st September, at £104 per annum; £6 10s. for Operator at Grafton Heads, from 1st October, at £26 per annum; £26 for Junior Operator at Rocky Mouth, from 1st October, at £104 per annum; £6 10s. for Operator, Barenjucy Light-house, from 1st October, at £26 per annum; £6 10s. for Operator, Jervis Bay Light-house, from 1st October, at £26 per annum; £6 10s. for Operator, Ferrara, from 1st October, at £26 per annum; £26 for Junior Operator, Shoalhaven, from 1st October, at £104 per annum; £30 6s. 8d. for Junior Operator, Yass, from 1st May, at £52 per annum; £625 for 25 Alphabetical Instruments for Railway Lines; and £700 for 20 Railway Guards Instruments.

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(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £59,200 17s. to defray supplementary charges for Railways; being £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; £200 17s. for Unforeseen and Contingent Expenses, further sum; and £2,000 for Land for Windsor and Richmond Line, further sum.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges, being for Approach to Bridge over the Macquarie River at Bathurst.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation, being for removing obstructions and improving the Navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling, further sum.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,548 13s. 7d., to defray supplementary charges for Public Works and Buildings; being £1,548 13s. 7d. for Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and at the Necropolis, further sum; and £30,000 towards erection of New General Post Office, further sum.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,100, to defray supplementary charge for Electric Telegraphs; being £1,350 to connect Barrenjucy with Sydney, and £750 for cost of 500 Iron Telegraph Poles.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at a quarter after 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, 1 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps, during the present Session, to induce Parliament to abolish the Gold Duty?
2. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony, from 1856 to 1869, ordered to be laid upon the Table on the 16th of March, will be prepared?
3. MR. BUTLER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) The date of a conditional purchase of 40 acres of land at Tarlo, in the County of Argyle, by Michael Seary?
  - (2.) Whether the same land was selected by a person named Peach; and if so, the date of his selection?
  - (3.) Whether the Minister for Lands is aware that Seary has been living upon this land since the date of his selection?
  - (4.) Whether the Government cancelled the selection by Peach?
  - (5.) Whether they have since revoked such cancellation and cancelled the selection made by Seary?
  - (6.) If so, what were the reasons for so doing?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; second reading.
6. Sale of Field of Mars Common and construction of Bridges; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution:—
  - (1.) That a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and of a Bridge over Long Cove; and also to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to the cost of the erection and maintenance of the said Bridges, should be introduced by the Government.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.
2. MR. OSBORNE *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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500 for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
7. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
9. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
11. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
12. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that a sum of money has been voted for the repair of the Elrington and Araluen Road which has not been expended in consequence of two of the Trustees of such road refusing to act?
  - (2.) Will the Government state what is the amount now in their hands available for the repair of the Elrington and Araluen Road, and whether or not it is their intention to appoint new Trustees in the place of those refusing to act?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Return, ordered on the 1st March last, having reference to Dredging Machines and the removal of Silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson, be laid upon the Table of this House?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering all the circumstances in connection with the case of Mr. O'Sullivan, and his dismissal from the position of Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, this House is of opinion that the Government should either reinstate him in his former position, or grant him reasonable compensation for the loss of his office.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. PARKES 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
5. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the allegations contained in the Petition of Hugh Maguire, presented to this House on the 16th March last.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jennings, Commander Onslow, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, 7 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

## Question:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “That,” with a view to insert the following words, “this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”

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TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Gold Duty:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps, during the present Session, to induce Parliament to abolish the Gold Duty?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Government have no such intention at present.

- (2.) Annual Expenditure of the Colony:—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When the Return of the Annual Expenditure of the Colony, from 1856 to 1869, ordered to be laid upon the Table on the 16th of March, will be prepared?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Return is in the hands of the Auditor General, is being rapidly proceeded with, and will be completed as soon as possible.

- (3.) Conditional Purchase of Michael Seary:—Mr. Butler asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) The date of a conditional purchase of 40 acres of land at Tarlo, in the County of Argyle, by Michael Seary?

(2.) Whether the same land was selected by a person named Peach; and if so, the date of his selection?

(3.) Whether the Minister for Lands is aware that Seary has been living upon this land since the date of his selection?

(4.) Whether the Government cancelled the selection by Peach?

(5.) Whether they have since revoked such cancellation and cancelled the selection made by Seary?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) 18th April, 1867.

(2.) No. Peach made a selection on the 12th March, 1868, of land which Seary appeared to have intended to take up, but did not correctly describe in his application.

(3.) No. There was no necessity for residence on the land applied for, as it was not applied for under any clause of the Alienation Act requiring residence.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes. It was represented that Peach was willing to cede his claim in favour of Seary, and Peach's purchase was cancelled on that supposition, which, however, was subsequently proved to have been a misrepresentation. The cancellation was therefore revoked, and Seary's purchase (which did not really include the land in dispute) was cancelled, Seary having himself requested the refund of his deposit in the event of his not being able to obtain the land he desired.

2. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill:—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from John Morrison Saunders, of West Maitland, Bank Manager, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes.

And

- And Mr. Dodds having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing Notices, for four consecutive weeks, in the months of February and March, 1870, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
3. Immigration:—Mr. Cowper, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without notice, That leave be given to the Select Committee on "Immigration" to sit during any adjournment of the House.  
Question put and passed.
  4. Privilege:—The Speaker, drawing attention to a statement made yesterday in the Legislative Council, by the Hon. the President, and recorded in the Minutes of the Council, under the heading "Estimates, Legislative Council Department," said,—That as the 'observations' alluded to contained a direct animadversion upon language said to have been used during a Debate in this 'Chamber,' and was therefore in contravention of the rules of Parliament (See May 6th Ed., pages 307 and 310) he thought it right to bring the matter under the notice of the House, lest any claim should arise on the part of any Honorable Member—the rules of the two branches in this respect being reciprocal—to reflect in similar manner upon the conduct or language of any Member of the Legislative Council, because it would be his duty to check such proceeding as disorderly.  
Sir James Martin and Mr. Cowper expressed their concurrence in the remarks of the Speaker, and hoped that the President would, on reflection, see the propriety of withdrawing so much of his statement as conflicted with the rule of Parliament.
  5. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.  
Question put and passed.
  6. Bridge over Mullet Creek ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Osborne 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 presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.  
Question put and passed.
  7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to follow after Order No. 2.
  8. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870:—Sir James Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time.  
On motion of Sir James Martin the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
  9. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Wearne 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."  
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, " Mr. Flood, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Neale, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 8.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Robertson,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Baker.

## Noes, 19.

Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
Mr. M. H. Stephen,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lackey,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. King,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Neale.

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

## Ayes, 19.

Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Butler,  
Mr. M. H. Stephen,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Wearne,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. M. C. Stephen,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. King,  
Mr. Lackey,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

## Noes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Robertson,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Baker.

And

And Mr. Driver requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Wearne.

10. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Driver the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Byrnes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 to consider the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, on motion of Mr. Byrnes (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

12. Cattle Sale Yards Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Driver the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

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

13. Sale of Field of Mars Common and Construction of Bridges:—On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolution (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*):—

That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove, and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works.

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:—

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize provision to be made by Bill for the erection and maintenance of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, and a Bridge over Long Cove; and for the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common, with a view to meet the cost of such works.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-eight 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, 5 APRIL.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. BAKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that a sum of money has been voted for the repair of the Elrington and Araluen Road which has not been expended in consequence of two of the Trustees of such road refusing to act?
  - (2.) Will the Government state what is the amount now in their hands available for the repair of the Elrington and Araluen Road, and whether or not it is their intention to appoint new Trustees in the place of those refusing to act?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Return, ordered on the 1st March last, having reference to Dredging Machines and the removal of Silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson, be laid upon the Table of this House

3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Foster, a Crown Prosecutor, defend a criminal at the late Quarter Sessions at Tamworth, though other barristers and solicitors were present at the Court?
- (2.) Does the Attorney General approve of the relationship of counsel and client being established between Crown Prosecutors and persons belonging to the criminal class?
- (3.) Did not the Attorney General express his disapproval of Mr. Forbes, acting Crown Prosecutor, defending a criminal at Wagga Wagga?
- (4.) Do the Government intend to put a stop to the practice?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
6. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
7. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
9. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
10. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
11. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
12. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—

(1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines ; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

2. MR. RYAN *to move*,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*,—

(1.) That, considering all the circumstances in connection with the case of Mr. O'Sullivan, and his dismissal from the position of Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, this House is of opinion that the Government should either reinstate him in his former position, or grant him reasonable compensation for the loss of his office.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

4. MR. PARKES *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 £200, as, a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.5. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the allegations contained in the Petition of Hugh Maguire, presented to this House on the 16th March last.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jennings, Commander Onslow, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

6. MR. DODDS *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes.7. MR. BUTLER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the applications made, respectively, by Peach and Seary, for a conditional purchase of land at Tarlo, in the County of Argyle, together with any report of the District Surveyor upon these applications.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek ; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.
3. Bridge over Mullet Creek ; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.
4. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 ; third reading.
5. Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill ; third reading.
6. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL.

Question :—

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to build a bridge over the railway between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and to proclaim a road through the latter?
  - (2.) What will be the cost of such bridge, including materials?
  - (3.) How far will such bridge be from the two nearest bridges or railway crossings southward?
  - (4.) How many persons are likely to be benefited by such bridge?
  - (5.) Is there a single person residing between the railway and the broken country on the eastern side of the railway line, within two miles of the proposed bridge?
  - (6.) Has the Minister for Lands, or the Minister for Works, received any petition or petitions relative to such proposed road and bridge?
  - (7.) Is the Minister, to whom such petition or petitions have been addressed, aware whether the persons signing are residents in the neighbourhood of, or in any way interested in, the proposed bridge or road?

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THURSDAY, 7 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

Question :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
 

“ (1.) ‘ That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.

“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “ That,” with a view to insert the following words, “ this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”
2. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Elrlington and Araluen Road:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a sum of money has been voted for the repair of the Elrlington and Araluen Road which has not been expended in consequence of two of the Trustees of such road refusing to act?

(2.) Will the Government state what is the amount now in their hands available for the repair of the Elrlington and Araluen Road, and whether or not it is their intention to appoint new Trustees in the place of those refusing to act?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The sum of £56, voted on the last year's Estimates, was placed to the credit of the Trustees in May last. No more is it at present available. The question as to the appointment of new Trustees will have to be considered in consequence of the information conveyed by the Honorable Member's question.

- (2.) Dredging Machines:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Return, ordered on the 1st March last, having reference to Dredging Machines and the removal of Silt in the Harbour of Port Jackson, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In about a week.

- (3.) Mr. Foster, Crown Prosecutor:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Did Mr. Foster, a Crown Prosecutor, defend a criminal at the late Quarter Sessions at Tamworth, though other barristers and solicitors were present at the Court?

(2.) Does the Attorney General approve of the relationship of counsel and client being established between Crown Prosecutors and persons belonging to the criminal class?

(3.) Did not the Attorney General express his disapproval of Mr. Forbes, acting Crown Prosecutor, defending a criminal at Wagga Wagga?

(4.) Do the Government intend to put a stop to the practice?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) It is true that Mr. Foster, the Crown Prosecutor, did defend a criminal at the late Quarter Sessions at Tamworth.

I will answer the other questions by reading two Minutes of the Attorney General, Sir William Manning, on the subject:—

“Attorney General respecting Crown Prosecutors defending prisoners on Supreme Court Circuits held in, or for places within their own Quarter Sessions Circuits:—

“The enclosed paper is the copy of a letter which was addressed to the then several Crown Prosecutors in August, 1861.

“It does not extend to defences after committal even in their own districts.

“It has, however, certainly been understood for a long time, and ought, in my opinion, to be established as a rule, that the Crown Prosecutors should not defend prisoners on Supreme Court Circuits held within, or for places within their own Quarter Sessions Circuits.

“I am not aware that they have been considered to be precluded from defending prisoners out of their own districts, either on Supreme Courts Circuits or in Quarter Sessions.

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"As regards the latter, there is a certain incongruity, because their Commissions extend to the whole Colony; still, however, there is a great difference between cases within or cases tried outside the Quarter Sessions Circuits assigned to them respectively.

"I do not see, in the case of Supreme Court Circuits other than those held within, or for places within their own assigned Quarter Sessions Circuits, any reason why the Crown Prosecutors should be informed not to defend prisoners. I should prefer to speak with one or more of my predecessors before laying down any rule upon the subject of either of the latter cases.

"21st February, 1870."

"(Signed) W. M. MANNING,  
"Attorney General."

I will now read the second Minute, dated 25th February, 1870:—

"I have consulted Sir James Martin upon the subject of an application by Mr. Foster to be allowed to defend a prisoner at Tamworth. He thought there was a recent case which had been considered by him, and of which I should find a note of his decision whilst Attorney General. He said he had allowed such defences in exceptional cases, though he had laid down a rule to the contrary.

"Pending inquiry as to the precedent in Sir James Martin's time, I allow Mr. Foster to defend in the particular case. I regard it as somewhat exceptional, and have regard to the fact that Mr. Foster has done more duty than might have been expected of him at the Central Criminal Court.

"I also bear in mind that Tamworth is very remote from Mr. Foster's present district, and that the Metropolitan Crown Prosecutor's duties are so restricted, locally, as to preclude all danger of actual, or even apparent conflict with his defending in a single case at Tamworth.

"25th February, 1870."

"(Signed) W. M. MANNING,  
"Attorney General."

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to Address in reference to "District Court Judges Cary and Josephson," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Webb, on 18th March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Return to Order in reference to "Conditional Purchase of William James Arthur," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 15th March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

4. Conditional Purchase of Michael Seary ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the applications made, respectively, by Peach and Seary, for a conditional purchase of land at Tarlo, in the County of Argyle, together with any report of the District Surveyor upon these applications.

Question put and passed.

5. The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 ("Formal" Order of the Day), 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 amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called The Bank of New South Wales' and for other purposes therein mentioned."

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 amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called The Bank of New South Wales' and for other purposes therein mentioned," 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 April, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Judicial Disqualifications Removal 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 remove disqualifications of Judges Chairmen of Quarter Sessions and Justices of the Peace in certain cases."

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 remove disqualifications of Judges Chairmen of Quarter Sessions and Justices of the Peace in certain cases," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 5th April, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Small Debts Recovery 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 and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act 10 Vic. No. 10.*"  
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 and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act 10 Vic. No. 10,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th April, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Paper:—Mr. Forster laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill" have power to send for persons and papers, and to report.  
Question put and passed.
10. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill:—Mr. Dodds 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 Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
11. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Ryan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
12. 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1870, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.  
The Chairman also reported certain Evidence taken at the Bar, respecting recent changes in the organization of the Police Force.

*Ordered,* on motion of the Chairman, that the said Evidence be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-one minutes after Nine 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, 6 APRIL.

*Questions:—*

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to build a bridge over the railway between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and to proclaim a road through the latter?
  - (2.) What will be the cost of such bridge, including materials?
  - (3.) How far will such bridge be from the two nearest bridges or railway crossings southward?
  - (4.) Is there a single person residing between the railway and the broken country on the eastern side of the railway line, within two miles of the proposed bridge?
  - (5.) Has the Minister for Lands, or the Minister for Works, received any petition or petitions relative to such proposed road and bridge?
  - (6.) Is the Minister, to whom such petition or petitions have been addressed, aware whether the persons signing are residents in the neighbourhood of, or in any way interested in, the proposed bridge or road?
2. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) How long the office of Sub-collector of Customs at Newcastle has been vacant?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint to the vacant office, and if so, when will the office be filled up?
3. MR. BUTLER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Government proclaim the Road from Goulburn to Braidwood, and the deviation therefrom from Tarago to Queanbeyan?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
6. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
7. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
9. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
10. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
11. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
12. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Notice of Motion on the Business Paper of the House for Tuesday, the 12th April,—“That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by Mr. Macleay, on the 25th March, be now adopted,”—shall take precedence of all other business on that day.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Notice of Motion standing in his name No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day be transferred to Friday.
3. MR. DODDS to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
4. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines ; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, considering all the circumstances in connection with the case of Mr. O'Sullivan, and his dismissal from the position of Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, this House is of opinion that the Government should either reinstate him in his former position, or grant him reasonable compensation for the loss of his office.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. PARKES 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
8. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the allegations contained in the Petition of Hugh Maguire, presented to this House on the 16th March last.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jennings, Commander Onslow, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek ; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.
3. Bridge over Mullet Creek ; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WEBB to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the estimated cost of works contracted for in Section VIII on the Western Railway Line?
  - (2.) When did the contract time for the said works commence?
  - (3.) What is the estimated value of the work performed?
  - (4.) How much money has been paid to the Contractor on account of the said works?
2. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to open for traffic the Great Northern Railway from Muscleebrook to Aberdeen, as soon as that length is completed; or will the opening of that portion of the Great Northern Railway be delayed until after the Bridge is constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, and the line is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between Aberdeen and Scone?
3. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is cognizant of certain practices which prevail in the management of the Great Western Railway,—namely, that when the 7.30 P.M. passenger train is dispatched from Penrith on Saturday, the Railway authorities are in the habit of running the tender in front of the locomotive engine and carriages between Penrith and the Parramatta Junction, although there is a turn-table for engines and tenders at Penrith; also, that the locomotive engine is attached to the carriages by an iron screw connection only, and that coupling chains are not used?
  - (2.) Does the Secretary for Public Works approve of such practices; if not, will he take steps to prevent a recurrence of them?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - (1.) 'That,' in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word "That," with a view to insert the following words, "this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs."
2. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. KING to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Petition presented by him on 16th March, 1870, from certain inhabitants of this Colony, with reference to the insufficiency and inequality of sentences under the Criminal Law as now administered,—Resolves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that steps may be taken to effect such amendment in the administration of the Criminal Law of the Colony as will ensure the passing of sentences more uniform and more adequate as a punishment for the respective crimes committed.

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.
2. MR. BAKER 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 committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Grenfell, to the Quarter Sessions at Bathurst, or elsewhere, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amount paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (3.) The estimated cost for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Grenfell to Bathurst, or elsewhere, during the same period.

3. 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 Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869, 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, during the same period.
  - (3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort, from the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from their opening to the 31st December, 1869.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.

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New South Wales.

No. 40.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway Bridge, Southern Line:—Commander Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to build a bridge over the railway between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land, and to proclaim a road through the latter?
- (2.) What will be the cost of such bridge, including materials?
- (3.) How far will such bridge be from the two nearest bridges or railway crossings southward?
- (4.) Is there a single person residing between the railway and the broken country on the eastern side of the railway line, within two miles of the proposed bridge?
- (5.) Has the Minister for Lands, or the Minister for Works, received any petition or petitions relative to such proposed road and bridge?
- (6.) Is the Minister, to whom such petition or petitions have been addressed, aware whether the persons signing are residents in the neighbourhood of, or in any way interested in, the proposed bridge or road?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) I am given to understand by the Railway Department that the probable cost would be about £500; but the materials have been prepared for more than three years.
  - (3.) From the first bridge (under railway), 1,100 yards; from the second bridge (over railway), 2,000 yards distant.
  - (4.) The Government have no information upon the subject.
  - (5.) Yes.
  - (6.) The Government have no information upon the subject.
- (2.) Sub-Collector of Customs, Newcastle:—Mr. Lackey asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) How long the office of Sub-collector of Customs at Newcastle has been vacant?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint to the vacant office, and if so, when will the office be filled up?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

- (1.) It was vacant a little more than one month.
- (2.) The appointment has been made.

*Mr. Butler not asking Question No. 3, it dropped.*

2. Additional Estimate for 1870:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

Governor.

Message No. 19.

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 1870.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th April, 1870.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. Paper :—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the Silver Currency of the Colony.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Bathurst-burr and Thistle-plants :—Commander Onslow, 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 February, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Commons Regulation Bill :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Commoners of the Richmond Common, objecting to certain provisions in this Bill ; and praying that the Bill may not be passed, or, if passed, that it may be modified so as to meet the objections of Petitioners.  
Petition received.
6. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
(1.) That the Bill to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West, and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees, and for other purposes, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Clarke, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Ryan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. 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.
9. Unitarian Church Land 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 enable the Trustees of certain Land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned and for other purposes,*” with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

#### UNITARIAN CHURCH LAND BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned and for other purposes,” returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 6th April, 1870.*

R. O’CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 5, line 35. Omit “other buildings” insert “School.”

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

10. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive (*Government Business*) postponed on motion of Mr. Samuel until to-morrow.
11. Railway Extension :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Notice of Motion on the Business Paper of the House for Tuesday, the 12th April,—“That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by Mr. Macleay, on the 25th March, be now adopted,”—shall take precedence of all other business on that day.  
Question put and passed.
12. Motions Dropped :—  
(1.) Mr. Buchanan not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 2 and 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.  
(2.) Mr. Garrett not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 4 and 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.  
(3.) Mr. Parkes not making the Motion standing in his name No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
13. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill dropped.
14. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 (*Other Business*) postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twelve 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, 7 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WEBB *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What is the estimated cost of works contracted for in Section VIII on the Western Railway Line?
  - (2.) When did the contract time for the said works commence?
  - (3.) What is the estimated value of the work performed?
  - (4.) How much money has been paid to the Contractor on account of the said works?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to open for traffic the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Aberdeen, as soon as that length is completed; or will the opening of that portion of the Great Northern Railway be delayed until after the Bridge is constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, and the line is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between Aberdeen and Scone?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is cognizant of certain practices which prevail in the management of the Great Western Railway,—namely, that when the 7.30 P.M. passenger train is dispatched from Penrith on Saturday, the Railway authorities are in the habit of running the tender in front of the locomotive engine and carriages between Penrith and the Parramatta Junction, although there is a turn-table for engines and tenders at Penrith; also, that the locomotive engine is attached to the carriages by an iron screw connection only, and that coupling chains are not used?
  - (2.) Does the Secretary for Public Works approve of such practices; if not, will he take steps to prevent a recurrence of them?
4. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers, moved for by him in reference to the Sydney Infirmary, be laid upon the Table of this House?
5. MR. WILSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When the Return, ordered on Friday, 25th March, relating to cases of arbitration upon imports subject to *ad valorem* duty, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
4. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
8. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
12. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
13. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from certain Commoners of the Richmond Common, against the Bill to regulate Commons, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.
2. Bridge over Mullet Creek; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
  - (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
  - (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
  - (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
  - (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?
2. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What are the number and extent of Reserves of Crown Lands proclaimed between Jerry's Plains and Merriwa, and adjacent to the line of road used for travelling stock?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that any, and if so, what portion of such reserves is fenced, and not available for the purposes for which they were proclaimed?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
  - “ (1.) ‘ That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
  - “ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “ That,” with a view to insert the following words, “ this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”
2. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Unitarian Church Land Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council’s Amendment.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Petition presented by him on 16th March, 1870, from certain inhabitants of this Colony, with reference to the insufficiency and inequality of sentences under the Criminal Law as now administered,—Resolves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that steps may be taken to effect such amendment in the administration of the Criminal Law of the Colony as will ensure the passing of sentences more uniform and more adequate as a punishment for the respective crimes committed.
2. MR. LEE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Cassilis.
  - (2.) The extent of such reserves, if any; as also situation of same.
  - (3.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Tamworth.
  - (4.) The extent of such reserves, if any; as also situation of same.
  - (5.) How many of these reserves have been declared open for use.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted.
4. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

## Question :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What is the name of the party under whom Mr. Alexander Berry claims a grant of 590 acres at Comerong Island?
  - (2.) Date of such promise, if any?
  - (3.) Why the claim was not made before?
  - (4.) How it came into Mr. Berry’s possession?
  - (5.) What price did Mr. Berry give for this land?
  - (6.) Was there not a proclamation issued by Government, some years ago, that all promises of grants not selected at that time would be cancelled unless applied for within a certain time?
  - (7.) Have not several promises of grants been invalidated through the application not being in within the time allowed by Government notice?
  - (8.) Has this selection of 590 acres at Comerong Island been charted on the Government charts as Mr. Berry’s land; if so, when was it so charted?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.
2. MR. BAKER 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 committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Grenfell, to the Quarter Sessions at Bathurst, or elsewhere, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amount paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (3.) The estimated cost for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Grenfell to Bathurst, or elsewhere, during the same period.
3. 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 Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869, 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, during the same period.
  - (3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort, from the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from their opening to the 31st December, 1869.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Railway Works, Western Line:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What is the estimated cost of works contracted for in Section VIII on the Western Railway Line?

(2.) When did the contract time for the said works commence?

(3.) What is the estimated value of the work performed?

(4.) How much money has been paid to the Contractor on account of the said works?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £127,504 9s. 10d.

(2.) 14th August, 1868.

(3.) £38,907 3s. 3d.

(4.) £35,016 8s. 11d.

Mr. Hoskins withdrew Question No. 2.

(2.) Management of Great Western Railway:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether he is cognizant of certain practices which prevail in the management of the Great Western Railway,—namely, that when the 7-30 p.m. passenger train is dispatched from Penrith on Saturday, the Railway authorities are in the habit of running the tender in front of the locomotive engine and carriages between Penrith and the Parramatta Junction, although there is a turn-table for engines and tenders at Penrith; also, that the locomotive engine is attached to the carriages by an iron screw connection only, and that coupling chains are not used?

(2.) Does the Secretary for Public Works approve of such practices; if not, will he take steps to prevent a recurrence of them?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The engine which takes from Penrith the 7-30 p.m. passenger train on Saturdays has been running with the tender before the engine as far as Blacktown only (not to the Parramatta Junction). It is not customary in England to use side chains in addition to the screw couplings to attach carriages to the engine, but it is generally done in this Colony.

(2.) Although there is no danger to be apprehended from such a practice, instructions have been given to turn the engine at Penrith in future.

(3.) Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Papers, moved for by him in reference to the Sydney Infirmary, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I was in hope of being able to lay the Papers upon the Table to-day, but they shall be laid upon it to-morrow.

(4.) Customs Statistics:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When the Return, ordered on Friday, 25th March, relating to cases of arbitration upon imports subject to *ad valorem* duty, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The Return is now being prepared, and as soon as it is completed—which I hope will be in a day or two—I will lay it upon the Table of the House.

2. Promissory Oaths Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths*," read a first time.

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

3. Dam across George's River at Liverpool :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Liverpool, in Public Meeting assembled, representing that the Dam at that place has suffered in its structure from floods, and requires repair in order to make it secure ; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.  
Petition received.
4. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from the Office-bearers and Adherents of the Presbyterian Churches at East and West Maitland, praying that this Bill may receive the favourable consideration of the House.  
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
5. Papers :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
  - (1.) Classification and proposed Distribution of Subordinate Roads of New South Wales under the Department of Public Works, Road Branch, for 1870.
  - (2.) Return to Order in reference to "Goods Shed at Redfern Railway Station," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on 15th March, 1870.
  - (3.) Further Return to Order in reference to "Railway Plant and Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Byrnes, on 12th March, 1869.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Impounding Bill :—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Impounding of Stock,*" read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
7. Surveys of the Colony—Immigration :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from Samuel Gordon, of Sydney, representing that it would be advantageous to immigrants and others if the Surveys of the Colony were placed in the Free Public Library, for ready access ; and praying that the subject may receive the consideration of the House.  
Petition received.
8. Commons Regulation Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from certain Commoners of the Richmond Common, against the Bill to regulate Commons, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Byrnes moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
10. Assent to Treasury Bills 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. 20.

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, 7th April, 1870.

11. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 2.
12. 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL, 1870, A.M.—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

13. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Goulburn School Trust Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Robert Waugh William Chatfield Philip Dignam and Charles Hamilton Walsh surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School to dispose of by sale and to convey the said Goulburn School land and premises and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the 'Goulburn School Fund' their representatives or assigns,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.) Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Boundaries of the City of Sydney,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 7th April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five 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.

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FRIDAY, 8 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?  
(2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?  
(3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?  
(4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?  
(5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?
2. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) What are the number and extent of Reserves of Crown Lands proclaimed between Jerry's Plains and Merriwa, and adjacent to the line of road used for travelling stock?  
(2.) Is the Government aware that any, and if so, what portion of such reserves is fenced, and not available for the purposes for which they were proclaimed?
3. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to open for traffic the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Aberdeen, as soon as that length is completed; or will the opening of that portion of the Great Northern Railway be delayed until after the Bridge is constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, and the line is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between Aberdeen and Scone?
4. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Creek, between Gerringong and Broughton Village, for which the sum of £400 was granted by the Appropriation Act for 1869, and when the said Bridge is likely to be completed?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Will he inform the House what was the nature of the immoral offence which he says Mr. O'Sullivan, late Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, was charged with by the authorities of that institution, which the Colonial Secretary stated had led to O'Sullivan's dismissal?
6. MR. LEARY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When do the Government intend to open the road from the Village of Elderslie to Menangle and Campbelltown Road at Reddall's 400 acres?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Neale,—  
“(1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.  
“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”  
Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word “That,” with a view to insert the following words, “this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs.”
2. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Unitarian Church Land Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
4. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.
5. Bridge over Mullet Creek; 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 Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.
6. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. KING *to move*, That this House having taken into consideration the Petition presented by him on 16th March, 1870, from certain inhabitants of this Colony, with reference to the insufficiency and inequality of sentences under the Criminal Law as now administered,—Resolves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that steps may be taken to effect such amendment in the administration of the Criminal Law of the Colony as will ensure the passing of sentences more uniform and more adequate as a punishment for the respective crimes committed.
2. MR. LEE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—  
(1.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Cassilis.  
(2.) The extent of such reserves, if any; as also situation of same.  
(3.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Tamworth.  
(4.) The extent of such reserves, if any; as also situation of same.  
(5.) How many of these reserves have been declared open for use.

3. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swimmerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted.
4. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. WILSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the southern line of Railway on a road between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Commander Onslow, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
6. MR. LACKEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th April, from the residents of the Town and District of Liverpool, relative to the state of the Dam across George's River at Liverpool, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Promissory Oaths Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
4. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
8. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
11. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
13. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
14. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL.

Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What is the name of the party under whom Mr. Alexander Berry claims a grant of 590 acres at Comerong Island ?
  - (2.) Date of such promise, if any ?
  - (3.) Why the claim was not made before ?
  - (4.) How it came into Mr. Berry's possession ?
  - (5.) What price did Mr. Berry give for this land ?
  - (6.) Was there not a proclamation issued by Government, some years ago, that all promises of grants not selected at that time would be cancelled unless applied for within a certain time ?
  - (7.) Have not several promises of grants been invalidated through the application not being in within the time allowed by Government notice ?
  - (8.) Has this selection of 590 acres at Comerong Island been charted on the Government charts as Mr. Berry's land ; if so, when was it so charted ?
2. MR. G. A. LLOYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that Colonial manufacturers of confectionery are placed at a serious disadvantage by the sugar and almonds which they use being taxed with high specific duties, while foreign confectionery is admitted at a 5 per cent. *ad valorem* duty ?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any means to remedy this serious grievance ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.
2. MR. BAKER 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 committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Grenfell, to the Quarter Sessions at Bathurst, or elsewhere, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869.
  - (2.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amount paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.
  - (3.) The estimated cost for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Grenfell to Bathurst, or elsewhere, during the same period.
3. 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 Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869, 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, during the same period.
  - (3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort, from the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from their opening to the 31st December, 1869.

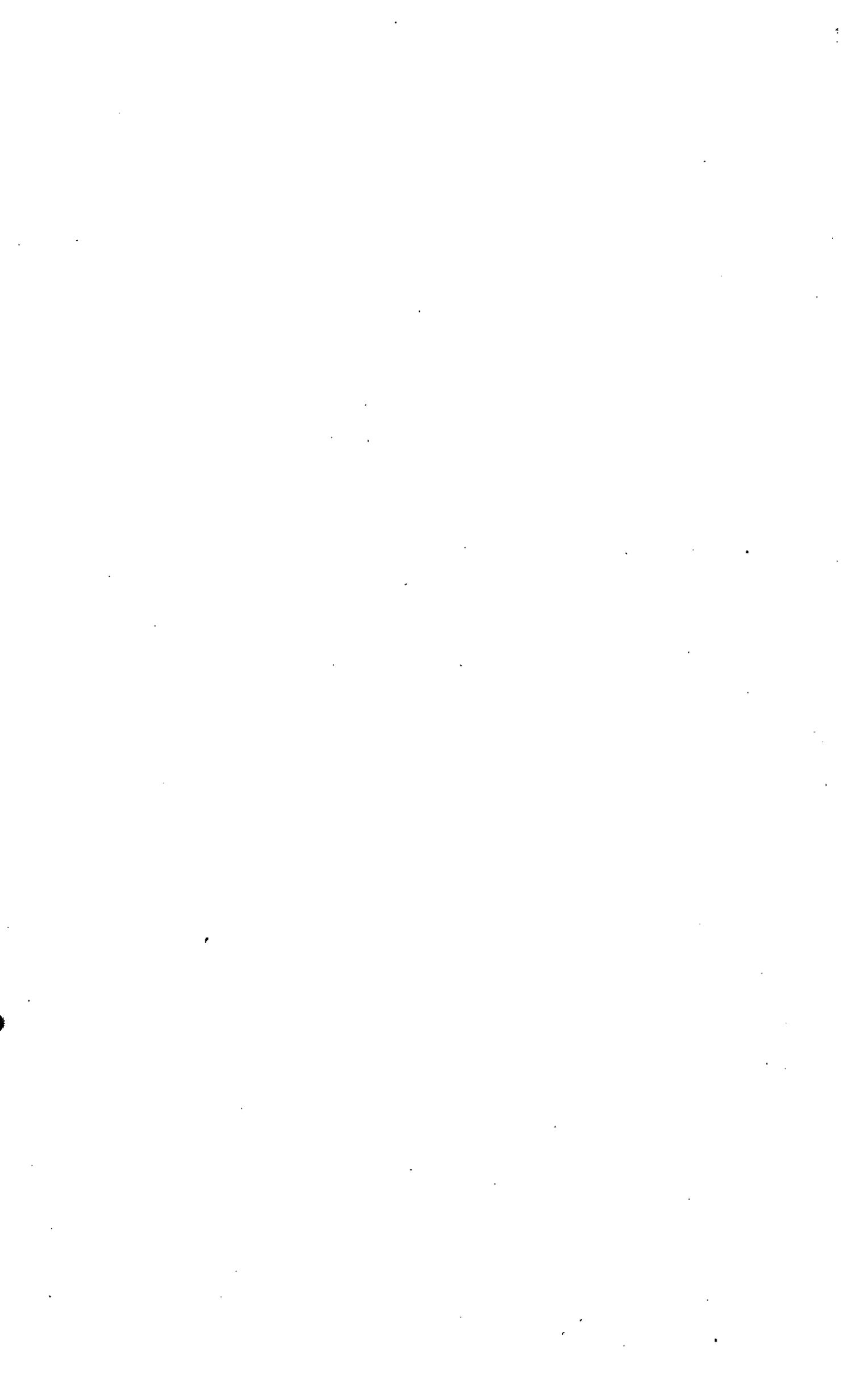
4. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
5. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.



## New South Wales.

No. 42.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Seizure of Gunpowder:—Mr. Alexander asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) How many cases of seizure of Gunpowder have taken place in the Colony during the last ten years, under the Act 7 William IV. No. 7?
- (2.) The names and places of residence of the parties fined, with amount of fine in each case?
- (3.) In how many cases was the fine or penalty enforced?
- (4.) The names of the parties to whom the fine or penalty was remitted?
- (5.) By whose authority was the fine or penalty remitted in each case?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I am only able to answer the Honorable Member's question in one of its branches—that is, as regards the Customs, and I find that there were no cases of seizure by the Customs during the period mentioned. Under this Act no prosecution has taken place, and therefore no penalties could have been remitted. The Inspector General of Police informs me that although returns were called for from the various districts, some of the replies are not yet to hand; but the statement will shortly be ready, and I will lay it upon the Table as soon as I receive the information.

- (2.) Crown Lands Reserves between Jerry's Plains and Merriwa:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) What are the number and extent of Reserves of Crown Lands proclaimed between Jerry's Plains and Merriwa, and adjacent to the line of road used for travelling stock?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that any, and if so, what portion of such reserves is fenced, and not available for the purposes for which they were proclaimed?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) On the road from Jerry's Plains to Merriwa there are three Village Reserves, viz., one at the junction of Wybong Creek with the Goulburn River, under lease to J. O'Reilly; the second at the junction of Hall's Creek with the Goulburn River, not under lease; and the third at the crossing of the aforesaid road over Worondi, under lease to W. Peberdy.

(2.) The Government are not aware of any Crown Land along this line having been fenced.

- (3.) Great Northern Railway—Musclebrook to Aberdeen:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Do the Government intend to open for traffic the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Aberdeen, as soon as that length is completed; or will the opening of that portion of the Great Northern Railway be delayed until after the Bridge is constructed over the Hunter River at Aberdeen, and the line is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between Aberdeen and Scone?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is expected that the whole of the works (with the exception of the permanent Bridge at Aberdeen) will be completed by the 31st August next. The opening for traffic will not be delayed until the permanent Bridge is completed, as it is intended to convey the traffic on the Hunter by the temporary Bridge now being erected by the contractor for the purpose of obtaining ballast. This information has already been conveyed to Mr. Bell, the Member for the district, on his personal application at the office in March last.

- (4.) Bridge over Broughton Creek:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Creek, between Gerringong and Broughton Village, for which the sum of £400 was granted by the Appropriation Act for 1869, and when the said Bridge is likely to be completed?

Mr.

- Mr. Sutherland answered,—As the Works Department has no officer in the district, the work has been allowed to stand over until an officer can be spared specially to visit the locality to take the necessary sections, and to attend to other works in the district.
- (5.) Mr. O'Sullivan, late Teacher at Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Will he inform the House what was the nature of the immoral offence which he says Mr. O'Sullivan, late Assistant Teacher at the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, was charged with by the authorities of that institution, which the Colonial Secretary stated had led to O'Sullivan's dismissal?
- Mr. Cowper answered,—Having, during the passage of the Estimates with reference to the Roman Catholic Orphan School, given the fullest explanation upon the subject of the dispute as to the dismissal of O'Sullivan from that establishment, I must decline giving any further information in answer to the question, which, in fact, could not be satisfactorily answered according to the rules of the House with reference to such questions.
- (6.) Road from Elderslie to Menangle and Campbelltown Road:—Mr. Leary asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When do the Government intend to open the road from the Village of Elderslie to Menangle and Campbelltown Road at Reddall's 400 acres?
- Mr. Forster answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to open this Road at present, the traffic not being considered sufficient to warrant the cost of fencing—estimated at £760.
2. Mrs. Mary Fogg:—Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That, with a view to complying with an order of this House, made on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1870, the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on the 27th October, 1869, "to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of Mrs. Mary Fogg," be laid upon the Table.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon the Clerk of Select Committees presented at the Bar of the House the said Proceedings and Evidence,—
- And the Clerk of the House laid the same upon the Table.
3. The Rev. James Fawcett:—Mr. Brookes presented a Petition from James Fawcett, Minister of the Free Church of England at Newcastle, in New South Wales, representing that he is a duly ordained Minister of Religion, and being desirous of having his name placed on the list of Ministers duly authorized to solemnize Marriages, applied to the Registrar General to place his name on such list, and that that officer refused to do so; and praying inquiry into the allegations contained in his Petition.
- Petition received.
4. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return to Order in reference to "Sydney Infirmary," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 25th February, 1870.
- (2.) Letter from His Grace Archbishop Polding, on the state of the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return to Order in reference to the claim of "Bartholomew Connolly" for a Pension or Superannuation allowance, made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on 1st March, 1870.
- (2.) Report of Mr. Black, Actuary, upon Retiring Allowances, under the Superannuation Act.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. Mrs. Mary Cook:—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from Mary Cook, representing that she is the Widow of the late Mr. Thomas Cook, who for many years held the office of Police Magistrate for Port Stephens and the Williams River; that at the time of her husband's death his pecuniary affairs were considerably embarrassed; and praying that, in consideration of the services rendered by her late husband to the Colony, the House will take her case into favourable consideration.
- Petition received.
6. Dam across George's River, at Liverpool (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th April, from the residents of the Town and District of Liverpool, relative to the state of the Dam across George's River at Liverpool, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
8. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Minute of His Excellency the Governor respecting the Expenditure of Public Monies.
- Ordered to be printed.
9. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neale,—
- "(1.) 'That,' in the opinion of this House, it is necessary to the health and safety of the people of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, that the Government should resume the control of the Water Supply, and take immediate measures for carrying into effect the recommendation of the Sydney Water Commission, as contained in their Report, laid upon the Table of this House on the 21st October last.
- "(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
- Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word "That," with a view to insert the following words, "this House, having had under consideration the Report of the Sydney Water Commission, is of opinion that, having due regard to the health and safety of the people of Sydney, the Government should take immediate steps to provide an adequate supply of water for the City and its Suburbs,"—resumed and continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. Sutherland,  
 Mr. Forster,  
 Mr. Dodds,  
 Mr. Neale,  
 Mr. Webb,  
 Mr. Egan,  
 Mr. Robertson,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Tunks,  
 Mr. Church.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Clarke,	

Mr. Wearne then moved, by way of amendment, That the following words be inserted in the place of the words omitted :—“ a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government resuming the control of the Water Supply to the City of Sydney.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Neale, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speer, and the Mover.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Speer,
Mr. King,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Church,
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Nowlan.

Question then,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government resuming the control of the Water Supply to the City of Sydney.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Neale, Mr. Flood, Mr. King, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speer, and the Mover,—put and passed.

10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, to follow after Order No. 3.

11. Unitarian Church Land Bill:—On Motion of Mr. Parkes 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. Parkes, adopted that Report.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes 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 enable the Trustees of certain land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned and for other purposes.* ”

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 8th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Cattle Sale Yards Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being 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, on motion of Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

13. Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek:—On motion of Mr. Garrett the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700, for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.

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:—

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £700 for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District.

Resolution

- Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a second time, and agreed to.
14. Bridge over Mullet Creek :—On motion of Mr. Osborne the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.
- 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 :—
- Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1869, a sum not exceeding £500, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra.
- Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Osborne, read a second time, and agreed to.
15. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 6 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
16. Administration of Justice—Criminal Law :—Mr. King moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That this House having taken into consideration the Petition presented by him on 16th March, 1870, from certain inhabitants of this Colony, with reference to the insufficiency and inequality of sentences under the Criminal Law as now administered,—Resolves that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that steps may be taken to effect such amendment in the administration of the Criminal Law of the Colony as will ensure the passing of sentences more uniform and more adequate as a punishment for the respective crimes committed.
- Question put and passed.
17. Reserves for Travelling Stock :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Lee, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
- (1.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Cassilis.
  - (2.) The extent of such reserves, if any ; as also situation of same.
  - (3.) The number of reserves for travelling stock and teams on the main road from Maitland to Tamworth.
  - (4.) The extent of such reserves, if any ; as also situation of same.
  - (5.) How many of these reserves have been declared open for use.
- Question put and passed.
18. George Swinnerton Yarnton :—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted.
- Debate ensued.
- On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Debate on this Question was adjourned until this day week.
19. Motions Dropped :—
- (1.) Mr. Ryan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
  - (2.) Mr. Wilson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at five minutes before Twelve 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, 12 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What is the name of the party under whom Mr. Alexander Berry claims a grant of 590 acres at Comerong Island ?
  - (2.) Date of such promise, if any ?
  - (3.) Why the claim was not made before ?
  - (4.) How it came into Mr. Berry's possession ?
  - (5.) What price did Mr. Berry give for this land ?
  - (6.) Was there not a proclamation issued by Government, some years ago, that all promises of grants not selected at that time would be cancelled unless applied for within a certain time ?
  - (7.) Have not several promises of grants been invalidated through the application not being in within the time allowed by Government notice ?
  - (8.) Has this selection of 590 acres at Comerong Island been charted on the Government charts as Mr. Berry's land ; if so, when was it so charted ?

2. MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that Colonial manufacturers of confectionery are placed at a serious disadvantage by the sugar and almonds which they use being taxed with high specific duties, while foreign confectionery is admitted at a 5 per cent. *ad valorem* duty?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any means to remedy this serious grievance?
3. MR. FALLON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What quantity of land has been selected at the Albury Land Office, since the present Crown Lands Alienation Act came into force, up to the 31st December, 1869,—specifying the quantity in each year?
4. MR. FALLON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What amount has been expended on that portion of the Great Southern Road between Tarcutta and Albury (a distance of eighty miles), during the last eight years, ending 31st December, 1869,—specifying the amount so expended in each year?
5. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to proclaim Dandaloo, on the Bogan River, as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; if so, when?
6. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to open the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Aberdeen as soon as that length of the Railway is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between those places?
7. MR. ALLEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) What steps have been taken by the Government towards the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp, for which the sum of £10,000 was voted last year?  
(2.) When is it probable that this reclamation will be commenced?
8. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the following passage in the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor, namely—“The subject of the prospective withdrawal of Imperial Troops has at length reached a stage which gives additional interest and importance to the question of Local Defences, and has impressed my Responsible Advisers with the propriety of introducing, as soon as it can be properly prepared, a measure for the organization of a Militia in this Colony,”—Will any such measure be introduced during the present Session?
9. MR. PARKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the Jetty at Gerrington, for which the sum of £500 was granted by the Appropriation Act for 1869?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY *to move*, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Promissory Oaths Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
4. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
5. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
8. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
9. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
11. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
13. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
14. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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. BAKER *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 committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Grenfell, to the Quarter Sessions at Bathurst, or elsewhere, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869.  
(2.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amount paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.  
(3.) The estimated cost for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Grenfell to Bathurst, or elsewhere, during the same period.
3. 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 Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869, under the following heads, viz.:—miners rights, mining leases, publicans and wine and spirit merchants licences, 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, during the same period.  
(3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort, from the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from their opening to the 31st December, 1869.
4. MR. PARKES *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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.

5. MR. GARRETT to move,—  
 (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. LACKEY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed 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, *viâ* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Onslow, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Petition and Progress Report of the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, together with Evidence and Appendix, be referred to this Committee.
7. MR. NOWLAN 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, Memorials, and Petitions, from the different Benches of Magistrates, and other persons in the Colony, to the Colonial Secretary; also copies of all Correspondence between the Inspector General of Police and the Colonial Secretary, relative to the removal and appointment of Police Magistrates, and to the changes made, and proposed to be made, in the Police Force generally.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; third reading
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 15 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. George Swinnerton Yarnton; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted."

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FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Alexander Berry—Claim for Deed of Grant for Comerong Island:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What is the name of the party under whom Mr. Alexander Berry claims a grant of 590 acres at Comerong Island?
- (2.) Date of such promise, if any?
- (3.) Why the claim was not made before?
- (4.) How it came into Mr. Berry's possession?
- (5.) What price did Mr. Berry give for this land?
- (6.) Was there not a proclamation issued by Government, some years ago, that all promises of grants not selected at that time would be cancelled unless applied for within a certain time?
- (7.) Have not several promises of grants been invalidated through the application not being in within the time allowed by Government notice?
- (8.) Has this selection of 590 acres at Comerong Island been charted on the Government charts as Mr. Berry's land; if so, when was it so charted?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Berry claims this island in virtue of certain Land Orders purchased by him from J. Leadbeater, Mr. Duggan, J. Shanbury, J. Holt, J. Ware, E. Doyle, D. Connelly, N. Lacy, J. Enmore, T. Brady, T. Dutton, and J. Atkins.
- (2.) 16 January, 1816; 3 May, 1821; June, 1821; 31 March, 1821; September, 1821, respectively.
- (3.) Application appears to have been first made in 1829, and the claim has since been continually renewed.
- (4.) The Government have no information upon this point.
- (5.) This is a matter within Mr. Berry's own knowledge, or of evidence before the Court of Claims, which it would be obviously inexpedient to produce, or refer to publicly, so as possibly to prejudice the case while pending.
- (6.) Yes, by Governor Darling, in 1826.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) It has not.

- (2.) Confectionery:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that Colonial manufacturers of confectionery are placed at a serious disadvantage by the sugar and almonds which they use being taxed with high specific duties, while foreign confectionery is admitted at a 5 per cent. *ad valorem* duty?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt any means to remedy this serious grievance?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

- (1.) I am aware of the fact mentioned by the Honorable Member.
  - (2.) I purpose shortly introducing a Bill to remedy the grievance complained of.
- (3.) Land Selected at Albury:—Mr. Fallon asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- What quantity of land has been selected at the Albury Land Office, since the present Crown Lands Alienation Act came into force, up to the 31st December, 1869,—specifying the quantity in each year?

Mr.

Mr. Forster answered,—I presume the Honorable gentleman refers only to Conditional Selections, and therefore I answer him in round numbers :—

In 1862 .....	5,644 acres.	In 1866 .....	35,905 acres.
1863 .....	19,631 "	1867 .....	31,349 "
1864 .....	13,688 "	1868 .....	18,527 "
1865 .....	9,565 "	1869 .....	45,464 "

- (4.) Great Southern Road, between Tarcutta and Albury :—Mr. Fallon asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What amount has been expended on that portion of the Great Southern Road between Tarcutta and Albury (a distance of eighty miles), during the last eight years, ending 31st December, 1869,—specifying the amount so expended in each year?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—To ascertain the exact amount expended between these places it would be necessary to look up and examine each voucher for payment against the Southern Road Votes, which would occupy the time of an officer at least a week. The road is divided into districts, and the expenditure kept separate; the fourth district commences within a few miles of Tarcutta :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1862 .....	1,799	15	8	1866 .....	2,990	13	0
1863 .....	7,724	10	8	1867 .....	1,379	19	0
1864 .....	8,907	13	1	1868 .....	3,655	5	0
1865 .....	1,012	3	3	1869 .....	2,932	17	0
Total...				...	30,402	16	8

- (5.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Dandaloo :—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If it is the intention of the Government to proclaim Dandaloo, on the Bogan River, as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; if so, when?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The subject has been brought under the consideration of the Government by the Inspector General of Police, who states that a Police Station, and place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions, are much required at Dandaloo. When the Appropriation Act has been passed, the subject will be taken into consideration, and, if possible, what is required will be done; at the same time the Inspector General reports that it is hardly possible, with the reduced establishment of police, to appoint the necessary force at that Station—two mounted constables and a tracker. However, as soon as the Parliament is prorogued, the subject shall have my serious attention.

- (6.) Great Northern Railway, from Musclebrook to Aberdeen :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Do the Government intend to open the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Aberdeen as soon as that length of the Railway is formed, ballasted, and the permanent way laid between those places?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Not for goods traffic, only for mails and passengers.

- (7.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp :—Mr. Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) What steps have been taken by the Government towards the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp, for which the sum of £10,000 was voted last year?

(2.) When is it probable that this reclamation will be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Tenders were twice invited for filling in Blackwattle Swamp, but no eligible tender was received.

(2.) Negotiations are now pending between the Government and the Pymont Bridge Company respecting the purchase of the Company's Bridge and Works at Blackwattle Bay, with a view to opening the Blackwattle Swamp Bridge, so as to admit the passage of large mud-punts, whereby a saving of expense will be effected.

- (8.) Local Defences—Militia :—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—With reference to the following passage in the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor, namely—"The subject of the prospective withdrawal of Imperial Troops has at length reached a stage which gives additional interest and importance to the question of Local Defences, and has impressed my Responsible Advisers with the propriety of introducing, as soon as it can be properly prepared, a measure for the organization of a Militia in this Colony,"—Will any such measure be introduced during the present Session?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The question of the withdrawal of Imperial Troops is still in such an undecided state that it would be premature to prepare a scheme for defence by a Colonial Corps, until further information as to the intentions of the neighbouring Colonies and the Imperial authorities can be finally ascertained.

- (9.) Jetty at Gerringong :—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—What steps have been taken towards the erection of the Jetty at Gerringong, for which the sum of £500 was granted by the Appropriation Act for 1869?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A plan of a jetty was made, but owing to the great length required to reach deep water, and the expense of securing it in so exposed a situation, the estimated cost is £1,100. The sum of £500 was voted on the Estimates for 1869, and the further sum of £600 is now on the Estimates for 1870.

2. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill :—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 this Bill was referred on 6th April, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dodds then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

3. Papers :—

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

1. Return to Order in reference to "Conditional Purchase of Michael Seary," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Butler, on 5th April, 1870.

2. Correspondence respecting the spread of the Scotch and South American Thistles in the Monaro District.

Ordered to be printed.

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

1. Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools for 1869.

2. Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools for 1869.

3. By-laws under the Municipalities Act, 31 Vic. No. 12, sec. 158, of the Borough of Albury (Albury Free Library).

Ordered to be printed.

4. John Blackshaw:—Mr. Alexander presented a Petition from John Blackshaw, of the City of Goulburn, Brewer, complaining of the closing, by the Government, of certain roads leading to his premises; and praying inquiry into the allegations contained in his Petition, with a view to relief. Petition received.
5. Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That copies of the Correspondence between the Government and the Directors of the Sydney Infirmary, ordered to be printed October 13, 1868, be referred for consideration to the Select Committee on the Sydney Infirmary. Question put and passed.
6. Bridges at King's Falls and Loddon River:—Mr. Osborne presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Illawarra, and others, representing that the residents on the South Coast between North Bulli and Ulladulla are subjected, during time of flood, to great inconvenience, through irregularity in the conveyance of the mails, caused by the want of Bridges at King's Falls and the Loddon River, on the road between Appin and Wollongong; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration. Petition received.
7. Penalties Remission Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice 1 (*Government Business*), for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties. Question put and passed.
8. Immigration Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 (*Other Business*), That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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.
9. Committals from Police Office at Grenfell (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Baker 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 committals of prisoners from the Police Office at Grenfell, to the Quarter Sessions at Bathurst, or elsewhere, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869.  
(2.) The number of witnesses who attended in each case, with the amount paid to such witnesses for travelling and other expenses.  
(3.) The estimated cost for conveyance of prisoners, whether under committal or sentence, from Grenfell to Bathurst, or elsewhere, during the same period. Question put and passed.
10. Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing—  
(1.) The amount of revenue collected within the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from the 1st January, 1867, to 31st December, 1869, 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, during the same period.  
(3.) The quantity of gold conveyed by escort, from the Emu Creek and Tyagong Gold Fields, from their opening to the 31st December, 1869. Question put and passed.
11. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed 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. Wilson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Commander Onslow, Mr. Weaver, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Petition and Progress Report of the Select Committee of Session 1867-8, together with Evidence and Appendix, be referred to this Committee. Question put and passed.
12. Penalties Remission Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
13. The Unemployed—Immigration:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition, signed by William Jennett, as Chairman of a meeting of the unemployed, representing that a large number of men are at present out of employment, and an alarming amount of distress existing among the working classes; and praying that the House will not grant any money for the purpose of introducing immigrants into the Colony. Petition received.
14. Railway Extension:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1 of Other Business, That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted.

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week, then to take precedence of all other business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 2.
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.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1870, A.M.,—

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at fourteen 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, 13 APRIL.

### Questions :—

1. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Have the Government had any communication from the Government of Victoria, with reference to the charge made for Intercolonial Telegraphic Messages, and to adopting a uniform rate in the Telegraph Department, similar to that now in force in Victoria; and if so, have they come to any, and what decision in the matter?
2. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government had under their consideration the advisability of assimilating the rates charged for the conveyance of Wheat and Flour on the railways; and if so, what decision have they arrived at in the matter?
3. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Have the Government had any communication from the Government of Victoria with reference to adopting the system of selling all descriptions of Grain and Flour at per centage of one hundred pounds; and if so, have they given the same consideration, and have they arrived at any, and what decision in the matter?
4. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) When the Approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station, both from the Parramatta and Liverpool side, will be put in a proper condition of repair?  
(2.) The same as regards the approaches to the Burwood Station?

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

1. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
2. Impounding Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Promissory Oaths Bill; second reading.
5. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
7. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
11. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
12. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
13. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
15. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
16. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DILLON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, 29th April, 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 £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.
2. MR. WILSON *to move*,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the southern line of railway on a road between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.

3. MR. OSBORNE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from certain residents in Illawarra, relative to the necessity of erecting Bridges over the River Loddon and King's Falls, be printed.
4. MR. HOSKINS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from the Unemployed, relative to Immigration, be printed.
5. MR. WEBB to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Butler, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Church, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That such Committee have power to sit during any adjournment.
6. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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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.
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THURSDAY, 14 APRIL.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOSKINS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) On what date was Mr. Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to the Railway Department, appointed to that office?
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1. Penalties Remission Bill; second reading.

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1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from John Blackshaw, of Goulburn, be printed.

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1. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
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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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  - (2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dillon, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY, 19 APRIL.

Question:—

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  - (1.) Have wells been sunk and tank and engine erected at Goulburn for the supply of water for the locomotive engines on the railway at Goulburn?
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1. Railway Extension ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted."

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FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.

## New South Wales.

No. 44.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Intercolonial Telegraphic Messages:—Mr. Watson asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have the Government had any communication from the Government of Victoria, with reference to the charge made for Intercolonial Telegraphic Messages, and to adopting a uniform rate in the Telegraph Department, similar to that now in force in Victoria; and if so, have they come to any, and what decision in the matter?

Mr. Egan answered,—A communication has been received from the Government of Victoria. The matter is now under consideration, and an early decision will be arrived at.

- (2.) Railway Charges for Carriage of Wheat and Flour:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the Government had under their consideration the advisability of assimilating the rates charged for the conveyance of Wheat and Flour on the railways; and if so, what decision have they arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The advisability of assimilating the rate for Wheat and Flour has been under the consideration of the Government, but no decision has been arrived at. My own idea is that, if assimilated, the rate for Wheat (grain) should be raised to that for Flour. Strong objection to the assimilation proposed has been made by a considerable number of the public, and the whole question must receive full consideration before a final decision is arrived at.

- (3.) Sale of Grain by the Hundred Pounds:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the Government had any communication from the Government of Victoria with reference to adopting the system of selling all descriptions of Grain and Flour at per centage of one hundred pounds; and if so, have they given the same consideration, and have they arrived at any, and what decision in the matter?

Mr. Cowper answered,—A communication to this effect, dated 2nd ultimo, was received on the 9th instant, and therefore sufficient time has not yet elapsed to enable the Government to give the proposal consideration; but as there is to be a conference held in Melbourne in a very short time upon subjects generally relating to the commerce of these Colonies, this opportunity may be a favourable one for giving the subject the attention it deserves.

- (4.) Approaches to Ashfield Railway Station:—Mr. Hill, on behalf of Mr. M. C. Stephen, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) When the Approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station, both from the Parramatta and Liverpool side, will be put in a proper condition of repair?

(2.) The same as regards the approaches to the Burwood Station?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) Various sums of money have from time to time been issued to Trustees for the improvement of the approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station. A sum of £30 was issued on 14th December last. The question of forming the approach on the Liverpool side is still under consideration, it being doubtful whether the expense should be borne by the Works or Lands Department, and a decision on this point being delayed in consequence of Mr. Bennett's unavoidable absence from town.

(2.) No application appears to have been made for the improvement of approaches to the Burwood Station.

2. Immigration:—Mr. Cowper, 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 22nd February, 1870, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Paper :—Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1 April, 1869, to 31 March, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Mr. Percy Simpson :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Percy Simpson, of Sydney, representing that he arrived in the Colony, as an emigrant, in the year 1822, and at the request of the Government of the day abandoned his intention of becoming a settler, and undertook, under certain conditions, the formation of an Agricultural Establishment at Wellington Valley, with a view to lessen the expense of maintaining a large number of convicts ; that the Government failed to carry out the agreement made with him, whereby he suffered pecuniary loss ; and praying the House to inquire into his case, with a view to relief being afforded to him.  
Petition received.
5. The Unemployed—Immigration (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from the Unemployed, relative to Immigration, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponement :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 16.
7. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read, Mr. Samuel moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Parkes 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 House disapproves of the proposal of the Government to create a Reserve Constabulary, consisting of men to be occasionally employed, and paid at the rate of ten shillings per diem.  
“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted 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, 20.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Church,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Jennings,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Dodds,	

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Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
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Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Ryun,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. King,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Butler,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Wearne,	

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Buchanan,
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Mr. Lee,	Mr. Piddington,
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Whereupon Question put,—

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Mr. Neale,	

Mr. Samuel then moved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

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

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL, 1870, A.M.—

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

8. Benevolent Society's 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 Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain Lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional Buildings,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 13th April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

9. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Flood moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Flood,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Bell,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Piddington,

Tellers.

Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Butler,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Robertson,
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Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Sutter,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Spring,	Tellers.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Ryan,	

10. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 7, inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until a later hour of the day.

11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (Order No. 8) :—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, Mr. Samuel moved, That this Order stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

Mr. Flood moved, That the Question be amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "and that it then take precedence of the other Orders of the Day."

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

The House divided,

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Clarke,  
Mr. Flood,

Tellers.

Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Hoskins.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Morrice,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Hill,
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Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Samuel,
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Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Spring.

Question then,—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day,—put and passed.

12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows :—

No. 9, until a later hour of the day.

No. 10, until Wednesday next.

13. Commons Regulation Bill (Order No. 11) :—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, Mr. Samuel moved, That this Order stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

Mr. Hill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, accordingly, 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, 14 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

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3. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) At what rate have persons entitled to pensions under the Superannuation Act been paid since the fund became insolvent?
  - (2.) What provision do the Government intend to make to indemnify the officers claiming payment under the said Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Penalties Remission Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Promissory Oaths Bill; second reading.
4. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
12. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
13. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
14. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
15. Impounding Bill; second reading.
16. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from John Blackshaw, of Goulburn, be printed.
2. MR. DILLON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, 29th April, 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 £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.
3. MR. WILSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the southern line of railway on a road between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
4. MR. OSBORNE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from certain residents in Illawarra, relative to the necessity of erecting Bridges over the River Loddon and King's Falls, be printed.
5. MR. WEBB *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
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1. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 22nd April, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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. WATSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the main road through the town of Young.
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WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) On what date was Mr. Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant to the Railway Department, appointed to that office?

(2.) What was the nature and amount of the security (if any), which Mr. Ashdown was required to find for the faithful discharge of his duties—whether a Guarantee Society, or personal security; if the latter, what are the names of the persons who became Mr. Ashdown's sureties?

(3.) On what date was the bond, which Mr. Ashdown's sureties were required to enter into, perfected; was the signature of the sureties duly attested; if so, by whom, and on what date?

(4.) On what date were Mr. Ashdown's defalcations first discovered, and by whom was such discovery made?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to enforce the conditions of the bond for which Mr. Ashdown's sureties rendered themselves liable, and have they been required to make good the loss to the Government arising from Mr. Ashdown's defalcations?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) 21st May, 1867.

(2.) Amount of security, £1,000, secured by policy of the European Guarantee Society.

(3.) The policy took effect from the 18th October, 1867.

(4.) On the 22nd March last the Chief Clerk reported to me that the Accountant had that day denied having received from him a sum of £37 10s., public money, which the Chief Clerk alleged he had paid to him on or about the 9th of the previous month. I held an inquiry, but no satisfactory evidence was elicited that the money was paid to the Accountant, who most positively denied that he had ever received it. On the 24th March the Chief Clerk reported to me that he had discovered that a small cheque—forming a portion of the missing money—had been traced to Mr. Ashdown's private account in the Commercial Bank; and Mr. Ashdown, on the following day, in reply to my Minute requesting an explanation, verbally admitted to me that he had paid to his private account the whole of the £37 10s. in question.

(5.) Yes. On discovery of the defalcation, notice was at once given to the Society, and a prompt reply was received that the Society would meet the claim on demand.

- (2.) Mails between Wollongong and Campbelltown:—Mr. Osborne asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—How often within the last two months have the mails been delayed between Wollongong and Campbelltown, by reason of the River Loddon and King's Falls being flooded?

Mr. Egan answered,—At Loddon River, eleven times; at King's Falls, five times.

- (3.) Retired Officers under Superannuation Act:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) At what rate have persons entitled to pensions under the Superannuation Act been paid since the fund became insolvent?

(2.) What provision do the Government intend to make to indemnify the officers claiming payment under the said Act?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Since the Fund became insufficient in October last, three *pro rata* distributions have been made, which have given an average of one-half the amount due to pensioners under the Superannuation Act.

(2.) The matter will have to be submitted to Parliament, who will be invited to deal with the whole question.

2. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, the 20th day of April instant.  
Question put and passed.

3. Papers:—

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

(1.) 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 between the 14th March and 14th April, 1870.

(2.) Minute of Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands on Compilation of Maps of Pastoral Districts. Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Letter from the Medical Adviser to the Government, enclosing a letter from Mr. Alfred Roberts, on the state of certain Hospitals in the country districts.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Sydney Infirmary."

4. Further Additional Estimate for 1870:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1870.

Government House,  
Sydney, 14th April, 1870.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

5. John Blackshaw ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from John Blackshaw, of Goulburn, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Bridges at King's Falls and Loddon River ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to Notice No. 4, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April, from certain residents in Illawarra, relative to the necessity of erecting Bridges over the River Loddon and King's Falls, be printed.  
Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Cattle Sale Yards 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 the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle.*"

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 the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th April, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 16.

9. 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.

10. The Bank of New South Wales 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 amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Bank of New South Wales' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14th April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at three minutes before 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, 20 APRIL.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SPRING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Secretary to the Necropolis has reported the loss, by robbery or otherwise, from his office, of a sum or sums of money the property of the Government?
  - (2.) Has any inquiry been made into the alleged loss of this money; and if so, by whom?
  - (3.) What is the result of such inquiry, and what steps have the Government taken in the matter?
  - (4.) Has the Honorable Secretary for Lands any objection to lay any report that may have been received on this matter before the House?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What is the status, under the Public Schools Act, of the school at Nowra Hill, Shoalhaven?
  - (2.) When was it last examined by the School Inspector, and what was his report as to numbers attending and condition?
  - (3.) What is the name of the present teacher, and did he pass an examination before appointment?
  - (4.) By whom was the present teacher recommended for appointment?
  - (5.) The names of the scholars in attendance at the date of the last report (if any) to the Council of Education?
  - (6.) What local supervision is the school subject to?
  - (7.) If of a Local Board, who compose such Board?
3. MR. JENNINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any steps have yet been taken to settle the dispute between this Colony and that of Victoria as to the ownership of Pental Island, on the Murray?
4. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the total amount of the New Treasury Bills disposed of?
  - (2.) What are the rates at which tenders for the Bills have been accepted?
5. MR. CLARKE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government decided by which route they will take the Moruya and Araluen Road, *via* Mullenderee or Kiora?
  - (2.) Do the Government intend paying attention to the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants, as expressed in a memorial in favour of the Mullenderee route?
6. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether any portion of Wollongong Reserve, or Race-course, has been leased or entrusted for the purpose of holding horse-races?
  - (2.) If so, whether the lessee or trustee is authorized or entitled to levy toll from persons passing along the road through the reserve to places beyond it?
7. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Great Western Line of Railroad be open for public traffic to Rydal?
8. MR. ALEXANDER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have wells been sunk and tank and engine erected at Goulburn for the supply of water for the locomotive engines on the railway at Goulburn?
  - (2.) What has been the cost of the construction of such works?
  - (3.) Has the water from such wells been pronounced unfit for use, as injurious to the engine boilers?
  - (4.) Has it been analyzed; if so, when?
  - (5.) Was it analyzed before the expense for the erections was incurred?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Extension; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Promissory Oaths Bill; second reading.
4. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
12. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
13. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
14. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
15. Impounding Bill; second reading.
16. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
17. Penalties Remission Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Member for The Gwydir, Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, who is compelled to absent himself through pressure of very urgent private business.

2. 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 arbitrators appointed by the Government; the sums paid for such services; and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th April, from Mr. Percy Simpson, be printed.
4. 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.
5. MR. BROOKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the grounds of dismissal from the Public Service of Mr. Richard Henry Wright, late Inspector of Telegraph Lines in the district of Tenterfield.
  - (2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dillon, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover.
6. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 22nd April, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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. WATSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the main road through the town of Young.
8. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of erecting Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks, near Burrowa.
9. MR. DILLON to move, That this House will, on Friday, 29th April, 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 £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.
10. MR. WILSON to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the southern line of railway on a road between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Sutton, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
11. MR. WEBB to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Butler, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Church, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That such Committee have power to sit during any adjournment.
12. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
13. MR. PARKES 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
14. MR. GARRETT to move,—
  - (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

15. MR. NOWLAN 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, Memorials, and Petitions, from the different Benches of Magistrates, and other persons in the Colony, to the Colonial Secretary; also copies of all Correspondence between the Inspector General of Police and the Colonial Secretary, relative to the removal and appointment of Police Magistrates, and to the changes made, and proposed to be made, in the Police Force generally.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. George Swinnerton Yarnton; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted."
2. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. 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.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.
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New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Alleged Loss of Money by the Secretary to the Necropolis:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that the Secretary to the Necropolis has reported the loss, by robbery or otherwise, from his office, of a sum or sums of money, the property of the Government?

(2.) Has any inquiry been made into the alleged loss of this money; and if so, by whom?

(3.) What is the result of such inquiry, and what steps have the Government taken in the matter?

(4.) Has the Honorable Secretary for Lands any objection to lay any report that may have been received on this matter before the House?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A Board was appointed to inquire into the matter, consisting of Mr. E. A. Rennie, Chief Clerk Audit Office, Mr. James Thomson, Inspector of Public Accounts, Treasury, and Mr. G. J. Armytage, Chief Clerk, Department of Lands.

(3.) The Board have reported to the effect that Mr. Liardet's statements are uncorroborated; Mr. Liardet has been in consequence severely reprimanded for carelessness and irregularity, and for having brought unfounded charges against subordinate officers; he has been also required to make good the money alleged to have been lost.

(4.) There will be no objection.

(2.) School at Nowra Hill, Shoalhaven:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the status, under the Public Schools Act, of the School at Nowra Hill, Shoalhaven?

(2.) When was it last examined by the School Inspector, and what was his report as to numbers attending and condition?

(3.) What is the name of the present teacher, and did he pass an examination before appointment?

(4.) By whom was the present teacher recommended for appointment?

(5.) The names of the scholars in attendance at the date of the last report (if any) to the Council of Education?

(6.) What local supervision is the school subject to?

(7.) If of a Local Board, who compose such Board?

*Mr. Cowper* answered,—

(1.) The School at Nowra Hill is a Provisional School.

(2.) This School was inspected by Mr. Huffer on 21st August, 1868, when the number of pupils in attendance was reported to be twenty. The report of the Inspector on that occasion is thus summarised by the Council's Examiner:—"In its material condition the School is very rude; the instruction is unskilful, and the results are only moderately satisfactory." The School was not visited in 1869.

(3.) The teacher's name is Henry S. Russell; he passed no examination.

(4.) He was recommended by the promoters of the School—Messrs. Simon Jennings, Robert Gardner, Thomas Newton, William Reynolds, Charles Harvey, and Henry Norman. Provisional Schools, under the 13th section of the Public Schools Act, are not established by the Council of Education, but only aided when they have been established by private persons.

(5.) The names of the children are never given on the occasion of an inspection.

(6.) The School is subject to the supervision of the local promoters.

(7.) Is answered in the reply to No. 4.

(3.)

- (3.) Pental Island:—Mr. Jennings asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
Whether any steps have yet been taken to settle the dispute between this Colony and that of Victoria as to the ownership of Pental Island, in the Murray?  
*Mr. Cowper* answered,—The two Governments of this Colony and Victoria have agreed to appoint Commissioners—Mr. E. Deas Thomson for New South Wales, and Mr. John O'Shannassy for Victoria—to take evidence, and to prepare a case for the decision of the Privy Council.
- (4.) Treasury Bills:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—  
(1.) What is the total amount of the New Treasury Bills disposed of?  
(2.) What are the rates at which tenders for the Bills have been accepted?  
*Mr. Samuel* answered,—The sale of the whole of the Treasury Bills not yet being completed, and as negotiations are still pending, it is premature to give any information on the subject.
- (5.) Moruya and Araluen Road:—Mr. Clarke asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—  
(1.) Have the Government decided by which route they will take the Moruya and Araluen Road, *via* Mullenderee or Kiora?  
(2.) Do the Government intend paying attention to the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants, as expressed in a memorial in favour of the Mullenderee route?  
*Mr. Cowper* answered,—  
(1.) No. Maps and sections of the two routes are now ready, and the route to be adopted will be decided on the return of the Commissioner of Roads from the country.  
(2.) Attention will be paid to the memorial in favour of the Mullenderee line when the route for adoption is under consideration.
- (6.) Wollongong Reserve:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—  
(1.) Whether any portion of Wollongong Reserve, or Race-course, has been leased or entrusted for the purpose of holding horse-races?  
(2.) If so, whether the lessee or trustee is authorized or entitled to levy toll from persons passing along the road through the reserve to places beyond it?  
*Mr. Cowper* answered,—  
(1.) The Wollongong Race-course has been handed over to Trustees.  
(2.) The matter has only been brought under the notice of the Government by the Honorable Member's questions. It appears that the trustees of the Race-course were authorized to demand toll, but it is questionable whether it was intended to apply to the road specified, and whether it could be enforced if demanded.
- Mr. Cummings* not asking Question No. 7, it dropped.  
*Mr. Alexander* withdrew Question No. 8.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Circular Despatch respecting Emigration from the United Kingdom.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Gold Fields—Adelong Creek:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners of Adelong Creek, representing that they held and worked, by virtue of their Miners Rights, certain auriferous land, which land they have been restrained, by injunction, from working, through the Government selling the same, in contravention of the law respecting auriferous land; and praying for inquiry into the allegations contained in their Petition, with a view to relief being afforded to them.  
Petition received.
4. Mr. Percy Simpson ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th April, from Mr. Percy Simpson, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Railway Extension:—The Debate, on the motion of Mr. Macleay, "That" the Report from the Select Committee on Railway Extension, brought up by him on 25th March, be now adopted,"—resumed and continued.  
*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 "this House concurs in the recommendation of the "Select Committee on Railway Extension, as embodied in the Report, that the existing Railway "Lines should be extended to the Southward, Northward, and Westward."  
" (2.) That this House is further of opinion that such extensions should be carried out upon a less "expensive scale than in the case of the existing lines, by the adoption of a more economical system "in regard to construction, working, and general management."  
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL, 1870, A.M.,—

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Watson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. J. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. Leary,	
Commander Onslow,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Brookes.
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Lackey,	

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The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his casting vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have passed in the negative.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Brookes,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Lackey,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Sutherland,
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Weaver,	

Mr. Dillon then moved, by way of amendment, That the following words be inserted in the place of the words omitted:—"the Trunk lines of Railroad authorized to be constructed should not be extended beyond their proposed termini on the costly scale they have been for so far constructed to those points.

"(2.) That Railways of a character suitable to the requirements of the interior, and capable of carrying light locomotive engines, should be constructed without unnecessary delay, and at an average cost not exceeding say four thousand pounds a mile, to the following places:—

"(1.) From Goulburn to Albury, *vid* Yass and Wagga Wagga.

"(2.) From Bathurst to Dubbo by Orange and Wellington.

"(3.) From Murrurundi to Armidale, *vid* Tamworth.

"(4.) From Moama to Deniliquin and Hay."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Dillon,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Jennings,  
Mr. Phelps.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Weaver,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Forster,
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Morrice,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Leary.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Kelly,	

6. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Unitarian Church Land Bill:—

BELMORE,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 22.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land being the site for a Unitarian Church or School on Church Hill Sydney to dispose of and convey the same and to apply the proceeds of the sale in manner therein mentioned 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 20th April, 1870.*

(2.) Goulburn School Trust Bill:—

BELMORE,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 23.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Robert Waugh William Chatfield Philip Dignam and Charles Hamilton Walsh surviving Trustees of the Goulburn School to dispose of by sale and to convey the said Goulburn School land and premises and to apply the net proceeds of such sale rateably amongst the contributors to the 'Goulburn School Fund' their representatives or assigns,*" as finally passed

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, 20th April, 1870.*

(3.) Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill:—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 24.*

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Boundaries of 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 20th April, 1870.*

7. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day (*Government Business*) Nos. 1 to 17 inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
8. Leave of Absence:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to amended Notice No. 1, That leave of absence be granted for one month to the Hon. Member for The Gwydir, Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, who is compelled to absent himself through pressure of very urgent private business.
- Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 14.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hoskins.
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Flood,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at six 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.

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL.

*Questions:—*

- MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did the Coroner of Wagga Wagga write the Colonial Secretary a letter in defence of his conduct in reference to the inquest on the death of Mrs. Rush?
  - (2.) In that letter, or in any communication from the Coroner of Wagga Wagga, did he state that the sisters and brother-in-law of Rush informed him that Rush had been addicted to drinking for many years past up to the present time?
  - (3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the two sisters of Rush, also his brother-in-law, have made affidavits, which affidavits have appeared in the public papers, to the effect that they never communicated to the Coroner of Wagga Wagga any such information as the Coroner asserts they did, in his letter to the Colonial Secretary; and that they also, in these affidavits, allege that Rush is now, and always has been, a temperate and sober man?
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  - (5.) Has the Colonial Secretary removed the Coroner of Wagga Wagga from his position, or is it his intention to do so, without further delay?
- MR. BUTLER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Government proclaim the Road from Goulburn to Braidwood, and the deviation therefrom from Tarago to Queanbeyan?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Promissory Oaths Bill; second reading.
4. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; second reading.

5. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
6. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Audit Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
9. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
10. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
12. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
13. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
14. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
15. Impounding Bill ; second reading.
16. Commons Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
17. Penalties Remission Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. 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 arbitrators appointed by the Government ; the sums paid for such services ; and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.
2. 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.
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  - (2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dillon, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
9. MR. WEBB to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Butler, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Church, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That such Committee have power to sit during any adjournment.
10. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. MR. PARKES 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.

12. MR. GARRETT to move,—  
 (1.) That, having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council of this Colony on Lighthouses, adopted by that Chamber on the 3rd December, 1863, recommending that the different Lighthouses on the coast of this Colony should be connected with the Electric Telegraph Lines; and having in view that this House has authorized the erection of a Lighthouse at Ulladulla, which work is now being proceeded with,—this House is of opinion that the Electric Telegraph Line should be extended from the Lighthouse at Jervis Bay to the Lighthouse now being erected at Ulladulla.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
13. MR. NOWLAN 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, Memorials, and Petitions, from the different Benches of Magistrates, and other persons in the Colony, to the Colonial Secretary; also copies of all Correspondence between the Inspector General of Police and the Colonial Secretary, relative to the removal and appointment of Police Magistrates, and to the changes made, and proposed to be made, in the Police Force generally.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. George Swinnerton Yarnton; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted."
2. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. 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.
4. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL.

Questions:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Have wells been sunk and tank and engine erected at Goulburn for the supply of water for the locomotive engines on the railway at Goulburn?  
 (2.) What has been the cost of the construction of such works?  
 (3.) Has the water from such wells been pronounced unfit for use, as injurious to the engine boilers?  
 (4.) Has it been analyzed; if so, when?  
 (5.) Was it analyzed before the expense for the erections was incurred?
2. MR. BROOKES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) The number of acres of land contained in the Island of Onebygambah—otherwise Bullock Island—situate and forming the north-west boundary of the harbour of Newcastle?  
 (2.) Also the estimated number of acres of land adjacent to and proposed to be annexed to the said Island now in course of reclamation by the deposit of ballast from vessels frequenting the port?  
 (3.) Upon what terms and conditions are vessels discharging ballast at the jetties erected for the purpose of reclaiming the said land, whether free of charge to the Government or otherwise?
3. MR. BROOKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable and injurious effect the northern breakwater, now in course of formation at the port of Newcastle, may have upon certain portions of the harbour?  
 (2.) Whether any specific information has been conveyed to the Government as to the eligibility of the plan now in operation in the construction of this work, and whether the same is calculated to effect the deepening of the water in the north channel or otherwise, and of the probable influence the said breakwater may have on that portion of the harbour known as the Horseshoe?
4. MR. BROOKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the shallowing of the passage from the harbour to the south channel—the approach to the Waratah Company's Coal Staiths, and the Waratah Company's Copper Smelting Works?  
 (2.) If so, whether any means have been adopted to ascertain the cause of such shallowing—as to whether the same arises from natural causes, or from the surreptitious depositing of ballast in this channel after being taken from vessels in lighters or otherwise, and in violation of the harbour regulations?
5. MR. BROOKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) Whether the ballast stone deposited on the northern breakwater is laid down by contract or otherwise?  
 (2.) If so, what are the terms and conditions of the present contract under which ballast is taken from vessels for the purpose of being used in the construction of this breakwater?  
 (3.) Was the contract for this work open to public competition prior to its being entered into?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 20th April, from certain Miners at Adelong, relative to a certain claim situated at Adelong, be printed.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Coroner at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Did the Coroner of Wagga Wagga write the Colonial Secretary a letter in defence of his conduct in reference to the inquest on the death of Mrs. Rush?

(2.) In that letter, or in any communication from the Coroner of Wagga Wagga, did he state that the sisters and brother-in-law of Rush informed him that Rush had been addicted to drinking for many years past up to the present time?

(3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the two sisters of Rush, also his brother-in-law, have made affidavits, which affidavits have appeared in the public papers, to the effect that they never communicated to the Coroner of Wagga Wagga any such information as the Coroner asserts they did, in his letter to the Colonial Secretary; and that they also, in these affidavits, allege that Rush is now, and always has been, a temperate and sober man?

(4.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Rush himself, as well as his sisters and brother-in-law, in the affidavits referred to, alleges that, in consequence of the cruelty and neglect of duty on the part of the Coroner of Wagga Wagga, in compelling Rush to bring the dead body of his wife a distance of over thirty miles, so that an inquest might be held, instead of himself going to where the woman died, and there holding the inquest, so pained and distressed Rush, the husband, that his mind gave way under it, and he remained for some time in a state of temporary insanity?

(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary removed the Coroner of Wagga Wagga from his position, or is it his intention to do so, without further delay?

Mr. Cowper answered,—I would say generally in reply to the Honorable gentleman's questions, that a letter to the effect described was received at my office and read to this House by me some time ago. I think it hardly necessary to repeat the information contained in that letter. I will also state that yesterday the affidavits, to which allusion has been made, were received at my office, but I have not yet had time to read them; they shall, however, be laid upon the Table on Tuesday. In the meantime no decision has been arrived at, as the documents have come into my hands only to-day.

- (2.) Road from Goulburn to Braidwood, and from Tarago to Queanbeyan:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Butler, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Government proclaim the Road from Goulburn to Braidwood, and the deviation therefrom from Tarago to Queanbeyan?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The proclamation of the road from Goulburn to Braidwood has now been recommended, and will shortly be proceeded with. The deviation from Tarago to Queanbeyan has been proclaimed and confirmed, and the formal opening awaits the expiration of the time allowed by law for claims to compensation to be sent in.

2. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Osborne,
Sir James Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Forster,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Buchanan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. J. Suttor.
Mr. Bell,	
Mr. King,	
Mr. Moses,	

3. Further Additional Estimate for 1870 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Samuel, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 25.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1870.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 20th April, 1870.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Select Committee on "Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs" have leave to make visits of inspection.  
Question put and passed.
5. John Fuller Foster :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, Mount Vincent, near Maitland, alleging that he has suffered pecuniary loss in consequence of changes made by the Post Office authorities in the Postal Time Table ; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief being granted to him.  
Petition received.
6. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 17.
7. 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

*FRIDAY, 22 APRIL, 1870, A.M.,—*

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

The Chairman also 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 a later hour of the day.

8. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Census Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for taking the Census and for obtaining certain Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics in 1871,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 21st April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

(2.) Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 18th March last, in reference to the "Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill," insists upon its Amendments in this Bill :—

1. Because the Amendments of the Legislative Council have restored the Bill to the form in which it has been the law of the Colony since the passing of the Act 9 Vict. No. 6, in the year 1845, and renewed, respectively, in—

1847 by the Act 11 Vict. No. 1.	1860 by the Act 23 Vict. No. 6.
1849 " " 13 Vict. No. 4.	1862 " " 26 Vict. No. 4.
1851 " " 17 Vict. No. 20.	1865 " " 28 Vict. No. 4.
1855 " " 19 Vict. No. 9.	

2. Because that in the interim arising from the expiring of the Act of 1855, 19 Vict. No. 9, and again from the Act of 1865, 28 Vict. No. 4, which expired in April, 1868, the bonds specified in these Acts have been required by the Government, although no legal provision existed which would justify their enforcement.

3. Because that in the whole period enumerated, during which Acts authorizing these restrictions upon the export of gunpowder and warlike stores were in force, and also during the occasional interim during which the provisions of previous Acts have been enforced by the Government without the sanction of law, no representations had been addressed to the Legislature stating the provisions of these Acts were "calculated to impede the operations of Trade."

4. Because that recent occurrences in New Zealand and in the Polynesian Archipelago, which have been brought under public notice, render it imperative that in any renewal of the original Act the stringent regulations embodied therein should be retained as the law of the Colony, because they afford such protection as we can give to our fellow subjects now engaged in warfare with the natives of New Zealand.

5. Because that countries in the vicinity of this Colony remaining unproclaimed, open the door to the dishonest, enabling such to evade the salutary provisions intended by the Legislature.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Samuel, That this Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole, and that such consideration stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twenty-two 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.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL.

### Questions :—

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been voted for the construction of the West Maitland Bridge?
  - (2.) When was the Bridge completed?
  - (3.) How much has been paid to the contractor on account of said Bridge?
  - (4.) What is the amount of the balance due to the said contractor?
  - (5.) Do the Government intend to pay the contractor the balance due to him; if so, when?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the ascertained amount of the defalcations of Mr. Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department?

### OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett; consideration in Committee of the Whole 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 £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett.
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16. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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18. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL.

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  - (2.) What has been the cost of the construction of such works?
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  - (1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable and injurious effect the northern breakwater, now in course of formation at the port of Newcastle, may have upon certain portions of the harbour?
  - (2.) Whether any specific information has been conveyed to the Government as to the eligibility of the plan now in operation in the construction of this work, and whether the same is calculated to effect the deepening of the water in the north channel or otherwise, and of the probable influence the said breakwater may have on that portion of the harbour known as the Horseshoe?
4. MR. BROOKES *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the shallowing of the passage from the harbour to the south channel, the approach to the Waratah Company's Coal Stairs, and the Port Waratah Company's Copper Smelting Works?
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  - (1.) Whether the ballast stone deposited on the northern breakwater is laid down by contract or otherwise?
  - (2.) If so, what are the terms and conditions of the present contract under which ballast is taken from vessels for the purpose of being used in the construction of this breakwater?
  - (3.) Was the contract for this work open to public competition prior to its being entered into?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 21st April, relative to the Amendments made in this Bill.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BAKER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 20th April, from certain Gold Miners at Adelong, relative to a certain claim situated at Adelong, be printed.
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New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) West Maitland Bridge :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What amount has been voted for the construction of the West Maitland Bridge ?
- (2.) When was the Bridge completed ?
- (3.) How much has been paid to the contractor on account of said Bridge ?
- (4.) What is the amount of the balance due to the said contractor ?
- (5.) Do the Government intend to pay the contractor the balance due to him ; if so, when ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Amount voted for the Bridge, £19,000.
- (2.) Completed July, 1869.
- (3.) Amount paid to the contractor, £16,309 12s. 2d.
- (4.) If the amount of penalties incurred by the contractor for overtime be exacted, and also the interest due for cash advances made to him, there will be no balance due.
- (5.) The matter is now in the hands of the Crown Law Officers.

- (2.) Mr. Ashdown, late Accountant to Railway Department :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2 ;—What is the ascertained amount of the defalcations of Mr. Archibald Ashdown, late Accountant of the Railway Department ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The present ascertained deficiency is £579 1s. 8d.

2. Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Parkes, 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 1st March, 1870, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. John Fuller Foster (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 21st April, from John Fuller Foster, mail contractor, of Mount Vincent, near Maitland, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett :—On 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 on the Supplementary Estimates for 1870 the sum of £200, as a Pension for Maria Charlotte Plunkett, in consideration of the valuable public services of her late husband, the Honorable John Hubert Plunkett, being read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Fallon,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Watson,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Jennings.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Kelly,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Forster,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Dodds,	

On motion of Mr. Flood the Order of the Day was then discharged.

6. George Swinnerton Yarnton:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Swinnerton Yarnton, brought up by him on 23rd March, be now adopted,"—resumed and continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Sir James Martin,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Hill,
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Mr. Wearne,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Webb,
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Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Dean,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Jennings,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Robertson,	

7. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill:—Mr. Dodds moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dodds the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Dodds, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Immigration 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 Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales, having been read,—On motion of Mr. Cowper 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, 23 APRIL, 1870, A.M.,—

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 Tuesday next.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Capital Punishment Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
10. Small Debts Recovery 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 and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act, 10 Vict. No. 10," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an Amendment in the Title, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd April, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act, 10 Vict. No. 10," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 22nd April, 1870.

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title.	Omit "amend and"
" clause 1.	Omit clause 1.
" clause 2.	Omit clause 2.
Page 2, clause 3.	Omit clause 3.
" clause 4.	Omit clause 4.
" clause 5.	Omit clause 5.
" clause 6, line 21.	Omit "amended as hereinbefore provided."
" clause 6, line 22, after "Colony"	add "except the Police District of Sydney."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Byrnes; That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at four minutes before One 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, 26 APRIL.

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6. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many times have tenders been called for the construction of an Iron Bridge at Hay, or any portion of the said Bridge?
  - (2.) Had the parties tendering the option of either importing the material for the said structure or manufacturing it in the Colony?
  - (3.) What are the names of the persons who tendered for the erection of the said Bridge, and the amount of their respective tenders?
  - (4.) Has any contract been signed; if so, what is the amount involved in said contract, and the name of the contractor?
7. MR. M. C. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether he is aware that the approaches on either side to the Burwood Railway Station are still in an impassable and disgraceful condition, requiring an expenditure of at least £200 to place them in reasonable repair?
  - (2.) What steps do the Government intend to take to remedy this grievance?
  - (3.) The same as regards the approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station?
8. MR. WATSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—On whose recommendation or suggestion, and for what cause, has the District Court, formerly held at Burrowa, been discontinued?
9. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has Mr. Mason, Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways, been relieved from discharging the duties of Engineer in charge of the Permanent Way and Works on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways?
  - (2.) Was Mr. Mason relieved from the discharge of such duties by the orders of the Secretary for Public Works, or with his cognizance and concurrence; if not, by whose orders was Mr. Mason relieved from discharging the duties appertaining to the office of Engineer in charge of the Permanent Way and Works on said Railways?
  - (3.) What duties does Mr. Mason at present discharge in the Railway Department?

GOVERNMENT

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1. MR. BAKER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 20th April, from certain Gold Miners at Adelong, relative to a certain claim situated at Adelong, be printed.
2. MR. M. C. STEPHEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd March, on behalf of the Municipal Conference, relative to "Public Houses," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all tenders received by the Government for Supplies to the Berrima Gaol for the year 1870.
  - (2.) The names of the tenderers, and the name of the successful tenderer.
4. MR. RYAN to move, That owing to the great loss sustained by the carriage of unpressed hay in the railway trucks, and to the great inconvenience occasioned to the public by such carriage, this House is of opinion that from and after the 1st July next, unpressed hay should not be carried in railway trucks.
5. 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 arbitrators appointed by the Government ; the sums paid for such services ; and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.
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. BROOKES to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the grounds of dismissal from the Public Service of Mr. Richard Henry Wright, late Inspector of Telegraph Lines in the district of Tenterfield.
  - (2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dillon, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover.
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9. MR. WATSON to move, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the main road through the town of Young.
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11. MR. DILLON 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 Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.

12. **MR. WILSON** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the propriety of the Government erecting a Bridge over the southern line of railway on a road between Mr. Morrice's and Mr. Badgery's land.  
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13. **MR. WEBB** to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.  
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill; third reading.
2. Immigration Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
4. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Water at Goulburn for Railway purposes:—Mr. Alexander asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Have wells been sunk and tank and engine erected at Goulburn for the supply of water for the locomotive engines on the railway at Goulburn?
- (2.) What has been the cost of the construction of such works?
- (3.) Has the water from such wells been pronounced unfit for use, as injurious to the engine boilers?
- (4.) Has it been analysed; if so, when?
- (5.) Was it analysed before the expense for the erections was incurred?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) About £1,924 10s.
- (3.) The water has not been in use long enough to detect any injury to the boilers; but it is chiefly used for washing-out and filling them.
- (4.) Yes, on 1st March, 1869.
- (5.) Yes, and pronounced by Mr. Watt the best of the three samples submitted to him.

- (2.) Bullock Island, Newcastle:—Mr. Brookes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) The number of acres of land contained in the Island of Onebygambah—otherwise Bullock Island—situate and forming the north-west boundary of the harbour of Newcastle?
- (2.) Also the estimated number of acres of land adjacent to and proposed to be annexed to the said Island now in course of reclamation by the deposit of ballast from vessels frequenting the port?
- (3.) Upon what terms and conditions are vessels discharging ballast at the jetties erected for the purpose of reclaiming the said land, whether free of charge to the Government or otherwise?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) 326 acres 3 roods.
  - (2.) 280 acres.
  - (3.) Free of charge.
- (3.) Northern Breakwater, Newcastle.—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the probable and injurious effect the northern breakwater, now in course of formation at the port of Newcastle, may have upon certain portions of the harbour?
- (2.) Whether any specific information has been conveyed to the Government as to the eligibility of the plan now in operation in the construction of this work, and whether the same is calculated to effect the deepening of the water in the north channel or otherwise, and of the probable influence the said breakwater may have on that portion of the harbour known as the Horseshoe?

Mr. Samuel answered,—These questions should have been put to my Honorable friend the Minister for Works. The answers I have received from that department are to the following effect:—

- (1.) The attention of the Government has been frequently drawn to the observed effects which the northern breakwater, now in course of construction at Newcastle, has had upon certain portions of the harbour, and which, so far from being injurious, have been in the highest degree beneficial.

- (2.) Yes. Specific information has been conveyed to the Government as to the eligibility of the plan, and a report bearing on the subject has been received from the Harbour Master of Newcastle within the last week, of which the following is an extract:—“I am glad to report that the late bad

weather

weather has had rather a beneficial effect on the Fairway and North Channel—the former has 20 feet at low water, and the bar generally is diminished in extent; the latter has 19½ feet at low water, where there was 13 feet 6 inches previous to the Northern Breakwater being commenced." Surveys which have been made from time to time since the commencement of the Northern Breakwater show the uniform and progressive improvement which has been taking place. Not only have the North Channel and the Bar been deepened and improved to the extent of several feet, but the entrance to the port at what was formerly its most contracted part has been widened by more than five hundred feet, rendering it by so much the easier and safer of approach.

(4.) Northern Breakwater, Newcastle:—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Whether the ballast stone deposited on the northern breakwater is laid down by contract or otherwise?

(2.) If so, what are the terms and conditions of the present contract under which ballast is taken from vessels for the purpose of being used in the construction of this breakwater?

(3.) Was the contract for this work open to public competition prior to its being entered into?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Laid down by contract.

(2.) Rate paid per ton for ballast stone deposited, 9½d.

(3.) Yes.

(5.) Shallowing of Harbour of Newcastle:—Mr. Brookes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been directed to the shallowing of the passage from the harbour to the south channel, the approach to the Waratah Company's Coal Staiths, and the Port Waratah Company's Copper Smelting Works?

(2.) If so, whether any means have been adopted to ascertain the cause of such shallowing—as to whether the same arises from natural causes, or from the surreptitious depositing of ballast in this channel after being taken from vessels in lighters or otherwise, and in violation of the harbour regulations?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) The attention of the Government has been drawn to the partial shoalings of some part of the Harbour of Newcastle, referred to in the question.

(2.) It is known to have been caused by ballast surreptitiously thrown overboard from vessels and lighters; but as an officer has been appointed, whose sole duty it is to look after the discharge and landing of ballast, it is hoped that the improper practice above referred to is, if not wholly, almost wholly, put a stop to. The steam-dredge will be employed to remove those ballast heaps, as soon as her services can be spared.

(6.) Iron Bridge at Hay:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) How many times have tenders been called for the construction of an Iron Bridge at Hay, or any portion of the said Bridge?

(2.) Had the parties tendering the option of either importing the material for the said structure or manufacturing it in the Colony?

(3.) What are the names of the persons who tendered for the erection of the said Bridge, and the amount of their respective tenders?

(4.) Has any contract been signed; if so, what is the amount involved in said contract, and the name of the contractor?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Twice.

(2.) No; they were asked to state the price for both, but the Government reserved the right of accepting either.

(3.) For the piers,—

J. Musson	...	...	...	...	...	£3,299	11	4
T. M'Arthur	...	...	...	...	...	3,920	0	0

For the bridge (manufactured in the Colony),—

J. Musson	...	...	...	...	...	11,046	0	0
P. N. Russell & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	10,500	0	0

(Imported from England)

J. Musson, exclusive of charge for inspection in England, extra carriage and Customs Duties in Victoria	...	...	...	...	...	9,546	0	0
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(4.) A contract has been signed by Messrs. Russell and Co. for £10,500.

(7.) Approaches to Burwood and Ashfield Railway Stations:—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. M. C. Stephen, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the approaches on either side to the Burwood Railway Station are still in an impassable and disgraceful condition, requiring an expenditure of at least £200 to place them in reasonable repair?

(2.) What steps do the Government intend to take to remedy this grievance?

(3.) The same as regards the approaches to the Ashfield Railway Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is not known that the approaches to the Burwood Railway Station are in a state of disrepair.

(2.) A report will be obtained on the matter without delay.

(3.) The Surveyor's report, recommending "that the approach from the Canterbury Road to the Railway Station at Ashfield should be repaired by the Department of Public Works," was forwarded to that Department on 13th April.

(8.) District Court, Burrowa:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—  
On whose recommendation or suggestion, and for what cause, has the District Court, formerly held at Burrowa, been discontinued?

Mr.

Mr. Cowper answered,—A conference was held during the month of September of last year, I believe, under the presidency of the Solicitor General, at which were present the District Court Judges, the Crown Prosecutor, and the Crown Law Officers. From that meeting a recommendation emanated, which I will read:—"We have not included, in the preceding list, and we strongly recommend the abolition of the Courts now held at the places next enumerated, situate in the Metropolitan and Coast, the Southern, and South-Western Districts, as being altogether unnecessary in themselves (on account of the trifling amount of business transacted therein), and those places being at no great distance from towns in which other Courts are held, or will still be held, and the Colony being put to very considerable annual cost in maintaining such unnecessary Courts, viz. :—

" Paterson—effecting a saving in the salary of Registrar and Bailiff of £60 a year.		
" Wollombi,	do.	80 do.
" Dungog,	do.	70 do.
" Liverpool,	do.	70 do.
" Camden,	do.	70 do.
" Picton,	do.	70 do.
" Burrowa,	do.	60 do.
" Tumut,	do.	90 do.

" In this way there will be a direct saving of £570 a year in Registrars and Bailiffs salaries, independently of the saving in the allowances for travelling expenses to the different Judges visiting those places, heretofore amounting to about £100 a year; and such places can be easily incorporated with the neighbouring towns, that retain their Courts."

(9.) Mr. Mason, Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9.—

(1.) Has Mr. Mason, Chief Assistant Engineer of Railways, been relieved from discharging the duties of Engineer in charge of the Permanent Way and Works on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways?

(2.) Was Mr. Mason relieved from the discharge of such duties by the orders of the Secretary for Public Works, or with his cognizance and concurrence; if not, by whose orders was Mr. Mason relieved from discharging the duties appertaining to the office of Engineer in charge of the Permanent Way and Works on said Railways?

(3.) What duties does Mr. Mason at present discharge in the Railway Department?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No, by the Engineer-in-Chief, who originally instructed him to perform this duty.

(3.) The duties of Assistant Engineer.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

(1.) University of Sydney—(Report for 1869.)

(2.) Charges against the Coroner for Wagga Wagga in reference to Inquest on Eliza Rush.—(See answer to Question No. 1 in Votes and Proceedings No. 47.)

(3.) Return to Order in reference to the case of "Mr. George Wood," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 22nd March, 1870.

(4.) Return to Order in reference to the case of "Mr. John Wood," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 22nd March, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Gold Fields—Adelong Creek ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—That the Petition presented by him on 20th April, from certain Gold Miners at Adelong, relative to a certain claim situated at Adelong, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Public Houses ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. M. C. Stephen, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by Mr. M. C. Stephen on 22nd March, on behalf of the Municipal Conference, relative to "Public Houses," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill.

Question put and passed.

6. Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Dodds, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dodds then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Dodds 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 Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees 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, 26th April, 1870.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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7. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day (*Government Business*) postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—  
 No. 1, to follow after No. 20.  
 No. 2, to follow after No. 15.
8. Supply (Order No. 3.):—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1870.

## No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, a sum not exceeding £1,800 1s. 2d., 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; £50 to John Shanks, late Pilot, Port Jackson; £15 14s. 6d. to George Smyth, late Court-keeper, Supreme Court; and £26 to Mrs. Smyth, late Assistant Court-keeper, Supreme Court.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £728, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1870.  
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,860, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1870.  
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,195, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1870.  
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,315, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1870.  
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,330, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1870.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,206, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1870.  
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,340, to meet the expense of Artillery and Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the year 1870.  
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,626, to meet the expense of Naval Brigade, for the year 1870.  
 (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £122,495, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1870; being £2,300 for salaries for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment; £93,056 for salaries of Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, and Trackers; £2,689 for salaries of Detectives; and £24,450 for allowances and contingencies.  
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts for the year 1870.  
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray the salaries of Gold Receivers, for the year 1870.  
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,446, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1870.  
 (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,347, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Gaols and Penal Establishments, for the year 1870; being £1,540 for Sydney Gaol; £750 for Parramatta Gaol; £405 for Bathurst Gaol; £417 for Maitland Gaol; £405 for Goulburn Gaol; £667 for Berrima Gaol; £150 for Albury Gaol; £150 for Braidwood Gaol; £150 for Mudgee Gaol; £10 for Grafton Gaol; £150 for Wollongong Gaol; £150 for Armidale Gaol; £150 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £150 for Yass Gaol; £150 for Deniliquin Gaol; £495 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £10 for Windsor Gaol; £10 for Eden Gaol; £10 for Tamworth Gaol; £10 for Orange Gaol; £10 for Tenterfield Gaol; £290 for Gaols Country Districts, and £47,618 for Gaols generally.  
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,506, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1870; being £13,433 for Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; £15,634 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; and £3,434 for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst, Lunatic Patients removed from Asylum, Board of Visitors, and Chaplains to Asylums.  
 (99.) 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 1870.  
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,500, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, and Fees to Vaccinators, for the year 1870.  
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,467, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1870.  
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,820, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1870.

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- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Colonial Agent, for the year 1870.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,650, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1870.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, for the year 1870.
- (106.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £105,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under Act 30 Vict., No. 22, for the year 1870.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,248, for the support of a Free Public Library, for the year 1870.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,425, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1870; being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£100 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £100 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Berrima School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute; £200 in aid of the Bourke Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Dubbo Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Forbes School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £200 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Grenfell School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Gundagai Literary Institute; £100 in aid of the Inverell School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Kiama School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Muswellbrook School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £200 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Queanbeyan Literary Institute; £100 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £100 in aid of the St. Leonards School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Ulladulla School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; £25 in aid of the Waratah School of Arts; £100 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; and £100 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; also in aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions, on condition of equal amounts being raised by private contributions, viz.:—£100 in aid of the Ballina School of Arts; £600 in aid of the Muswellbrook School of Arts; £200 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; and £400 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute (additions to).
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,969, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools; being £4,329 for Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; and £2,640 for Industrial School for Girls at Newcastle.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £385, to defray the charge for the Reformatory for Girls, Newcastle, for the year 1870.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1870; being £500 for salary of Inspector of Public Charities; and £100 for Travelling Expenses.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,221, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1870.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,980, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, for the year 1870.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,900, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1870; being £400 for Sydney; £300 for Liverpool; £200 for Parramatta; and £10,000 for Messenger, Wardsmen, Cooks, Nurses, and Contingencies.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,381, to defray Charitable Allowances for the year 1870; being £5,000 for the support of Paupers in the 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, on condition of sums of an equal amount 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.:—£400 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Bega Hospital and Benevolent Society; £200 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital; £350 in aid of the Parramatta Benevolent Society; £500 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society; £150 in aid of the Tanworth Benevolent Society; £200 in aid of the Penrith Hospital and Benevolent Society; £200 in aid of the Gundagai Benevolent Society; and in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on condition of sums to an equal amount 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.:—£150 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Araluen, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England, on same condition; £700 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood,

on same condition; £275 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Cooma, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin, on same condition; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grudagai, on same condition; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Hay, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland, on same condition; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Menindee, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle, on same condition; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Orange, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Port Macquarie, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Queanbeyan, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Yass, on same condition; and £416 in aid of the Hospital, Young, on same condition; £100 towards the completion of the Grafton Hospital, on same condition; and £500 towards erection of a Hospital and Benevolent Asylum at Scone, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,010, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1870; being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £1,250 for defraying 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 Burials 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; £1,000 for Rewards for apprehension of Offenders; and £500 for Rent of House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,999, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1870.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,933, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1870.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,975, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1870.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,469, to defray the salaries of the establishment of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1870.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,066, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1870; being £3,226 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,525 for the Southern District; £1,010 for the South-western District; £1,320 for the Western District; £885 for the Northern District; and £3,100 for Contingencies.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,954, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1870.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,575, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1870.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,121, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1870.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,590, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1870.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,375, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1870.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,895, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1870.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,375, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1870.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,335, to defray the salaries and contingencies, and cost of Stores and Stationery for Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1870.

(130.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £679, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gunpowder Magazines, Goat Island, for the year 1870.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £869, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Military Store, and Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island, for the year 1870.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £835, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1870.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1870.

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- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,512, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1870.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £930, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1870.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,545, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department, for the year 1870; being £650 for Superintendent of Pilots, Light-houses, and Harbours; £1,056 for Steam Navigation and Pilot Boards; £1,775 for Harbour Masters; £2,711 for Colonial Light-houses; £7,549 for Sea and River Pilots; £7,082 for Boatmen; £668 for Telegraph Stations; £2,000 for Australian Coast Light-houses; and £1,054 for Contingencies.
- (137.) 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 1870.
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,080, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1870; being £6,500 for Postage of the various Public Departments; £4,000, Advertising for the Public Service generally; £6,000 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; £3,000 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; £1,750, 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; £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for; £850 for Storm Signals for Clarence River, Port Macquarie, Port Stephens, South Head, Wollongong, Jervis' Bay, Twofold Bay, and Gabo Island; £170 for Gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to J. Midgley, late Foreman of Gunpowder Magazine, Goat Island; and £80 for a Buoy for the Clarence River.

#### NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,154, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1870.
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,483, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1870.
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,800, for Rent of additional Offices for Land Departments, and Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1870.
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,811, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1870.
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,089, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Gold Fields, for the year 1870.
- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,952, to defray charges for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1870.
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £333, to defray charges for Inspection of Cattle, for the year 1870.
- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,360, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Coal Fields, for the year 1870.
- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,526, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1870.
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,953, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1870.
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £63,966, to defray the expense of the construction and maintenance of Minor Roads, for the year 1870; being £41,000 for the construction and maintenance of Subordinate Roads, as classified per Schedule; £8,000 for Minor Bridges and Roads not classified; £300 for Alignment Posts for Towns; £5,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands; £1,000 for formation of Streets through Crown Lands in City of Sydney; £700 for the formation of the line of Road through Jones' Island, Manning River; £1,000 towards opening and forming the Road from Sutton Forest Railway Station through Kangaroo Valley, *via* Good Dog Mountain, to Shoalhaven River; £150 for the improvement of the Road from the Kangaroo and Sutton Forest line of Road to the Robertson and Sutton Forest Road, at Bunter's 200 acres; £150 towards completion of Mill Creek Bridge, near Stroud, further sum; £200 to cover the cost of constructing Culverts, &c., in connection with the Road from the Windsor Road to the Mulgrave Railway Station; £500 for the erection of a Bridge over Throsby Creek, Bullock Island; £1,500 for completion of the Bunnerong Road, Randwick; £300 for construction of a Punt for Middle Harbour Ferry, Sydney; £400 for Punt at Darkwater Creek, M'Leay River; £626 for construction of Punt and Approaches at Wingham, Manning River; £400 for Punt at Wiseman's Ferry; £400 for purchase of the Punt at Buckley's Crossing-place, Snowy River; £500 for Road from Wagga Wagga to Narrandera; £50 for Main Street in Town of Warialda; £150 for bridge over Little Wheeny Creek, on Road from Pitt Town to Wiseman's Ferry; £400 towards opening up Road from George's River towards Wollongong; £350 for Road from Kempsey to Darkwater; £590 for forming, ballasting, and draining the northern part of Macquarie-street; and £300 for fencing New Line of Road from Windsor and Parramatta Road to the Riverstone Railway Station.
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,113, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1870; 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; £2,000 for compensation to Plaintiff *re* Queen *ats.* Broughton, Gadara Run; £2,412 for compensation to Mrs. Singleton, for

for Land at Singleton on which the Old Court House, &c., was erected by her late husband, B. Singleton; £3 for compensation to W. Wamsley, for loss of Land through opening of Road from Barren Ground to Sutton Forest; £1,000 to defray the Expenses of a competent person to examine and report upon the best means of procuring permanent Water Supply on the Gold Fields of the Colony (Resolution of Assembly); £150 for the purchase of the Punt at Blackman's Point; £117 as Gratuity to Widow of late G. H. Edwards, Messenger, Survey Department; £1,078 for compensation for Land promised the Jewish Church for public worship, and since granted to Roman Catholics; £250 to cover the cost of enclosing Reserve for Public Recreation adjoining the University, and planting a belt of Trees along its northern and eastern boundaries; £62 for fencing Paddocks in connection with Crown Lands Commissioner's Quarters at Armidale; £500 as compensation awarded to W. Cummings, Esq., M.L.A., for damages sustained through a Gold Field being opened on his Run; and £166 for costs of arbitration, other than those of the Government Arbitrator, in the above case.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,130, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1870.
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,300, to defray the charge for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1870.
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,549, to defray the charge for Railway Branch, "Works in Progress," for the year 1870.
- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £182,650, to defray the charge for Railway Branch, "Existing Lines—Working Expenses," for the year 1870.
- (155.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,142, to defray the charge for Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1870; being £2,820 for Engineer's Department; £3,820 for Steam Dredge "Hunter"; £2,174 for Steam Dredge "Hercules"; £2,134 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"; £3,770 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," Newcastle; £4,750 for Steam Dredge "Samson"; and £2,674 for Steam Dredge "Fitz Roy."
- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,350, to defray the expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1870; being £750 for Preliminary Harbour Surveys; £1,000 for landing Silt from Dredge and forming Ground; £1,500, Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £300 for removal of Rock at entrance to Moruya River; £1,000 for Wharf at Albury; £600 for Iron Jetty at Gerringong, further sum; and £200 for Boat Harbour, Raymond Terrace.
- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,965, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1870.
- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,772, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings for the year 1870; 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; £10,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £150 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £1,000 for Furniture for, and Repair of Telegraph Stations; £3,600 for Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £5,000 for Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, &c., Lunatic Asylum, Tarban; £2,000 for Additions and Materials, to the New Gaol at Maitland; £1,000 for Additions and Alterations, Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool; £150 for Repairs to Workshops and Officers' Quarters, Cockatoo Island; £6,000 for Additions and Improvements, Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £1,000 for Drainage and Repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School; £1,500 towards providing new Buildings, Botanic Gardens, Sydney; £700 for Repairs and Additions to the Quarantine Station; £170 for Repairs to Walls, Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £150 for preparing Ground and Planting at Public Buildings; and £452 for Additions to Post and Telegraph Stations.
- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,560, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1870.
- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,700, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, Superintendence, for the year 1870.
- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £103,952, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1870; being £14,219 for construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road; £16,414 for Main Southern Road; £12,440 for Main Western Road; and £60,879 for other Roads and Bridges, viz.:—£5,000 for Road, Clarence River to Great Northern Road; £4,000 for Mudgee Road; £37,429 for Minor Roads, as per Schedule, including Clyde and Araluen Roads; £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; £750 for estimated amount of Tolls to be collected at Grafton Punt, to be expended in maintenance and repair of same and Approaches; £2,000 for Re-erection of the Rankin Bridge over the Macquarie River (Resolution of the late Assembly); £400 for completion of the Road to Gladesville, *via* Balmain and Five Dock, further sum (Resolution of the late Assembly); and £5,000 for Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, and Repairs, Mudgee Road (Resolution of the late Assembly).
- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,594, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Fitz Roy Dock Establishment, for the year 1870.
- (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £570, to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1870; being £70 for attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings; and £500 for Premium for the first 250 tons of Hydraulic Cement, manufactured in the Colony from colonial materials, equal in quality to the imported article, and lower in price.

## TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £120,000 for Railways; being £13,000 for new Machine Shop, Receiving Shed, erecting Shops and Store at Newcastle, including Roads; £2,000 for additional Machinery, do.; £30,500 for new Station, Workshops for Carriage and Waggon Department, Carriage Shed, roofing Steam-hammers, Furnaces and Machinery, Redfern, including Roads; £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; and £60,000 further for construction of Rolling Stock manufactured in the Colony.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £67,400, to defray the expenses of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation; being £15,000 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 Kiama Waterworks—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.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Public Works and Buildings; being for completion of Fitz Roy Dry Dock, and Works attached thereto.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for cost of 2,000 Iron Telegraph Posts.

## No. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,392, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1870.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,087, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1870.

(170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,881, to defray the salaries, allowances, contingencies, and working expenses, of the Establishment of the Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1870.

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1870.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,048 11s. 9d., to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1870; being £48 11s. 9d. for expenses attendant upon the late visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh—amount reduced in Supplementary Estimate for 1869 in error; and £5,000 to defray the charges towards the relief of cases of actual Destitution, and also for the repair of Damages to Roads and Bridges caused by the recent Floods.

## No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1870, towards defraying the expenses of a Commission 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 the Colony.

## FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1870.

## No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1870, being £4,000, to meet the necessary expenses of carrying out the arrangements for the Intercolonial Exhibition to be held in Sydney in August next, and also of receiving and forwarding exhibits to the London Exhibition of 1871; and £2,000 towards defraying the preliminary expenses of a Census of the population of the Colony, to be taken early in 1871.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray Miscellaneous Service, for the year 1870, in aid of the Superannuation Fund.

## No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the year 1870, towards defraying the expenses of a Law Reform Commission, with a view to amending and consolidating the Statute Law of New South Wales.

## No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, to defray the charge for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1870; being £700 for the erection of a Bridge over Broughton Mill Creek, in Shoalhaven District (Resolution of Assembly); and £500 for the erection of a Bridge over Mullet Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra (Resolution of Assembly).

## TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £17,103, to defray the amounts awarded to be paid by the Government, for land required for the new General Post Office, and costs of awards, &c.

(178.)

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1870, to be raised by loan, a sum not exceeding £322,709 12s. 6d., to provide for amount short raised under certain Loan Acts in consequence of the Debentures issued thereunder having sold under par; and for charges on sale of such Debentures, as per Loans Account, with Ways and Means Estimates for the year 1870.

(179.) 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 certain Debentures, issued under the Railway Loan Act, 18 Vic., No. 40, falling due 1st January, 1871.

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

9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day (*Government Business*) postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—

Nos. 4 and 5, to follow after No. 1, *as postponed*.

No. 6, to follow after No. 2, *as postponed*.

Nos. 7 and 8, to follow after No. 5, *as postponed*.

10. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (Order No. 9):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Order of the "Day" be postponed, to follow after Order No. 8, *as postponed*.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "Day," with a view to inserting in their place the following words:—"stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, to take precedence of all other Business."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sutherland,	*Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. M. H. Stephen,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. King,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Bell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 13.

Sir James Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Buchanan,
*Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Piddington.

\* So in Tellers Lists.

Question then,—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill be postponed, to follow after Order No. 8 *as postponed*,—put and passed.

11. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, as follows:—

No. 10, to follow after No. 6, *as postponed*.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, and 14, to follow after No. 9, *as postponed*.

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. 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 from the Committee of Ways and Means, certain Resolutions, which (*with the concurrence of the House*) were received and read a first time, as follows:—

(No. 14.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1869 and previous years, the sum of £126,405 3s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(No. 15.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1870, the sum of £1,503,493 12s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(No. 16.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £729,861 6s. 1d. 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. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*), read a second time and agreed to.

13. Appropriation Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having (*with the concurrence of the House*) brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 14 and 15), 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 1870 and for the year 1869 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.

14. Loan Bill of 1870:—Mr. Samuel having (*with the concurrence of the House*) brought up this Bill (founded upon Resolution of Ways and Means No. 16), 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.

15. Gunpowder Export Regulation 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 Legislative Council's Message of 21st April, relative to the Amendments made in this Bill.

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The Chairman reported as follows :—The Committee does not insist upon its disagreement to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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

Question put and passed.

16. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Brookes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Moses,	

Noes, 19.

Sir James Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Weaver,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Lackey,	

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, to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at fourteen 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, 27 APRIL.

### Questions—

- MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The amount of the Cash Balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, on the 31st March, 1870?
  - (2.) The amount of the Cash Balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Loan Account in the London Bank to the date of the latest advice?
- MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Have tenders been recently called for, for the conveyance of Gold and Escort from Sofala and Bathurst to Bowenfalls?
  - (2.) Up to what date were tenders received, and how many persons tendered?
  - (3.) Has the lowest or any tender been accepted?
  - (4.) Has any intimation been given to the persons tendering of the acceptance or non-acceptance of their tenders?
  - (5.) What is the cause of the delay?
- MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has there been any successor appointed to the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, who lately resigned the office of Minister for Lands?
  - (2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to fill up the vacancy; and if so, when?
  - (3.) Who is acting as Minister for Lands at present?
- MR. JENNINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it the fact that no interval is allowed for refreshment on the railway journey from Wallerawang to Sydney?
  - (2.) Will the Government consent to allow trains to stop ten minutes at the Blue Mountain Station, in order to allow passengers time for refreshment?

### NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

- 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. Appropriation Bill; second reading.
3. Loan Bill of 1870; second reading.
4. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870; third reading.
5. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
6. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
7. Impounding Bill; second reading.
8. Commons Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Penalties Remission Bill; second reading.
10. Marine Board Bill; second reading.
11. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
12. Census Bill; second reading.

13. Promissory Oaths Bill ; second reading,
14. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
15. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
16. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
17. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
18. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
19. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
20. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.

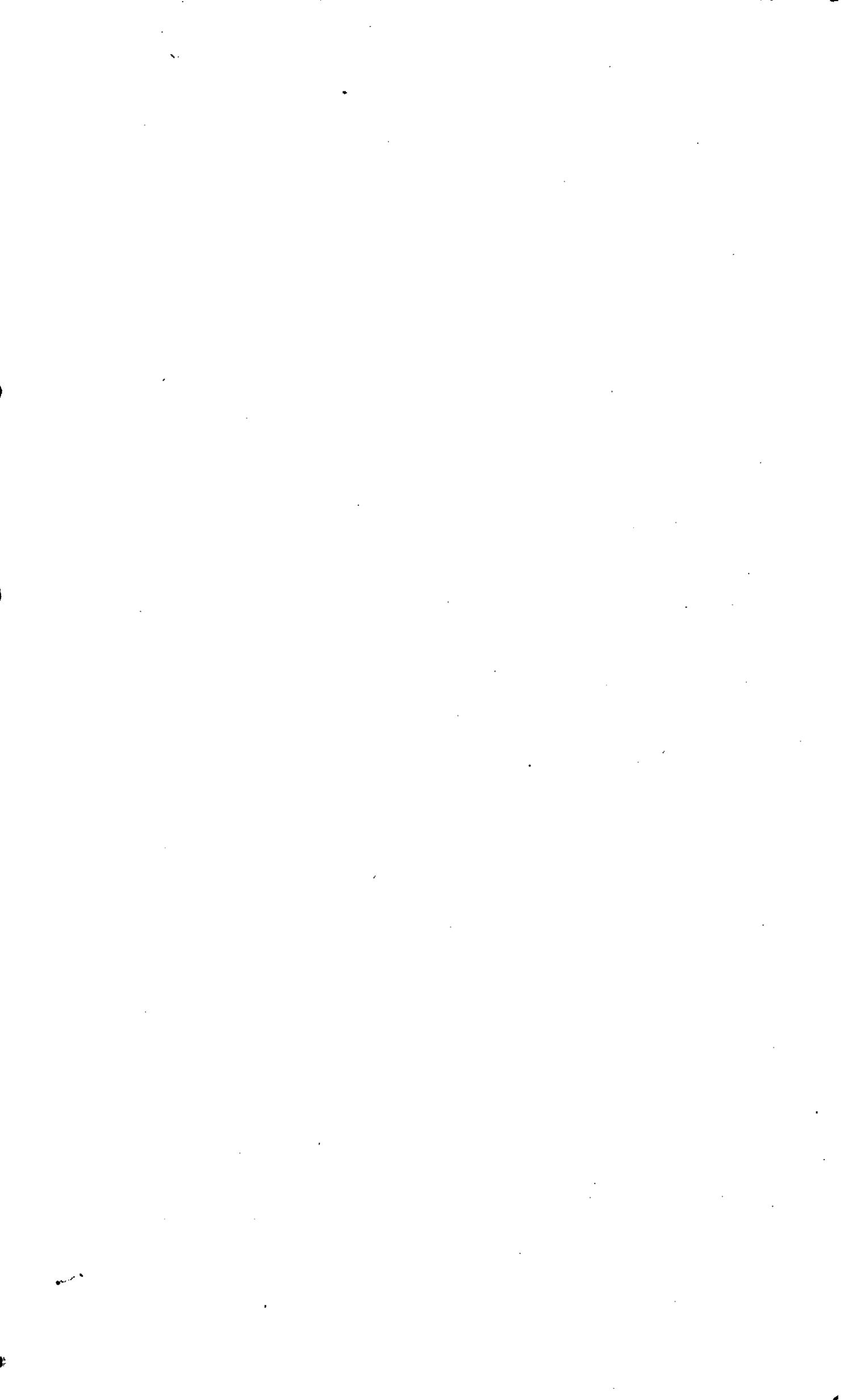
OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DRIVER 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 praying for the erection of a Bridge over the Belubula River, at or near Canowindra, with copies of all letters, reports, and documents connected therewith.
2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the readjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street, in the Town of South Wagga Wagga.
3. MR. FARNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all tenders received by the Government for Supplies to the Berrima Gaol for the year 1870.
  - (2.) The names of the tenderers, and the name of the successful tenderer.
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5. 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 arbitrators appointed by the Government ; the sums paid for such services ; and noting instances where Members of Parliament have acted in such capacity.
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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.
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  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fraser, Mr. King, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. Neale, and the Mover.
13. MR. WEBB to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Butler, Commander Onslow, Mr. M. H. Stephen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Church, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That such Committee have power to sit during any adjournment.

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 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.  
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 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Immigration Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
2. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.



New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Cash Balances in Banks:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The amount of the Cash Balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, on the 31st March, 1870?

(2.) The amount of the Cash Balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Loan Account in the London Bank, to the date of the latest advice?

Mr. Samuel answered,—The whole of the information required by the Honorable Member was published in the *Government Gazette* of Tuesday, the 12th April.

- (2.) Conveyance of Gold and Escort from Sofala and Bathurst to Bowenfells:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have tenders been recently called for, for the conveyance of Gold and Escort from Sofala and Bathurst to Bowenfells?

(2.) Up to what date were tenders received, and how many persons tendered?

(3.) Has the lowest or any tender been accepted?

(4.) Has any intimation been given to the persons tendering of the acceptance or non-acceptance of their tenders?

(5.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To the 31st March. Four tenders in all were received.

(3.) The lowest tender was accepted.

(4.) Intimation was given to the parties whose tender was accepted, on the 12th instant.

- (3.) The Minister for Lands:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has there been any successor appointed to the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan, who lately resigned the office of Minister for Lands?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to fill up the vacancy; and if so, when?

(3.) Who is acting as Minister for Lands at present?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The Honorable Member for Queanbeyan still continues to act as Secretary for Lands, and no unnecessary delay will be allowed to interfere with the filling up of the proposed vacancy.

- (4.) Time for Refreshment on Railway Journeys:—Mr. Jennings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it the fact that no interval is allowed for refreshment on the railway journey from Wallerawang to Sydney?

(2.) Will the Government consent to allow trains to stop ten minutes at the Blue Mountain Station, in order to allow passengers time for refreshment?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The train from Wallerawang stops at Mount Victoria for ten minutes, and at Penrith for ten minutes.

(2.) When the new time-table is published, which will be in the course of next month, arrangements will be made for a stoppage for refreshments of twenty minutes, at some convenient station between Wallerawang and Sydney.

2. The Rev. James Fawsett:—Mr. Brookes presented the undermentioned Petitions,—referring to the Petition of “James Fawsett, Minister of the Free Church of England at Newcastle,” presented to this House on 8th April, 1870,—and praying that the prayer of Mr. Fawsett’s Petition (that he may be duly authorized to solemnize marriages) may be granted:—

- (1.) From certain Residents of Newcastle.  
 (2.) From certain Ladies, resident in Newcastle and its vicinity.

Petitions received.

3. 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, 23.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Jennings,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Weaver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Baker,	

Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Samuel,	

4. Bridge over the Belubula River, at Canowindra (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Driver 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, copies of all Petitions praying for the erection of a Bridge over the Belubula River, at or near Canowindra, with copies of all letters, reports, and documents connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

5. Fitzmaurice-street, Wagga Wagga, Building Line Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the readjustment of a portion of the building line of Fitzmaurice-street, in the Town of South Wagga Wagga.

Question put and passed.

6. Gunpowder Export Regulation 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 21st April, 1870, in reference to the “Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill,”—

Does not insist upon its disagreement to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
 Sydney, 27th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Watson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. Cattle Sale Yards 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 Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle,*” 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, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
 President.

#### CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle,” returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 27th April, 1870.*

R. O’CONNOR,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, line 15. *Omit* “to be”  
 „ clause 3, line 22. *Omit* “by auction”  
 „ clause 3, lines 22 and 23. *Omit* “intended to be sold or slaughtered”  
 Page 2, clause 4, line 3. *Omit* “upon debentures”  
 „ clause 4, line 5. *After* “per annum” *insert* “by debentures secured”  
 „ clause 4, line 5. *Omit* “the security of”  
 „ clause 5, line 15. *Omit* the first word “the” *insert* “this”  
 „ clause 6, line 18. *Before* “It” *insert* “So soon as any such Sale Yards shall be established  
 “and by-laws shall be approved and published as hereinafter provided”  
 „ clause 6, line 20. *Omit* “the” *insert* “any”  
 „ clause 6, line 20. *Omit* “and” *insert* “or”  
 „ clause 6, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* “established in pursuance of the provisions of this Act”  
*insert* “in the City of Sydney or within ten miles thereof”

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- Page 2, clause, 6, line 22. *After* "directed" *add* "Provided that nothing herein contained shall be held to interfere with the establishment under the authority of the Legislature of any other cattle markets beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney although within ten miles thereof"
- " clause 7, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "for all other purposes" *insert* "generally"
- " clause 7, line 27. *Omit* "for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act"
- " clause 8, line 41. *After* "distress" *insert* "may be recovered"
- " clause 9, lines 45 and 46. *Omit* "shall come into operation from and after the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy and"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Driver, 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.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 20.
10. Appropriation Bill (Order No. 2):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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 to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Loan Bill of 1870 (Order No. 3):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
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 to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. Deficiency Loans Funding Bill of 1870 (Order No. 4):—Mr. Samuel moved, That this Bill be now read a third 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 thereupon read a third time.  
Mr. Samuel then moved, That this Bill do now pass.  
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 authorize and to provide for the funding of a Loan not exceeding Six hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred pounds,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 27th April, 1870.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
13. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, as follows:—  
No. 5, to follow after No. 13.  
No. 6, to follow after No. 1, *as postponed.*
14. Impounding Bill (Order No. 7):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Samuel.  
Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Samuel.
15. Commons Regulation Bill (Order No. 8):—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Samuel.  
Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Samuel.
16. Penalties Remission Bill (Order No. 9):—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 to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
17. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 10 postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, to follow after Order No. 6, *as postponed.*
18. Supply (Order No. 11):—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply discharged, on motion of Mr. Samuel.
19. Census Bill (Order No. 12):—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Brookes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Hill,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Webb,  
Mr. Weaver,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Bell,

Mr. Dight,  
Mr. Hoskins,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Fitzpatrick,  
Mr. Spring,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Lackey,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Watson,  
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 5.

Sir James Martin,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. J. Suttor,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Moses,  
Mr. Buchanan.

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 to consider 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, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

20. Promissory Oaths 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 to consider the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, on motion of Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

21. Postponements.—The Orders of the Day Nos. 14 to 20 inclusive postponed, and the Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 5, 6, and 10, further postponed, until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cowper.

22. Election Petition—Remington *v.* Fitzpatrick.—Mr. Samuel (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Treasury the following documents, viz. :—

(1.) Salary Abstract, Lands Department, for December, 1869 (A 1).

(2.) Covering Abstract, with Mr. Armitage's Receipt (A 2).

(3.) Letter from Lands, of 20 December, 1869, informing of Mr. Fitzpatrick's resignation (A 3),—handed in by Mr. Cronin to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, on 24 February, 1870.

Question put and passed.

23. Berrima Gaol.—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all tenders received by the Government for Supplies to the Berrima Gaol for the year 1870.

(2.) The names of the tenderers, and the name of the successful tenderer.

Question put and passed.

24. Motions Dropped :—

(1.) Mr. Ryan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

(2.) Mr. Clarke not making the Motion standing in his name No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

25. Postponements :—Mr. J. Suttor postponed the Motions standing in his name Nos. 6 and 8 on the Notice Paper for to day, until Friday, 6th May.

26. Mr. Richard Henry Wright :—Mr. Brookes moved, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the grounds of dismissal from the Public Service of Mr. Richard Henry Wright, late Inspector of Telegraph Lines in the district of Tenterfield.

(2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bell, Mr. Neale, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dillon, Mr. M. C. Stephen, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

27. Road through Young :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 9, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the Main Road through the town of Young.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

28. Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks :—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 10, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 1869 the sum of £500 for the purpose of erecting Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks, near Burrowa.

Question put and passed.

29. Boats for the Hunter District :—Mr. Dodds, on behalf of Mr. Dillon, moved, pursuant to Notice No. 11, 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 Estimates for 1870, a sum not exceeding £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.

Question put and passed.

30. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Wilson not making the Motion standing in his name No. 12 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
31. District Court Judges Cary and Josephson:—Mr. Webb moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice No. 13,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the retirement of Mr. Cary from his office of District Court Judge, and the appointment of the Honorable Joshua Frey Josephson, late Solicitor General, as his successor.
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  - (3.) That such Committee have power to sit during any adjournment.
- Debate ensued.
- 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. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Samuel, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Watson, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at fourteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at *Seven* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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THURSDAY, 28 APRIL.

MEMO. :—*The House meets at Seven o'clock, P.M., this day.*

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

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BYRNES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount was voted for additions and alterations to Sydney Branch Royal Mint for the year 1869?
  - (2.) Amount expended for such alterations, &c.?
  - (3.) Amount expended over the vote, and description of extra work?
  - (4.) By whom was the extra work authorized?
  - (5.) Under whose superintendence was the work carried out?
  - (6.) Whether the Honorable the Secretary will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence between the Government and Deputy Master of the Mint, the Colonial Architect, and the Contractor?

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. Appropriation Bill; third reading.
2. Loan Bill of 1870; third reading.
3. Penalties Remission Bill; third reading.
4. Census Bill; third reading.
5. Promissory Oaths Bill; third reading.
6. Audit Bill of 1870; second reading.
7. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
8. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
11. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
13. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
14. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
15. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
16. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RYAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in consequence of frequent changes in the railway rates and fares, they should be fixed by Act of Parliament.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

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## FRIDAY, 29 APRIL.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Boats for the Hunter District; 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 a sum not exceeding £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.

## FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

## 1. 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.

## 2. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 APRIL, 1870.

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

*Mr. Byrnes withdrew the Question standing in his name.*

2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, By-laws, under the Municipalities Act, 31 Vict., No. 12, sec. 158, of the Borough of Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

3. 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 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 1870 and for the year 1869 and previous years.*"

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 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 1870 and for the year 1869 and previous years,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Loan Bill of 1870 ("*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 enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and 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 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, 28th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Penalties Remission 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 amend the law concerning the Remission of Penalties.*"

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 amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Census 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 make provision for taking the Census and for obtaining certain Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics in 1871.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for taking the Census and for obtaining certain Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics in 1871,*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Promissory Oaths 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 the Law relating to Promissory Oaths.*"  
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 Law relating to Promissory Oaths,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. 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.  
Question put and passed.
9. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That leave be given to the Select Committee on "Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs" to sit during any adjournment of the House.  
Question put and passed.
10. Audit Bill of 1870 :—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 to consider the Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, on motion of Mr. Cowper (*with the concurrence of the House*) the Report was adopted, and the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
11. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 16 inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until to-morrow.
12. Motions Dropped :—  
(1.) Mr. Ryan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
(2.) Mr. Garrett not making the Motion standing in his name No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
(3.) Mr. Nowlan not making the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
13. Road through Young :—On motion of Mr. Watson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider 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 1869 the sum of £500, for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the Main Road through the town of Young.  
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 :—  
*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1869 the sum of £500, for the purpose of making approaches to and repairing the Main Road through the town of Young.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Watson, read a second time, and agreed to.

14. Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks :—On motion of Mr. Watson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider 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 1869 the sum of £500, for the purpose of erecting Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks, near Burrowa.

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 :—

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1869 a sum of £500, for the purpose of erecting Bridges over Castle's and Fisher's Creeks, near Burrowa.

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

15. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 3 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to follow after Order No. 5.

16. Capital Punishment Abolition Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Brookes.

Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Brookes.

17. Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. Byrnes 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. 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 Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act 10 Vict. No. 10.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th April, 1870*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Immigration Bill (Postponed Order of the Day No. 3 of Other Business) :—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole the following Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to provide for Immigration into the Colony of New South Wales.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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FRIDAY, 29 APRIL.

MEMO. :—*The House meets at Seven o'clock, P.M. this day.*

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.

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FRIDAY, 29 APRIL.

Questions :—

1. MR. BYRNES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount was voted for additions and alterations to Sydney Branch Royal Mint for the year 1869 ?
  - (2.) Amount expended for such alterations, &c. ?
  - (3.) Amount expended over the vote, and description of extra work ?
  - (4.) By whom was the extra work authorized ?
  - (5.) Under whose superintendence was the work carried out ?
  - (6.) Whether the Honorable the Secretary will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence between the Government and Deputy Master of the Mint, the Colonial Architect, and the Contractor ?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Government has appointed the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to the office of Minister for Lands ?
  - (2.) If the Government has not already done so, is there any intention on the part of the Government to appoint the Honorable Member for Yass Plains to the vacant office ?
  - (3.) If such intention exists, will the Government announce it to the House, so that an expression of the opinion of Parliament, on such an event, may be elicited before the prorogation ?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Boats for the Hunter District ; 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 a sum not exceeding £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, on the prorogation of Parliament, the recess should not be prolonged more than two months ; and that the Government should call Parliament together again during the first week of July.
2. 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 the Reports of the Commissioner for the Southern Gold Fields, for the years 1866, 1867, and 1868.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Audit Bill of 1870 ; third reading.
2. Governor's Salary Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Superannuation Bill of 1870 ; second reading.
6. Mesne Process Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill ; second reading.
8. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill ; second reading.
9. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
10. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
11. Marine Board Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. 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.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.

## New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 APRIL, 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 19th March, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North, in room of Robert Wisdom, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of Robert Henry Mariner Forster, to serve as such Member.

2. Member Sworn:—Robert Henry Mariner Forster, Esquire, having taken the Oath and Subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North.

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

(1.) Sydney Branch Royal Mint:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What amount was voted for additions and alterations to Sydney Branch Royal Mint for the year 1869?  
 (2.) Amount expended for such alterations, &c.?  
 (3.) Amount expended over the vote, and description of extra work?  
 (4.) By whom was the extra work authorized?  
 (5.) Under whose superintendence was the work carried out?  
 (6.) Whether the Honorable the Secretary will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence between the Government and Deputy Master of the Mint, the Colonial Architect, and the Contractor?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) The amount voted in 1868 was	...	...	...	...	...	£1,200	0	0	
Ditto	Supplementary Estimate, 1869	...	...	...	...	656	17	6	
							£1,856	17	6

(2.) The amount paid	...	...	...	...	...	£1,463	5	0
Further claim for extra work (not paid)...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,614	9	1

(3.) The amount of Votes has not yet been exceeded by any payments.

(4 and 5.) Extra work has been performed, but not authorized—both the Colonial Architect and the Deputy Master of the Mint denying that they gave any instructions for any other work.

(6.) The matter is now the subject of inquiry, and when this is completed, there will be no objection to lay the Papers on the Table of the House.

- (2.) The Minister for Lands:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government has appointed the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to the office of Minister for Lands?

(2.) If the Government has not already done so, is there any intention on the part of the Government to appoint the Honorable Member for Yass Plains to the vacant office?

(3.) If such intention exists, will the Government announce it to the House, so that an expression of the opinion of Parliament, on such an event, may be elicited before the prorogation?

Mr. Cowper answered,—

(1.) It is not true.

(2.) The name of the Honorable Member for Yass Plains has never been mentioned in connection with the vacant office of Minister for Lands to the Government, except by the Honorable Member who puts this question.

(3.) The Government will be no parties to any offensive reference to an Honorable Member of this House, and I therefore decline to answer the third question.

4. Public Vehicles and Boats :—Mr. Tunks, 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 8th February, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. Bernard M'Guckin and Daniel M'Bride :—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from Bernard M'Guckin and Daniel M'Bride, complaining of having been apprehended by the police, and subjected to imprisonment on a charge of shooting at one John Gray, at Kiama; and praying for inquiry into their case, with a view to redress.  
Petition received.
7. Mrs. Mary Fogg :—Mr. Driver, 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 Mrs. Fogg was referred on 22nd March, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Barney-street, Parramatta :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants, Ratepayers, &c., resident at Parramatta, praying that Barney-street may be thrown open from Church-street to the crossing-place at the river.  
Petition received.
9. Reports of the Commissioner for the Southern Gold Fields (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Watson, 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, copies of the Reports of the Commissioner for the Southern Gold Fields, for the years 1866, 1867, and 1868.  
Question put and passed.
10. Audit 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 regulate the Receipt Custody and Issue of the Public Monneys and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.*"  
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 Receipt Custody and Issue of the Public Monneys and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Assent to Bills :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker :—

- (1.) The Bank of New South Wales Bill of 1870 :—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 26.*

*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Bank of New South Wales,' 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, 29th April, 1870.*

- (2.) Benevolent Society's Bill of 1870 :—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 27.*

*Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Benevolent Society at Sydney to sell and dispose of certain Lands and to apply the proceeds in and towards the erection of additional buildings,*" 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 April, 1870.*

12. Appropriation 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 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 1870 and for the year 1869 and previous years,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY.

President.

13. Cattle Sale Yards Bill :—On motion of Mr. Driver 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 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 :—

The Committee having agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in clause 6, an Honorable Member had proposed to add a proviso to the clause—to which course the Chairman objected, on the ground that the amendments in the clause had been disposed of.

The Speaker sustained the decision of the Chairman.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

*SATURDAY, 30 APRIL, 1870, A.M.,—*

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's Amendments.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Driver, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

14. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Judicial Disqualifications Removal Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to remove disqualifications of Judges Chairmen of Quarter Sessions and Justices of the Peace in certain cases*," with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

JUDICIAL DISQUALIFICATIONS REMOVAL BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to remove disqualifications of Judges Chairmen of Quarter Sessions and Justices of the Peace in certain cases," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 29th April, 1870.*

B. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 27. *After "go" add "Provided that this Act shall not apply to any Judge Chairman of Quarter Sessions Justice of the Peace or Juror for any time during which he may be a Member of the Council of any Municipality Corporation or of any local Board or a Trustee for public purposes or a member of any other body invested with local authority."*

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Driver, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day three months.

(2.) Promissory Oaths Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(3.) Penalties Remission Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(4.) Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees and for other purposes*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th April, 1870.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

15. Boats for the Hunter District :—On motion of Mr. Dillon the Speaker (after debate) left the Chair, and the House resolved 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 £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.  
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 :—  
*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented 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 £150, for the construction and maintenance of four Boats for the preservation of life and property in West Maitland and the Hunter District during the time of floods.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Dillon, read a second time, and agreed to.
16. Postponement :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, at twelve minutes after One o'clock, A.M., 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, 3 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the appointment of Chief Clerk in Equity, lately held by Mr. James Anderson, solicitor, been filled up; and if so, by whom, and at what salary; and is the person appointed duly qualified to discharge the duties connected with so important an office?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan attend at the Land Office every day in his capacity of Acting Minister for Lands?
  - (2.) Does he draw any salary for the performance of this duty?
  - (3.) Has the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan the power to commit the Government to any particular course, in the position he at present holds; and is it true that he stated as much to a deputation, the report of which appeared in the *Herald* of 29th April?
  - (4.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan carry on the administration of the public lands according to the policy of the Government, or in accordance with his own private opinions?
  - (5.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan attend the meetings of the Executive Council and the Cabinet; and if not, how is he informed of the policy of the Government in reference to the administration of the public lands?
  - (6.) After the resignation of the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan of the office of Minister for Lands, which resignation was duly accepted, was he re-sworn in to the office he now holds?
  - (7.) Who is responsible to Parliament for the due and proper administration of the public lands at the present moment?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Governor's Salary Bill; second reading.
2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Superannuation Bill of 1870; second reading.
5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill; second reading.
7. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill; second reading.
8. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
9. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
10. Marine Board Bill; second reading.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 29th April, from Bernard M'Guckin and Daniel M'Bride, be printed.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mrs. Mary Fogg, brought up by him on 29th April, be now adopted.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, on the prorogation of Parliament, the recess should not be prolonged more than two months; and that the Government should call Parliament together again during the first week of July.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Sale Yards Bill; adoption of Report from Committee of the Whole.

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 FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. 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.
2. MR. J. SUTTON to move, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.



New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 MAY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. James Anderson, late Chief Clerk in Equity:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the appointment of Chief Clerk in Equity, lately held by Mr. James Anderson, solicitor, been filled up; and if so, by whom, and at what salary; and is the person appointed duly qualified to discharge the duties connected with so important an office?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The appointment has not yet been filled up, in consequence of suggestions made by the Primary Judge in Equity, and of a pending reference upon the subject to His Honor and the other Judges. The absence of the Judges, on Circuit, has occasioned unavoidable delay.

- (2.) The Minister for Lands:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—(1.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan attend at the Lands Office every day in his capacity of Acting Minister for Lands?

(2.) Does he draw any salary for the performance of this duty?

(3.) Has the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan the power to commit the Government to any particular course, in the position he at present holds; and is it true that he stated as much to a deputation, the report of which appeared in the *Herald* of 29th April?

(4.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan carry on the administration of the public lands according to the policy of the Government, or in accordance with his own private opinions?

(5.) Does the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan attend the meetings of the Executive Council and the Cabinet; and if not, how is he informed of the policy of the Government in reference to the administration of the public lands?

(6.) After the resignation of the Honorable Member for Queanbeyan of the office of Minister for Lands, which resignation was duly accepted, was he re-sworn in to the office he now holds?

(7.) Who is responsible to Parliament for the due and proper administration of the public lands at the present moment?

Mr. Cowper answered,—Mr. Forster attends, and has attended, with his usual regularity, at the Lands Office—performing all the duties, and undertaking all the responsibilities of Minister for the Lands Department.

2. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Samuel laid upon the Table, Correspondence and Minutes respecting Retrenchment in the Treasury Department.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Return to Order in reference to "Dredging Machines," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 1st March, 1870.

(2.) Return to Order in reference to "Railway Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 3rd February, 1870.

(3.) Return to Order in reference to "Newcastle Steam Coal Cranes," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lee, on 29th October, 1869.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Return to Address in reference to "Reports of the Commissioner for the Southern Gold Fields," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Watson, on 29th April, 1870.

(2.) Return to Order in reference to "Reserves for Travelling Stock," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lee, on 8th April, 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Wilson, 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 Bill was referred on 1st April, 1870, together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Water Supply—Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Wilson, 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 8th April, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Bernard M'Guckin and Daniel M'Bride (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 29th April, from Bernard M'Guckin and Daniel M'Bride, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
7. Orders of the Day Discharged :—The Orders of the Day for the second reading of the under-mentioned Bills discharged, and Bills withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Cowper, viz. :—
1. Governor's Salary Bill.
  2. Customs Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill.
  3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill.
  4. Superannuation Bill of 1870.
  5. Mesne Process Amendment Bill.
  6. Colonial Produce Distillation Bill.
  7. Land at Newcastle Resumption Bill.
  8. Gold Fields Management Bill.
  9. Marine Board Bill.
8. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means discharged, on motion of Mr. Cowper.
9. Mrs. Mary Fogg :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mrs. Mary Fogg, brought up by him on 29th April, be now adopted.  
Question put and passed.
10. Proposed Reassembling of Parliament :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 3, That, in the opinion of this House, on the prorogation of Parliament, the recess should not be prolonged more than two months; and that the Government should call Parliament together again during the first week of July.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
11. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Cummings moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
12. Cattle Sale Yards Bill :—On the Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business being read,—Mr. Driver moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole, with reference to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in 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 "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in clause 6."  
Debate ensued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. King,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Nowlan,
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Driver.

Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Bell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Dight,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Weaver,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. M. H. Stephen,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. King,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Nowlan,
Commander Onslow,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

## Noes, 16.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Dean,
Mr. Church,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Butler.
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

## Noes, 15.

Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Church,	
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Brookes,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Speer,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Dean,	

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Driver 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 Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd May, 1870.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTION AND MOTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that three members of the Ulladulla Bench of Magistrates, viz., Messrs. Ewen, Hindmarsh, and Wilford are related to each other, being brothers-in-law?  
(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary look into this matter, with a view to reform?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be at once dissolved.

FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. 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.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY, 1870.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
(1.) Ulladulla Bench of Magistrates:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that three members of the Ulladulla Bench of Magistrates, viz., Messrs. Ewen, Hindmarsh, and Wilford, are related to each other, being brothers-in-law?  
(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary look into this matter, with a view to reform?  
Mr. Cowper answered,—I am not aware of the fact.
2. Paper:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table, Return to Address in reference to "Police Magistrates," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. E. Brown, on 9th February, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Waiters:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Waiters of Sydney, complaining of the competition to which they are subjected by persons in the service of the Government being permitted to follow the calling of Waiters; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to redress.  
Petition received.
4. Henry Cox:—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from Henry Cox, of Bathurst, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, alleging that in the year 1867 he made application to purchase certain land in the district of Dubbo, upon which he had made improvements, which application was refused, and that subsequently a similar application made by one Charles Brett was granted; and praying inquiry into the allegations contained in his Petition, with a view to relief.  
Petition received.
5. Motion for Adjournment:—Commander Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
6. Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation:—Mr. Brookes, as Chairman, brought up a Second 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 15th February, 1870.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Postponement:—Mr. Buchanan postponed the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

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THURSDAY, 5 MAY.

*Questions :—*

1. COMMANDER ONSLOW *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Where are the Meteorological Instruments that the Government Astronomer undertook to prepare, at the instance of the Agricultural Society?
2. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What is the amount of the Cash Balance remaining in the hands of the Government arising from the sale of debentures under the Loan Act 31 Vict. No. 11, for the completion of Railway lines already sanctioned, and known as the Million Loan Act?
  - (2.) In what Bank is the Cash Balance available deposited?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from certain Waiters, be printed.
2. MR. LORD *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from Henry Cox, of Bathurst, relative to Claim for Land, be printed.
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be at once dissolved.

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FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. 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.
2. MR. J. SUTTOR *to move*, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 MAY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Meteorological Instruments :—Commander Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Where are the Meteorological Instruments that the Government Astronomer undertook to prepare, at the instance of the Agricultural Society ?

Mr. Cowper answered,—The instruments are in charge of the Government Astronomer, at the Observatory. I had obtained some other information which I shall be happy to give the Honorable Member, but I cannot do so at present, as my box has not arrived from my office. I will presently inform him, privately, where stations have been supplied. The reason the instruments have not been supplied to other stations is, that the funds required to place them are not at the disposal of the Government until the Appropriation Act is passed.

(2.) Cash Balance for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the amount of the Cash Balance remaining in the hands of the Government arising from the sale of debentures under the Loan Act 31 Vict. No. 11, for the completion of Railway lines already sanctioned, and known as the Million Loan Act ?

(2.) In what Bank is the Cash Balance available deposited ?

Mr. Samuel answered,—

(1.) £82,614 8s. 9d.

(2.) In the Bank of New South Wales.

2. Waiters (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice No. 1, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from certain Waiters, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Henry Cox (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice No. 2, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from Henry Cox, of Bathurst, relative to Claim for Land, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Postponement :—Mr. Buchanan postponed the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day until to-morrow.

5. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Brookes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table a Letter from the Government Astronomer respecting Meteorological Instruments (*See Answer to Question No. 1 above*).

Ordered to be printed.

7. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. Loan Bill of 1870 :—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 enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and 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, 3rd May, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY.  
President.

LOAN

## LOAN BILL OF 1870.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 3rd May, 1870.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, lines 2 to 4. *Omit* "Seven hundred and twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-one pounds six shillings and one penny" *insert* "four hundred and seven thousand one hundred and fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence."  
 " 1, clause 1, lines 13 to 15. *Omit* "Seven hundred and twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-one pounds six shillings and one penny" *insert* "four hundred and seven thousand one hundred and fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence."  
 " 2, clause 1, lines 51 to 56. *Omit* "To provide for amount short raised under certain Loan Acts in consequence of the Debentures issued thereunder having sold under par; and for charges on sale of such Debentures (as per Loans Account, with Ways and Means Estimates for the year 1870) .....£322,709 12 6

Examined,—	Total... ..	£729,861 6 1
GEORGE ALLEN, Chairman of Committees.		

With reference to this Message the Speaker said:—Although he believed that Honorable Members had not been unobservant of the extraordinary character of the proceeding in the Legislative Council—of which this House is informed by the Message he had just read—he felt it to be his duty thus formally to direct attention to so unprecedented and unconstitutional an interference with the right—the sole and absolute right—of the Representatives of the People to determine all matters of Taxation or Supply.

9. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Piddington 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 Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

FRIDAY, 6 MAY.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount of money, authorized to be raised by loan, is available for the completion of the Railway Line to Bathurst?
2. MR. HOSKINS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount of money, authorized to be raised by Loan Acts, is available for the completion of the Great Northern Railway from Musclebrook to Murrurundi?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. MR. COWPEE *to move*, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. 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.
2. MR. J. SUTTON *to move*, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, 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 upon the Estimates for 1870 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.
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be at once dissolved.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 MAY, 1870.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway to Bathurst:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
What amount of money, authorized to be raised by loan, is available for the completion of the Railway Line to Bathurst?

Mr. Samuel answered,—I regret extremely that I have not received the reply from the officers of the Treasury, whom I, this morning, ordered to prepare it. I am, therefore, not in a position to answer it this evening, but I shall be happy to communicate it to the Honorable Member as soon as I receive it. The same statement will apply to the next question.

*Mr. Hoskins withdrew the Question No. 2.*

2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications—*Smith v. Dean*:—Mr. Piddington, 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, together with Appendix, 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 24th 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 24th February, 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 the said Horace Dean was not duly elected, having, at the time of his Nomination, held an office of profit under the Crown; and therefore the Seat for The Hastings is vacant.

"(2.) That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

"(3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"W. R. PIDDINGTON,  
"Chairman."

"No. 2 Committee Room,  
"Legislative Assembly,  
"Sydney, 6 May, 1870."—

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Piddington, that the said Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned By-laws, under the Municipalities Act, 31 Vict. No. 12, sec. 158:—

(1.) Borough of Newcastle.

(2.) Municipal District of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry.

*Ordered* to be printed.

4. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M.  
Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 7 MAY, 1870, A.M.,—

Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Brookes,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Neale,	Tellers.
Mr. Osborne,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. King,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Macleay,	Tellers.
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Windeyer.
Commander Onslow,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Piddington,	

5. Assent to Bills :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cowper, and read by the Speaker :—

(1.) Gunpowder Export Regulation Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Export of Gunpowder and Warlike Stores,*" 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 May, 1870.

(2.) Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Small Debts Act 10 Vict. No. 10,*" 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 May, 1870.

(3.) Promissory Oaths Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths,*" 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 May, 1870.

(4.) Penalties Remission Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law concerning the Remission of Penalties,*" 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 May, 1870.

(5.) Maitland Presbyterian Church Land Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Church Lands at Maitland to appropriate the income derivable from the same for the benefit of the Presbyterian Congregations of Maitland East and Maitland West and to confer extended powers of leasing on the Trustees 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 6th May, 1870.

## (6.) Census Bill :—

BELMORE,  
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for taking the Census and for obtaining certain Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics in 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, 6th May, 1870.

## (7.) Cattle Sale Yards Bill :—

BELMORE.  
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to establish Yards for the Sale of Cattle,*" 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 May, 1870.

## 6. Audit 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 Receipt Custody and Issue of the Public Moneys and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th May, 1870.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

7. Motions Dropped :—Mr. J. Suttor not making the Motions standing in his name Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper, they dropped.
8. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion standing in his name No. 3 on the Notice Paper.
9. Adjournment :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn ; and in so doing, intimated that His Excellency the Governor would probably proceed to the Legislative Council at Twelve o'clock (noon), this day, for the purpose of proroguing Parliament.  
Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until *Half-past Eleven o'clock, This Day.*

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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SATURDAY, 7 MAY.

MEMO :—*The House meets this day at Half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M.*

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

SATURDAY, 7 MAY.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Message from the Legislative Council respecting Amendments upon the Loan Bill of 1870.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Legislative Council, in altering or amending a Money Bill, is unconstitutional and wrong, and amounts to a serious invasion of the most valued rights and privileges of the Legislative Assembly, and ought to be resisted by the People's Representatives at all hazards.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 7 MAY, 1870.

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

Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Forster laid upon the Table, Documents respecting a Road or Street between Paddington Church and Avoca-street, Randwick.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Correspondence relating to Postal Communication with England, *via* Batavia and Torres Straits, and also, *via* New Zealand and San Francisco; and Telegraphic Communication with Great Britain *via* Java.

(2.) Report from the Examiner of Coal Fields upon the condition and prospects of the Coal Fields, for the year 1869.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Macleay not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper, it dropped.

3. 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 current year and to meet some expenditure for the Service of previous years, I now present to your Excellency the Act necessary to give legal effect to these grants, in order that it may receive the Royal Assent. I also present to your Excellency, for the Royal Assent, a Bill to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.”

4. 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 Service of the Year 1870 and for the Year 1869 and previous Years.*”

(2.) Audit Bill:—“*An Act to regulate the Receipt Custody and Issue of the Public Moneys and to provide for the Audit of the Public Accounts.*”

5. 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. The necessary and urgent business of the Session having been disposed of, I am happy to be able to relieve you from your legislative duties.

2. It is matter for congratulation that, among the many important questions submitted for your consideration, those to which I thought it my duty at the opening of the Session to call your special attention, have either been effectually dealt with by legislative enactment, or have been placed in a satisfactory position for being dealt with in future. The Census and Audit Bills have become law. Temporary provision has been made for meeting immediate claims under the Superannuation Act, with a view to the early amendment of this Act; and Parliamentary sanction has been obtained for the appointment of two Commissions: one to inquire into the operation of the Gold Fields Laws and Regulations, and another into the Consolidation and Amendment of the Statute Laws. It may at any rate be reasonably hoped that during the recess some progress may be made towards effecting permanent improvements in the condition of the Criminal Law.

GENTLEMEN

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. I thank you for the Supplies granted for carrying on the Public Service, and for enabling the Executive Government to meet some of its most pressing engagements. I am gratified to find that so considerable a reduction of expenditure has been effected in various Departments of the Public Service. You may rest assured that the spirit of economy thus exemplified will prevail in the disbursement of the public funds placed at the disposal of the Government.

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

4. During the first two months of the present year the financial prospects of the Colony were highly encouraging, and the Revenue for that period, as had been anticipated, considerably exceeded that of the corresponding period in 1869; but the occurrence of disastrous floods—unprecedented for violence and extent throughout the history of the Colony—has since so seriously affected the general welfare, and above all the interests of the producing classes, as to have interfered with the calculations of Revenue, and somewhat disappointed those reasonable expectations of improvement in this respect which were held out to you at the commencement of the Session. On the other hand, during the last three years, the amount of deposits in the Savings' Bank has steadily increased beyond all former experience, and Municipalities have also continued progressively to extend themselves; and the large quantity of grain produced in the interior leads to the conclusion that the Colony will soon be independent of foreign supplies. These signs of commercial and agricultural prosperity, and of political stability, justify the hope that the depression alluded to is merely temporary, and will be succeeded, and perhaps compensated for, by corresponding reaction.

5. I am gratified to find that the important subjects of Railway extension and expenditure have engaged the earnest attention of Parliament. Since Railway extension is in some form or other and in various directions inevitable, and is indeed absolutely essential to the best interests of the Colony, while it is obviously desirable to economize the expenditure for construction and management, the late inquiry through a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly cannot have other than beneficial effects.

6. The Despatch of the Secretary of State on Emigration from the United Kingdom, recently laid before you, appears to indicate, on the part of the Imperial Government, a disposition to cooperate effectively with the Colonies in dealing with this important question. The favourable opportunity thus presented of encouraging immigration to this Colony, upon a more comprehensive scale, and in a more systematic manner than prevails at present, will not be lost sight of in the preparation of measures for another Session.

7. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 14th day of June next.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*