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New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1887.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION :- The House met at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of December, 1886. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Acting-Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows : -

"NEW SOUTH WALES, Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, "to wit. BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable "(L.S.) Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fourth "day of January proximo: Now, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, in pursuance of the "power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue "the said Parliament to Tuesday, the eighteenth day of January now next ensuing: And I do "hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid eighteenth day of January next, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, in the "buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: "And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, are hereby

"And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, are hereby "required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-first day of "December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and in "the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's Reign. "By His Ercellency's Command

By His Excellency's Command, "GEORGE R. DIBBS.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION :-- Mr. Speaker informed the House :-

(1.) That, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the present Legislative Assembly :-

For the Electoral District of Wollombi, in room of Lyall Scott, Esquire, resigned. For the Electoral District of Yass Plains, in room of Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of New England, in room of William Consett Proctor, Esquire, resigned. For the Electoral District of Kiama, in room of Harman John Tarrant, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Bourke, in room of William Bowie Stewart Campbell Sawers, Esquire, and Russell Barton, Esquire, resigned.

(2.) That Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers, of the election of the following gentlemen :-

Richard Stevenson, Esquire, to serve as Member for Wollombi.

Thomas Colls, Esquire, to serve as Member for Yass Plains. William Consett Proctor, Esquire, to serve as a Member for New England.

Angus Cameron, Esquire, to serve as Member for Kiama.

3. MEMBERS SWORN :- The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their scats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named :-

Thomas Colls, Esquire—for Yass Plains. Richard Stevenson, Esquire—for Wollombi. Angus Cameron, Esquire—for Kiama.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS :- 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 for opening Parliament 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 deeming it fit to be " personally present here this day to declare the purpose for which this Session of Parliament is " convened, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Scal of the " Commission and the Legislative to cause a commission of the Legislative Council, and " Convenience of the Great Scal of the series of the Second Scale of Scale o "Colony constituting us Commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or per-"formed by or on behalf of Her Majesty, or by and on behalf of the Governor of the Colony, "on the occasion of the opening of the local Parliament, and to deliver a message to the Legisla-"tive Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament "to perform extra which admit of ne dolay as will mere fully annear by the Commission itself. " to perform acts which admit of no delay, 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, 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 :

"Greeting: "WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the twenty-first day of December last, His Excellency The "Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most "Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our 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, initialed '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 our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of January instant: And Whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and "Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently 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 John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Conneil, the "Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, Secretary for Mines, and the Honorable William "Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, Secretary for Mines, and the Honorable William "Richman Piddington, 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 John Hay, Charles Kinnaird Mackellar, and William Richman Piddington, 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 eighteenth day of January, or subsequent day, on our behalf, to do all things " necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and " about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, to deliver a message to the Legislative "Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to "perform acts which admit of no delay; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all "whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir John Hay, Charles "Kinnaird Mackellar, and William Richman Piddington, 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 "Scal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor The Right Honorable CHARLES

(L.S.)

"ROBERT, BARON CARRENGTON, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order "of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of "our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, "Sydney, in our said Colony, this seventeenth day of January, in the fiftieth year "of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-" seven.

" CARRINGTON. " By His Excellency's Command, "GEORGE R. DIBBS."

And the House having returned,-Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended the Commissioners in the Legislative Council Chamber, where a Commission for opening Parliament was read, and a Message to the Assembly delivered to him, which Message he read to the House as follows :-

" Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,-

"We are further commanded by His Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that since "the date when you were called together for the consideration of public business the Advisers " of the Crown have tendered the resignation of their offices, and steps are now being taken for the

"formation of a new Administration. "2. His Excellency therefore desires that an opportunity may be afforded to issue writs "for supplying the vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, which the change of Administration may "occasion, and that such measures may be taken by you, as may be deemed expedient to meet "the exigencies of the Public Service; and that you assent to such adjournments of your

"Honorable House as may be considered necessary under existing circumstances. "3. When the Elections shall have been completed His Excellency will attend in the "Legislative Council and state the causes for calling Parliament together." 5.

5. PAPERS :-

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,---

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of

(b.) Abstract of Antenations of Local and the control of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(c) Copies of Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

- Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,-Notifications of resumptions of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Chillcott Plains, Dorroughby Grass, Fairfield, Goughtown, Leniston, Narcmburn, Sutherland, Tooraweanah, and Walhallow Forest. Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,-Revised Regulations and Tariffs, and alterations in Cable and Press rates as passed at the International Telegraph Conference. Ordered to be printed.
- 6. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW :-- Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess the Acting Clerk received a subport to appear at the Supreme Court, Sydney, in the case Proudfoot v. Proctor, and produce all records and proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, showing the number of times on which the Defendant as a Member of such Assembly voted, between the 24th February and 20th August, 1886; and that he had authorized the Acting Clerk to attend and produce the said documents, which he did accordingly.
- 7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :- Sir Patrick Jennings informed the House that he had deemed it his duty to tender the resignation of himself and colleagues to His Excellency the Governor, and that such resignation had been accepted by His Excellency, who had sent for Sir Henry Parkes to form an Administration. He understood that Sir Henry Parkes was now engaged in forming it; and intimated that the present Ministry was holding office only until the formation of the new Adminis-tration, which Sir Henry Parkes expected to complete to-morrow. Sir Patrick Jennings further intimated his intention to make a statement to-morrow relative to the resignation of his Government, when he would also ask the House for Supply for the Public Service for the current month.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT :--- Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

> EDMUND BARTON, Speaker.

New South Males.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY, 1887.

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

- - (2.) Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, dated 4th January, 1887, authorizing the transfer of two amounts from certain Heads of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,
 - Transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
 - Ordered to be printed.
- 2. MEMBER Swonn :- William Consett Proctor, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of New England.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT :-- The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker :--

CARRINGTON, Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, or following month of the year 1887, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer, and also for Services of the years 1886 and 1887 of an urgent nature.

Government House

Sydney, 19th January, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

 PAPERS :- Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table, (1.) Fourth Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 24th August, 1886-"Cost of Printing and Binding Parlia-mentary Papers and Hansard."

(3.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 13th August, 1886—" Premises leased for Government Purposes in Sydney."

(4.) Return showing amount of money borrowed by the Government from 1865 to 1885 inclusive, for Railways and other Public Works.

(5.) Return showing amounts received from Sale and Rent of Crown Lands during the years 1879 to 30th September, 1886.

(6.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
(7.) Despatch respecting British Goods exported to Spain.
(8.) Regulations for the Public Abattoir at Glebe Island.
(9.) Regulations under the Customs Duties Act of 1886.-

(10.) Amended Regulations under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879 and the Customs Duties Act of 1886.

(11.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the quarter ended 30th September, 1886.
 (12.) Return of Correspondence respecting the importation of dynamite per ship "Gitana."
 (13.) Statement of Expenditure on account of the Vote for Unforeseen Expenses, 1886, from

1st January to 30th April, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,-

(1.) Further Return (in part) to an Order made on the 17th June, 1886-" Temporary Appoint-

(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1886—" Raudwick Asylum."
(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on the 6th July, 1877—" Immigration—Steamship "'Aberdeen."

(4.) By-law of the Borough of Waverley.

(5.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Singleton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
(6) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle, under the Newcastle Paving and Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

(7.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of Inverell.
(8.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
(9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ulladulla, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875.

(10.) Regulations of the Lismore Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act 1884.

 (11.) Revised Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
 (12.) Report of the Royal Commission on the construction of Theatres, Public Halls, and other Places of Public Amusement or concourse.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :-

(1.) Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from Robert Deane, Thomas W. Eady, and Michael Metcalfe, Directors of the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company, representing that the Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced into this House during the last Session and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session ; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session. And the 65th Standing Order of this Rouse permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being

entertained,

Petition received. (2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to 2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, initialed "A Bill to amend an Act initiated An Act in incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned and also to amend an Act initialed 'An Act to alter the tille of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,' which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL :-

(1.) Mr. Ives presented a Petition from Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown, representing that the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill, which was introduced into this House during the the last Session and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session. And the 65th Standing Order of the House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,-

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Ives then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,"-which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

-Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn. 7. ADJOURNMENT :-

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44	•
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. J. D. Young,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Colls,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Bolton.
Mr. Chanter,	Tellers.
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 37. Mr. Lyne, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Thompson, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Teece, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Garland, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Gould, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Henson, Mr. Tait, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Spring Mr. Garrard, Mr. Tait, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garvan, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Ives, Mr. Baker, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Oxalend Mr. Kidd. Tellers, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Inglis,

Mr. Spring, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Stevenson,

Mr. Hammond, Mr. Septimus Stephen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Speaker stated that he would take the Chair at the usual time to-morrow.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Ten minutes before Six o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Males.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1887.

1. The House met at half-past Four o'clock p.m.: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

INTENDED RETIREMENT OF MR. SPEAKER :--Mr. Speaker (The Honorable Edmund Barton, Esquire) addressed the House as follows :---

I have an announcement to make which is probably not unexpected. When the question of Supply has been disposed of, and the Scats of Ministers have been declared vacant, this House may think it right to adjourn during the time which will be occupied by Ministers in obtaining the opinion of their constituents on their assumption of office. In view of this contingency, I think it only consistent with my respect for this House to give due and sufficient intimation of my intention to retire from its Chair. I desire, therefore, to state that when His Excellency shall have declared the causes of the convention of Parliament for the present Session, the election of my successor will become the business demanding immediate attention. During the few sittings which may take place in the meantime, I shall, of course, continue to discharge the duties, the final relinquishment of which will cost me so much regret.

Four years have now passed since I was first chosen to preside over the deliberations of this House. The Assembly to which I owe that election having been dissolved, the present House met on the 17th November, 1885, and on that day unanimously called me to the Chair. The choice was thus confirmed which had first committed to my hands the trust of a great and difficult office. I should be ungrateful indeed if I failed now to express my deep sense of the distinguished honour thus twice conferred on me, and my thankfulness for the forbearance and consideration which have often encouraged me in my humble efforts to discharge to the honour of this House the most delicate and onerous duties. In the intensity of party feeling and the clash of conflict which have marked political controversy for some years, it would be passing strange if there were not from time to time some at least who believed the decisions of the Chair to be erroneous. Occasional errors were of course inevitable; but, while admitting my defects, I have the solace of feeling that my errors have been those only of judgment, and that I have honestly endeavoured to master the practice of Parliament, and to guide our proceedings according to the spirit which animates representative bodies of free men. True legislators set equal value on the two rights which are the essentials of political freedom—liberty of speech, and liberty to decide by vote. Where either of these is abused—where the assertion of either so oversteps the bounds of reason as to displace and to wrest from a representative body the fair exercise of the other, liberty is for the time cast out, aud gives place to the licentious domination of a majority in the one event, or of a minority in the other. Is it not then the duty of a Speaker to conserve, to the best of his judgment and authority, the equal operation of both these rights, and to be no party to the perversion of either in derogation of the other? This at least is the principle which I have done my utmost to keep in stoady view as

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I desire now to express my obligation to the clerks at the Table, and to the officers of the House generally for their very able assistance, rendered, as it has been, with unfailing and generous readiness. To part from them will add much to the natural regret which must attend my retirement from the Chair.

I desire again to thank Ifonorable Members for all the support and kindness which I have enjoyed, and to express my deep sorrow if, in the performance of duty, I have in any instance been so unfortunate as to cause unnecessary pain. In conclusion, I take leave to adopt some words uttered on a similar occasion by the high-minded and honoured gentleman who now presides in another place, "that my carnest wish and prayer is that, in spite of every difficulty and discouragement, representative institutions, the noblest inheritance of our British race, may be successful in securing for this country all the blessings of good Government."

Sir Henry Parkes and Sir Patrick Jennings then complimented Mr. Speaker on his past services, and expressed their great regret at his retirement; and Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments.

2. MEETING OF THE HOUSE:-Mr. A. G. Taylor submitted, as a *Point of Order*, that the House having yesterday adjourned without naming a day or time for its next meeting, and there being no Standing or Sessional Orders in force to prescribe the day and hour of meeting, the sitting of the House to-day was illegal.

Mr. Speaker said that if the point taken were tenable, the effect of the adjournment would have been equivalent to that if the point taken were tenable, the effect of the algorithment would have been equivalent to that of a prorogation, and that the convention, prorogation, and dissolution of Parliament were prerogatives of the Crown. The House, clearly, was still in Session, and as the strict meaning of an adjournment was a continuation of the Session from day to day, it was obvious that the resolution carried meant that the House was to meet this day. As to the time of meeting, the only guide was the practice of the House. It being his duty to take the Chair to day he held deemed it right to do so at the time source on the time argues for works. to-day, he had deemed it right to do so at the time sanctioned by that practice for years past.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF NEW MINISTRY :---Mr. Speaker announced to the House the receipt by the Acting Clerk of the following letter, addressed to that Officer by the Principal Under Secretary of the Colonial Secretary's Department :---

"Sir, "Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 20 January, 1887. "I am directed to transmit herewith, for the information of the Honorable the "Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a Supplementary Government Gazette of the "present date, containing a notification of the appointment of several of the Members of the new "Ministry." I have the honor to be. "I have the honor to be, "Sir,

"Your most obedient servant, "CRITCHETT WALKER, y. "Principal Under Secretary."

"The Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assemby.

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" Executive Council Chamber, Sydney, 20 January, 1887.

"HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that

- "Executive Council Chamber, Sydney, 20 January, 1887. "His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to "appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to the Offices mentioned in connection with their
- " respective names, viz. :

" The Honorable Thomas Garrett, Esquire,

" to be Secretary for Lands ; " The Honorable John Sutherland, Esquire,

" to be Secretary for Public Works ; " The Honorable William Clarke, Esquire,

" to be Minister of Justice ; " The Honorable James Inglis, Esquire,

" to be Minister of Public Instruction ; and " The Honorable Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G.,

" By His Excellency's Command, "HENRY PARKES." " to be Postmaster-General.

" Executive Council Chamber, Sydney, 20 January, 1887.

" His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to the " Offices mentioned in connection with their respective names, viz. :-

"The Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,

" to be Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Internal Revenue of New South Wales;

" The Honorable William John Foster, Esquire,

" to be Attorney-General of New South Wales; and

" The Honorable Francis Abigail, Esquire,

" By. His Excellency's Command, " HENRY PARKES." " to be Secretary for Mines.

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4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :-- Sir Henry Parkes proceeding to make a Statement in reference to the steps taken by him in the formation of the new Government, -*Point of Order* :- Mr. A. G. Taylor requested the ruling of the Chair on the question as to whether

Sir Henry Parkes, a Member of the new Administration, has the right to sit in this House without re-election.

Mr. Speaker stated that the propriety of the position held by Sir Henry Parkes was a question for the decision of the House rather than of the Chair; but, as that honorable gentleman had not resigned his Seat, or accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, he could not rule that the Honorable Member had not the right to address this House. Mr. Melville requiring that the letter from the Principal Under Secretary, dated 20th January instant, should be read by the Acting Clerk,— Letter read accordingly by direction of Mr. Speaker as follows:—

Letter read accordingly, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :---

" Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 20 January, 1887.

"I am directed to transmit herewith, for the information of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a Supplementary Government Gazette, of the present date, containing a notification of the appointment of several of the Members of the new Ministry.

"I have the honor to be, "Sir,

"Your most obedient servant, "CRITCHETT WALKER,

Principal Under Secretary."

"The Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Melville then laid upon the Table a copy of a Supplement to the Government Gazette, dated 20th January, 1887, and required that it be read by the Acting Clerk,

Same read accordingly, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :-

"SUPPLEMENT TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY, "THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1887. " Executive Council Chamber, Sydney, 20 January, 1887. " No. 33.

"HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has, in Her Majesty's " name, summoned

" The Honorable Thomas Garrett, Esquire,

" to the Legislative Council, by Writ of Summons under the Great Scal of the Colony. " By His Excellency's Command, " HENRY PARKES."

Point of Order :- Mr. Melville submitted that, inasmuch as the notification in the Gazette just read had been signed by Sir Henry Parkes, and the Great Scal used to give it validity, that Honorable Member has been proved to have acted in an office of profit under the Crown, and should therefore vacate his Seat.

Mr. Speaker said that the matter could not be decided as a *Point of Order*, but, as one affecting the validity of a Member's Seat, should be submitted for the decision of the House on a specific motion.

5. PRIVILEGE-SEAT OF SIR HENRY PARKES, K.C.M.G. :-Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications (to be hereafter appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act) to determine whether Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., having acted *de facto* as Colonial Sccretary by affixing the Great Scal of the Colony to a Gazette Proclamation read by the Clerk of the House, has not thereby forfeited his Scat under the Constitution Act.

And Sir Henry Parkes baving been heard in his place, withdrew.

Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT-ADJOURNMENT :--- Sir Henry Parkes made a statement relative to the formation of the new Administration, and moved, That this House do now adjourn until tomorrow at four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

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New South Males.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 JANUARY, 1887.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :- Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :-

" By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of " New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

" Henry Clarke, Esquire, " John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,

" George Houstoun Reid, Esquire,

" Septimus Alfred Stephen, Esquire, " William Joseph Trickett, Esquire,

" Frederick Thomas Humphery, Esquire, |

" Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,

" being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and " Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid. " Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,

"this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight "hundred and eighty-seven.

" EDMUND BARTON,

" Speaker."

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2. VACANT SEATS :- Sir Henry Parkes moved,-(1.) "That" the Seat of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter.

Point of Order :-- Mr. A. G. Taylor submitted that the motion was out of order as unnecessary, the 3rd section of the Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884 declaring that if any Member shall accept any office of profit his Election shall be declared void, and requiring that a writ shall forthwith issue for a new Election.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was quite in order, being the proper authority for the issue of the writ under the 17th section of the Electoral Act.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Seat of the Honorable "Member for The Hunter, Mr. Burns, is vacant, under the 3rd section of the Constitution Act of 1884." " Amendment Act of 1884

Mr. Speaker ruled that the two propositions were identical, and that the proposed amendment could not be put.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House dissents from the ruling of the Chair. Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.
Mr. Tooliey,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Melviile,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. De Courcy Browne.
Tellers,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. A. G. Taylor

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Mr. Day, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Copeland, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Levien, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Creer, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Humphery Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Davies, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Ives, Mr. Neild, Mr. Proctor,

Mr. Bull, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Cass, Mr. J. D. Young, Mr. Lysaght, Mr. Teece, Mr. Henson, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bowman, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Jones, Mr. Garland, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Mccks. Tellers, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. T. R. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed. Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House, having regard "to its views of the operation of the law, deems it unnecessary to express any opinion upon the " alleged vacancy of the Seat of the Honorable Member for The Hunter.

Question proposed,-That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate ensued.

-That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Question put,-The House divided.

Ayes, 34 Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Neild, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Henry Clarke, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Garrard Mr. Garrard, Mr. Henry Char. Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Ircs, Mr. Sec, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Davies, Mr. Spring, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Sec, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Write, Mr. White, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Henson Mr. Lysaght. Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Shepherd, Tellers, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Thompson. Mr. Proctor,

Nocs, 29. Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Wall, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Moore, Mr. J. D. Young, Mr. J. D. 16 Mr. Bolton, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Cass, Mr. Crausic, Mr. Bull, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Burke, Mr. Slattory, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Jones, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Day. Tellers, Mr. Levien, Mr. Melville. Mr. Coonan, Mr. Dalton, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. De Courey Browne, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Creer, Mr. Gormly,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative. Original Question then put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of John Sutherland, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of James Inglis, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of New England. Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of William Clarke, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Orange.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Francis Abigail, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney. Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of Charles James Roberts, Esquire, bath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning. Question put and passed.

(8.)

(8.) That the Seat of William John Foster, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Newtown. Question put and passed.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :- Sir Henry Parkes (by consent) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

- 4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :- Sir Henry Parkes stated the intentions of the Government with reference to obtaining Supply.
- 5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :- Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879. Question put and passed.
- 6. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS: --Sir Henry Parkes (by consent) moved, without Notice, -
 (1.) That the consideration of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1887 is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, in view of the present position of public affairs.
 (2.) That, in consequence of such urgency, so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude this House from this day resolving itself into the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively; from receiving the Resolutions of those Committees on the day on which they were respectively come to; and from passing through all its stages in one day a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887." Question put and passed.
- 7. VOTE OF CREDIT:-The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Henry Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:--

CARRINGTON.

Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January and February or following months of the year 1887, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer; and also for Services of the years 1886 and 1887 of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st January, 1887.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

- 8. CROWN LANDS ACT:-Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from certain people of the District of Monaro, in the Colony of New South Wales, representing the necessity for amendments in the Crown Lands Act, and praying the House to cause such amendments to be made. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker,-Petition received.
- 9. SUPPLY :- Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed. Whereupon, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Slattery reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day. Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Slattery that the Report be now received.

Mr. Slattery then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :-

(1.) Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,275,000, being £1,150,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January and February or following months, 1887, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1886, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Circle Service Act of 1886, unbiast to the to the of an production that may be restricted by the circle Service Act of 1886. the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1887; £100,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1888; and £25,000 for Relief Works for, and relief to, the unemployed, 1886-7. On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS :- Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed. Whereupon, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Slattery reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

Mr. Slattery also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Slattery*, that the Report be now received. *Mr. Slattery* then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :---

(1.)

(1.) Resolved,-That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1887, the sum of £1,275,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :-

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, that a Bill be brought in, 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 services of the year 1887.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,"which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time. On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Slattery reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Sir Henry Parkes, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, passed. Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :---MR. PRESIDENT,-

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,"-presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 21st January, 1887.

(5.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:-MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1887,"-returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 21st January, 1887. JOHN HAY, President.

12. ADJOURNMENT :--- Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Monday next at Three o'clock. Debate ensued,

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, until Monday next at Three o'elock

> EDMUND BARTON, Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1887.

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

PAPER :- Sir Henry Parkes laid upon the Table,-Statement by William Brown relative to the Mount Rennie Outrage.

Ordered to be printed.

2. PUBLICATION OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE :- Sir Henry Parkes read to the House, and laid upon the Table, an explanation by the Principal Under Secretary of the circumstances under which a certain Supplement to the Gazette was published,-and moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "and that the "Principal Under Secretary, the Government Printer, and Mr. McLerie be forthwith summoned "to attend and be examined at the Bar of this House in reference to the publishing of the Supple-" ment to the Government Gazette of Thursday, 20th January, which afterwards was cancelled." Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added. Debate continued.

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

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT :- Sir Henry Parkes explained to the House the policy which would be pursued by the Government,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Nine o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON Speaker.

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PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. (L.S.) CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael CARRINGTON, Governor. South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time : And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly : Now therefore I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the fifteenth day of February proximo, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command, HENRY PARKES.

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PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, to wit. (L.S.) CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy (L.S.) CARRINGTON, and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New Governor. South Wales and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled "An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty," it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to dissolve the Legislative Assembly whenever he should deem it expedient; and whereas it is expedient that the said Assembly should be now dissolved : Now therefore I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARBINGTON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby dissolve the said Legislative Assembly, and the same stands dissolve accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

> By His Excellency s Command, HENRY PARKES.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION 1887. (PROROGUED TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1887.)

QUESTIONS :---

1. MR. GARLAND to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,-

- (1.) Whether he has received any communication from the Colonial Office relative to a proposed Conference on Imperial Federation; if so, what is the nature of such correspondence?
 (2.) Has he, without the consent of Parliament, pledged the country to the despatch of a repre-terment to Evolve to the table art in which we have a set of the country to the despatch of a repre-terment to Evolve to the table art in which we have a set of the country to the despatch of a repre-terment to Evolve to the table art in which we have a set of the country to the despatch of a repre-terment of the table at the table art in the set of the country to the despatch of the table at table at the table at table a sentative to England to take part in such proposed Conference?
- 2. MB. HAMMOND to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,- Is it true that he has received a sworn statement, since the execution of Duffy, Read, Boyce, and Martin, from William Brown, one of the Crown witnesses in the Mount Rennie outrage, seriously reflecting on the veracity of some of the principal evidence against the prisoners?
 If so, will be cause the same to be laid upon the Table of the House without delay, together with any other like statement from other access the same the same to be laid upon the Table of the House without delay, together (2.) If so, while class the same to be had upon the labe of the fronce without deny, together with any other like statement from any other person before or since the execution?
 (3.) Is it true that three or four of the principal Crown witnesses in the Mount Rennie case have, since the trial, been committed to gaol for improper conduct in public places?
- 3. MR. HAMMOND to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, (1.) Is it a fact that men engaged on the tender-boat plying between Quarantine Station and the Circular Quay or other landing places, during an outbreak of small-pox, are permitted to mix with the general public; if not, what precaution is there taken against such taking place? (2.)What are the means adopted for disinfecting the various kinds of clothing, especially black cloth and other like material?

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :-

- 1. MR. TRICKETT to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.
- 2. ME. MELVILLE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the best interests of the Colony require such an extension of the principle of Local Option that the right to decide whether they will have any licensed public-houses or not be conceded to the people.

3. MR. A. G. TAYLOB to move,-

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the late Secretary for Public Works in dismissing Mr. Mosely from the Works Department because he refused to resign his position as an Alderman of the Petersham Municipality was tyrannical and unjust, and calls for the severe

reprobation of the Legislative Assembly. (2.) That this House is further of opinion that it is the duty of the present Secretary for Public Works to reinstate Mr. Mosely in the Civil Service, and to compensate him for the unwarrantable and despotic treatment he has received.

4. ME. A. G. TAYLOR to move,-

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, His Excellency Baron Carrington would have exhibited a more satisfactory exercise of his prerogative, had he permitted the equal division of opinion in the Executive Council to influence him to defer the execution of the Mount Rennie criminals, with the object of fuller inquiry and further deliberation.

(2.) That this House further expresses its opinion that His Excellency should not receive deputa. (3.) That the above Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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- 5. Mn. O'SULLIVAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all documents, maps, telegrams, and correspondence referring to the proposed road from Bungendore to Hoskington, across Molonglo Plains.
- 6. Mr. O'CONNOR to move, That, in the opinion of this House, a free pass upon the Government-Railways should be issued to any child to travel to and from any school, in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a public school.
- 7. MR. DAVIES to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all differential railway rates should be abolished, and that a uniform mileage rate at per ton be substituted in lieu thereof for the carriage of all goods on the Government Railways.
- 8. MR. DAVIES to move, That a Bill be brought in to make provision for the imposition of export duties on all goods leaving the Colony across the Border or by river.
- 9. Mn. DAVIES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, papers, and correspondence, having reference to the appointment of the late Sir Alexander Stuart as the Executive Commissioner to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London; and copies of all letters and papers having reference to the appointments of Mr. Kenneth Stuart and Captain Loftus as Secretaries to the Commission.

ORDERS OF THE DAX :---

- 1. Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee); second reading.
- 2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
- 3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
- 4. Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT, DURING THE SESSION OF 1887.

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